

From: Powys CC
Sent: 15 August 2016 14:29
To: WG-ESNR
Subject: RE: Powys - Motor sports rally permits

Hi ,

Thanks for update.

To get it down to basics is this:-

The issue is that public rights of way need to be treated like public highways, as that is exactly what they are. Can a special stage rally event legally take place over or along public rights of way?

The Council does not expect you to attend meetings (at least at present), but considering the MSA are acting on behalf of WG I think it is important that you are aware of the issues. I am glad you are looking into it, as it needs sorting out.

I think the MSA argue that stage rallies are trial of average speeds or time schedule events. It is largely irrelevant, as the MSA regulations states that stage rally average speeds should not be more than 70mph for international events, when in fact on public rights of way they should not be more than 30mph (in accordance with 1969 regs).

Powys has approximately 12 special stage events every year requesting s.33RTA authorisations (i.e. they are taking place on footpaths, bridleways or restricted byways - public highways).

Many thanks,

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From: WG-ESNR
Sent: 15 August 2016 12:15
To: Powys CC
Subject: RE: Powys - Motor sports rally permits

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Hi, thanks for the update, and yes, please do let me know when the meeting is rearranged to. I would not expect to attend at this point in time, hopefully some common ground can be found, but if not then it may be helpful after that if I join in for a further meeting.

My meeting with the MSA was positive, but I still cant claim to fully understand all the issues from their side either. I've asked them to send through a raft of background and supporting info from their work with other LA's from around the UK, so it will be

interesting to see whether they respond with that in good time and whether that helps me better understand their role and work.

Regards,

From: Powys CC
Sent: 05 August 2016 11:08
To: WG-ESNR
Subject: RE: Powys - Motor sports rally permits

Hi ,

Just so you are aware my meeting with the MSA on 15th August is cancelled, as for some reason they are all on holiday?

Anyway, thought I would let you know and some provisional dates of 16 and 19 Sept have been arranged.

How did your meeting go with the MSA?

Thanks,

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From: WG-ESNR
Sent: 14 July 2016 13:12
To: Powys CC
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Thanks for all the info, much appreciated. Minnie is very aware of all of this, I'll explain more when we talk next week.

Regards,

From: Powys CC
Sent: 14 July 2016 10:46
To: WG-ESNR
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Hi,

I forgot to mention that Minnie should be well aware of this as I have corresponded and telephoned her on this very issue a couple of years ago.

With thanks,

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From: Powys CC
Sent: 14 July 2016 10:23
To: WG-ESNR
Subject: RE: Powys - Motor sports rally permits

Hi,

There is a lot of information here, but in essence the MSA need to treat motor events when coinciding with public rights of way as public highways. Once this is achieved, then everything should fall into place.

The relevant regulations for a motor event on a public right of way are the 1969 Regulations that originate from s.13RTA88, and the main point is that motor cars should not be averaging more than 30mph on the public highway. Taking into context that special stages take place over public rights of way, then I hope you can see my concern.

I also authorise hill climbs, and you can see that both hill climbs and special stages are included in the DCMS closed road consultation, so these two forms of motor events are regarded by government as being races or trials of speed.

I authorise on average 35 events per year under s.33RTA, so this is a concern to me especially should there be an accident during a motor event when the public are lawfully using the public rights of way network.

We can close a footpath etc under s16A RTA84, but this cannot be for a race or a trial of speed, so the event must conform to the 1969 Regs (i.e. average speeds of not more than 30mph, as well as any other condition within the 1969 Regs of course).

I hope this helps, and I am sure our telephone conversation will help clarify matters further next week.

Kind regards,

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From: WG-ESNR
Sent: 13 July 2016 17:55
To: Powys CC
Subject: RE: Powys - Motor sports rally permits

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Thanks. We'll say 2pm on Tuesday. I'll call you.

By the way, have you got any background info that you could share just to help bring me up to speed.

Regards,

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From: Powys CC
Sent: 13 July 2016 17:26
To: WG-ESNR
Subject: RE: Powys - Motor sports rally permits

Hi ,

Of course. Tuesday pm or Friday are best.

Thanks,

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From: WG-ESNR
Sent: 13/07/2016 16:47
To: Powys CC
Subject: Powys - Motor sports rally permits

Mark,

Can we set up an initial phone conversation to discuss this issue which I have been instructed to deal with. It is not an area I am particularly familiar with so it would be helpful to talk to you to understand what your concerns are.

Unfortunately I am now out of the office for the rest of this week, however can we set up a phone call for early next week please. I am available most days except Mon pm and Thurs am. If you let me your preferred day hopefully we can agree a suitable time to speak.

Regards,

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