

**Adur County Local Committee.**

3 December 2015 – At a meeting of the Committee held at the Southwick Centre, Southwick Rd, Southwick.

Present: Mr Clark (Saltings and Vice Chairman), Mr Glennon (Lancing), Mrs Kennard (Shoreham), Mr Metcalfe (Kingston Buci), Mrs Mockridge (Southwick and Chairman) and Mr Parsons (Sompting and North Lancing).

Apologies for absence: None.

**Chairman's Welcome and Announcements.**

27. Mrs Mockridge welcomed members of the public, explaining that after the tied vote at the last meeting the Leader of the Council had appointed her Chairman and Mr Clark Vice Chairman. The Chairman asked Members and Officers to introduce themselves.

28. The Chairman asked that members of the public complete the attendance sheet and drew their attention to the flyers about the Adur Facebook Page ([www.facebook.com/pages/adurtalkwithus](http://www.facebook.com/pages/adurtalkwithus)) encouraging everyone to visit, like and share the Page.

**Declaration of Interests.**

29. None were declared.

**Minutes.**

30. Resolved – That the minutes of the meeting held on 26 June 2014 be approved as a correct record and that they be signed by the Chairman.

**Urgent Matters.**

31. There were no urgent matters.

**Progress Statement.**

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

**Ferry Bridge – Proposed Traffic Regulation Order.**

33. The Chairman informed the meeting that the Ferry Bridge Proposed Traffic Regulation Order report was being withdrawn and therefore could not be considered by the Committee at this time. This action was being taken on the basis of legal advice that the road agreement proposed does not currently accommodate access to be maintained via a highway to the slipway, which is a legal necessity. The report is therefore being remitted to Officers with the requirement that a revised version be submitted for consideration at the next Committee meeting.

34. The Chairman recognised that many of the public in attendance had come specifically for this agenda item and asked if they would like to comment on Ferry Bridge. The subsequent questions and comments included:

- An Adur District councillor expressed disappointment that Traffic Regulation Order could not be considered by the Committee and feared that this would cause unnecessary delay to much need regeneration of the Ferry Bridge area. The councillor suggested splitting the Order in two was a viable way to proceed without further delay.
  - A shop holder felt that the views of the businesses involved were not being taken into consideration by the councillor from Adur. He also explained that he believed ownership of the land (on which the parking spaces sit) rested with the shop owners and that he was seeking advice about the matter.
  - A resident expressed concern that the consultation process may have been unduly influenced by a letter sent out by those in favour of retaining the parking spaces.
35. In response to comments made the following answers were given:
- The revised Traffic Regulation Order would be considered at the March 2015 meeting of the Committee, and that all those who raised an objection or representation as part of the consultation process will be advised of when the report will be re-presented.
  - It was possible that the recommendation of the report could change.
  - The formal consultation process is valid for two years from the date of the advertisement i.e. until 11 September 2016.
  - That splitting the Traffic Regulation Order could invalidate the consultation process, causing a longer delay.
36. The Chairman thanked everyone for their contributions.

#### **Freshbrook Road – Proposed Traffic Regulation Order.**

37. The Committee considered a report by the Director of Residents' Services (copy appended to the signed minutes) which sought to modify parking arrangements in the vicinity of Seaside Primary School.
38. The Chairman asked Mr Roger Harper (Highways & Transport officer/consultant) to introduce the report and the following points were made:
- The proposals were formally advertised from the 16 October 2014 to 6 November 2014.
  - Seven responses to the consultation were received – one of support and six objections.
  - The objector's comments indicated that they were not entirely opposed to all forms of restrictions but were concerned about the impact in the immediate vicinity of their homes. As a result of these comments, it is proposed to relax the advertised restrictions for a short length on the West Side of Cowley Drive as detailed in Option 2 of the report.
39. A member of the public asked about the change to parking restrictions at the entrance to Seaside School and whether these would be more effective than those already in place. Mr Harper replied that this was covered in Appendix B of the report (comment 8), explaining that the amendment to turning head arrangements should significantly help the School and Parking Enforcement Agencies better manage parking congestion at school opening and closing times.

40. Resolved – That the Adur County Local Committee, having considered that the resulting benefits to the community outweigh the objections raised, authorise the Director of Law, Assurance and Strategy to make the Order as advertised, apart from a short section of the west side of Cowley Drive.

### **Talk With Us Open Forum**

41. The following issues were raised by members of the public:
- A resident of Manor Road asked if there was any possibility of “beautifying” the large electrical substation next to Lancing Manor Park. It was felt that this was outside the County Council remit but Mr Clark (Councillor for Saltings) agreed to raise the issue with his contacts at Southern Electric.
  - Concerns were expressed about the road surface near the old gas works in Upper Shoreham Road causing excessive road noise. Officer’s replied that the noise levels had been checked and were considered to be outside required intervention levels but Mr Thomas (Highways & Transport officer) Officer) agreed to investigate further and report back.
  - A concerned cyclist reported that since the predestination of East Street and the opening of the new footbridge the number of bike racks had decreased and asked if there could be more as these recent developments was to encourage cyclists and there would therefore be more need for bike racks. The Committee thanked the resident for the information and noted that there may be planning implications for the District Council.
  - An Adur District Councillor raised concerns about the positioning of a cycle/pedestrian pathway along both sides of the A27 near Shoreham Airport, fearing that users could be sucked into the 70mph road traffic that travels along the route. Officers noted that this was a Highways Agency project but Mr Thomas agreed to look into the matter and report back.
  - A Sompting parish councillor reported that the hoped for Sunday/Bank Holiday bus service from Lancing to Worthing via Sompting had hit a snag. Mr Parsons (Councillor for Sompting and North Lancing) replied that he was aware of the problem and had been speaking to variety of people to try and find resolution and would report back to the Committee.
  - A resident reported that she had raised a petition requesting a safer pedestrian crossing point between the Green, Southwick and Southwick Square but had heard nothing on its progress. The Chairman asked Officers to look into the matter.

### **Community Initiative Funding**

42. The Committee considered a report by the Director of Law, Assurance and Strategy (copy appended to the signed minutes) which detailed applications for Community Initiative Funding. The Committee debated the respective merits of the projects for which funding was being sought.

43. Resolved – that:

- (a) The following applications and amounts be approved  
420/A Southdowns Wordturners, £4,600.00  
436/A Fishergate Active Grub Club, £540.00

453/A Awesome Community Events, £3,806.00

- (b) The following application was deferred  
454/A Seaside Hospital Radio as Members would like to have sight of audience figures before making a final judgement.

**Appointment of Authority School Governors**

44. The Committee considered a report by the Director of Communities Commissioning, which set out a proposed nomination to school governing bodies and the criteria for the appointment (copy appended to the signed minutes).

45. Resolved – That the following authority governor appointment be approved:

Mr J Surtees to Swiss Gardens Primary School for a 4 year term

46. The Chairman drew the meeting's attention to the Authority Governor vacancies as detailed in appendix B of the report and encouraged everyone to consider becoming a Governor.

**Date of Next Meeting**

47. The Committee noted that its next scheduled meeting would take place on Wednesday 11 March 2014 at 7.00pm – venue to be confirmed.

48. The meeting closed at 8.40 pm

Chairman