

Adur County Local Committee

16 November 2017 – At a meeting of the Committee held in the QE2 Room, Shoreham Centre, Pond Rd, Shoreham-by-Sea BN43 5WU

Present: Mr G Barton, (Sompting & North Lancing), Mr K Boram (Shoreham South), Mrs A Bridges (Lancing), Mrs D Kennard (Shoreham North), and Mr D Simmons (Southwick).

Officers present: Sue Furlong (Neighbourhood Engagement Officer), David Penrose (Democratic Services), Lydia Schilbach (Communities) and Mike Thomas (Highways).

Welcome and Introductions

25. The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and invited Members and Officers to introduce themselves.

Declarations of Interest

26. None.

Minutes

27. **Resolved:** that the minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 13 July 2017 be approved as a correct record and be signed by the Chairman.

Urgent Matters

28. None.

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29. None.

Progress Statement

30. The Committee noted the progress statement (copy appended to the signed minutes).

31. It was noted that the Adur Outdoor Activity Centre had been leased to United Learning and Adventure Lifesigns by Adur and Worthing Council. Refurbishment would take place before the Centre opened in 2018. The Centre was no longer under the aegis of West Sussex County Council, and no further progress would be reported at the Committee.

32. There had been a successful meeting of the Shoreham Area Sustainable Transport Package Study for local stakeholders on the 10th November. Members were reassured that the Greater Brighton Economic Area, which was undertaking a similar study, was in dialogue with WSCC about the Shoreham study. The Experimental TRO in West Street, Sompting would be discussed under item 8, Community Highway Schemes.

Operation Watershed Active Communities Fund Update

33. The Committee noted a report by the Director of Communities, West Sussex County Council.

34. The Neighbourhood Engagement Officer said that Operation Watershed provided funds to assist local communities finance projects to respond to local surface water and ground water flooding

35. Application to the fund was a six week process and was signed off by the Cabinet Member for Highways and Infrastructure. Allocations to individual projects had been in the region of £1k to £120k in the past, and the Neighbourhood Engagement Officer urged Members to encourage constituted local community groups to apply for funding. Funds were available for all levels of projects, from investigating and surveying drainage systems to retro fitting suburban urban driveways with rain gardens which absorbed surface rainwater, and reduced the impact of verge parking. These were unique to the UK, and the first one had been constructed in Littlehampton.

36. It was noted that there were active community groups within the area, such as Adur Flood watch. This group was active and knowledgeable about the issues in the area. They were able to help with flooding issues associated with individual properties.

37. In reply to a comment, she said that there were no barriers to prevent community groups applying. The burden of liability for works lay with the licenced contractor. Application to the fund was a six week process and was signed off by the Cabinet Member for Highways and Infrastructure. In reply to a Member's question, she said that flood mitigation was the responsibility of the developer within any large scale housing development. Once a community was in place within a given development, operation Watershed funds could be utilised by the residents.

38. In reply to further questions, she said that:

- A flood mapping exercise had been undertaken in 2013 that indicated which areas were at risk. Residents in the local areas tended to have the best knowledge regarding given areas.
- That there was a historic issue surrounding riparian liability and silting of ditches associated with the River Arun, but funding could be made available to pump prime activity. Under by-laws it was the duty of riparian owners and not the County or District Councils to ensure that watercourses were kept flowing. Ditches could be cleared on the understanding that the owners would undertake ongoing maintenance.
- That there was an 'Adopt a Drain' scheme in Tarring currently organised by Adur & Worthing District Council and this could be an initiative that could be extended to Adur if there were sufficient support.

Prioritisation of Traffic regulation Orders

39. The Committee considered a decision report by the Director of Highways and Transport and Head of Highways Operations, West Sussex County Council (copy appended to the signed minutes)

40. The Area Highways Manager introduced the report explaining that the Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) requests received since July 2016 had been assessed and scored and the results attached in appendix A of the circulated report.

41. **Resolved:** that the Committee agreed to progress the three highest scoring TROs from the list attached at Appendix A, those being:

West Beach Rd, Lancing	Changes to parking restrictions
Church Lane, Southwick	Double yellow lines
Overhill, Southwick	Double yellow lines

Community Highways Schemes

42. The Area Highways Manager introduced the previously circulated information report that provided an update on Community Highway Schemes and highlighted the following rejected schemes:

- The Brighton Rd pedestrian refuge in Southwick had been reviewed, and whilst it did not meet the criteria for progression, it would be considered as part of the wider A259 enhancements.
- The panel believed that the West Street Traffic Management scheme would not have a positive impact and would move the traffic problem to Busticle Lane. Highways England would be involved in a more strategic approach to improvements at Lyons Farm.
- In reply to concerns raised by the local Member about the increase in the number of cars using the route once additional housing provision in the area had been built, the Area Highways Manager said that the issues surrounding West Street meant that it had not been possible to identify a long term sustainable solution.
- That the Southwick Footbridge Lighting scheme had been approved and that subject to budget approvals, it would be designed in 2017/18 with delivery in 2018/19.

Community Initiative Funding

43. The Committee considered a report on Community Initiative Funding by the Director of Law, Assurance and Strategy (copy appended to the signed minutes).

44. The application from Lancing Football Club was unanimously approved.

45. It was noted that ESTEEM had received a lottery grant that was designed to cover the costs of the salaries of a centre manager, a youth outreach work and a project manager. The application was unanimously approved:

Resolved:

(a) That the following applications and amounts be approved: -

52/A Lancing Football Club, £1,975.00, towards training and kit.

56/A ESTEEM, £2,500.00, towards adult volunteer expenses.

Talk With Us – Open Forum

46. Gloria Eveleigh, Chairman of Lancing Parish Council provided a report on initiatives in the local area by the Parish Council, as laid out in their six monthly Community Forum including:

- Enforcement of fines for Littering and dog waste. The District council was enforcing on the spot fines for both offences. The reduction of dog waste tied in with the Southern Water initiative to improve the bathing water quality in the area.
- A local police prevention system was in force in both Monks rec and Lancing Beach Green.
- Work as part of the Lancing Vision that had been launched by the District and Parish Council in 2012 appeared to have come to a halt. Adur District Council had systems in place, and it was hoped that the County Council would become involved in the process of resuscitating the Vision.
- The Youth Council in Lancing was going from strength to strength. They were working on opening an internet café in the village, and were considering sites in Penhill Road or the library.
- The potential flooding issues for the New Monks Farm development had been considered by the developer as part of the planning application process.

47. In reply to a question regarding whether consideration would be given to another crossing over the Adur, the Area Highways Manager said that there were no long term plans for a bridge, but this was a consideration that could be included in the West Sussex Local Transport Investment Programme.

Nominations for Authority School Governor Appointments

48. The Committee considered a report by the Executive Director of Children, Adults', Families, Health & Education (copy attached to the signed minutes). The report included a list of the current vacancies for Local Authority Governors in the CLC area.

49. Resolved –That the Committee approves the following nomination under the 2012 Regulations:

(1) Re-appointment:

Mr J Cosson to St Peter's Catholic Primary School for a further 4 year term.

Date of Next Meeting

50. The Committee noted that the next meeting will take place at 7pm on Thursday 8 February at Lancing Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 8.38pm