

Unconfirmed minutes of the Adur CLC for approval/amendment at the next meeting

### **Adur County Local Committee.**

11 March 2015 – At a meeting of the Committee held at St Peter's Catholic Primary School, Sullington Way, Shoreham-by-Sea BN43 6PJ.

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.**

49. The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked Members and officers in attendance to introduce themselves.

### **Declaration of Interests.**

50. Mrs Kennard declared personal interest in Agenda Item 6 as an Adur District Councillor.

51. Mr Metcalfe declared a personal interest in Agenda Item 6 as an Adur District Councillor.

### **Minutes.**

52. Resolved – That the minutes of the meeting held on 3 December 2014 be approved as a correct record and that they be signed by the Chairman.

### **Progress Statement.**

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

### **Ferry Bridge – Proposed Traffic Regulation Order (TRO).**

54. The Chairman asked officers from both the County and District Council's to give an overview of the Adur Ferry Bridge landing, car park and Ferry Road refurbishment scheme.

55. Mr Appleton from the District Council explained that the development of Ferry Bridge area is a partnership scheme between the County and District Councils, and within this context:

- Approval was given, in April 2013, to revise the layout of the car-parking area and how it would link up with Ferry Road;
- Plans to make Ferry Road a pedestrian area are not subject to planning approval but do need to be authorised by County Council via a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO); and

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- The overall aim of the scheme is to improve the southern landing point of the new Ferry Bridge, and to provide a diagonal route to the shops from the bridge for both pedestrians and cyclists.

56. Mr Burrell from the County Council explained that the Committee may only consider the options detailed in the Ferry Bridge Traffic Regulation Order, as any significant changes to the scheme may be subject to planning approval but it was clear that a number of learning opportunities had emerged on how to better engage and communicate with the local community and these would be taken forward.

57. Mr Thomas (County Council Highways Officer) introduced the Report by the Executive Director of Residents' Services and Director of Highways and Transport (copy appended to the minutes) outlining that:

- A pedestrian enhancement scheme had been proposed for the lower Beach Road and Ferry Road areas of Shoreham-by-Sea. That this scheme had been subject to stage 1 (Feasibility) and Stage 2 (detailed Design) Safety Audit;
- A Traffic Regulation Order had been formally proposed and consulted upon with resulting objections and statements of support;
- Three options are detailed in the Report, these being:
  - Option one – Implementation as advertised in the scheme consultation. This is **not recommended** as it fails to address the significant number of objections raised during consultation.
  - Option two – Partial implementation, this is the **recommended option** as it allows for the majority of the scheme to be constructed and for most of the parking to remain; the existing lay-by is reduced by 4.5m rather than being done away with completely; and the pedestrian crossing can be constructed.
  - Option three – Implement in part to the north of Riverside Road only with further future works. This is **not recommended** due to the difficulty in committing future funds.

58. The Chairman reported that a petition of 1390 signatures requesting the immediate commencement the Adur Ferry Bridge South Landing works had been raised; and invited Mr Manaton (the lead petitioner) to address the Committee.

59. Mr Manaton agreed that the Traffic Regulation Order was a welcomed development but outlined that the petition had arisen due to frustrations about the lack of any co-ordinated information dissemination on what was happening with the scheme, he therefore asked the Committee and Officers to:

- Prioritise the improvement of communications and engagement with residents and the community;
- Adopt the Traffic Regulation Order and publish any revisions to the final designs as soon as possible, together with a realistic implementation timetable; and

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- Provide the community with timely progress updates.

60. The Chairman read a prepared statement outlining some thoughts on the progress and processes involved in the development of the Ferry Road area, making specific reference to:

- The time taken to deliver the scheme outcomes;
- The location of the pedestrian crossing;
- The need to ensure that any statutory obligations to protect the slipway, and access to the slipway be maintained and that any consent given to the Traffic Regulation Order be conditional upon there being sufficient manoeuvring room to allow vehicles access to the slipway; and
- That a West Sussex County Council notice stating “do not obstruct, access required at all times” which had been removed be put back in situ

61. The Committee considered the Report and several Members noted that option two although not perfect was an effective compromise solution to progress the refurbishment of Adur Ferry Bridge landing and car park.

62. Resolved – That the Adur County Local Committee authorises the Director of Law, Assurance and Strategy to make the Traffic Regulation Order as advertised, in part, as described in Section 3 of the Report.

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

63. An Adur District Councillor raised the status of the West Beach Road, explaining the West Sussex County Council had declined to carry out any improvements/repairs to West Beach Road as the Highways Department did not accept any liability to do so. However, West Beach residents’ believed that West Beach Road was an un-adopted highway as it had double yellow painted on it.

64. A West Beach resident raised the issue of water drainage from West Beach Road into adjacent blocked silt traps, requesting that that the Committee contact West Sussex County Council to ask what action it intends to take to enforce the Riparian Law requirement incumbent upon Landstone Ltd (as owners of the West Beach Road) to clear the natural drainage system and ensure the free passage of water from West Beach Road.

65. A resident asked about proposals to prohibit “pavement parking” at Shoreham Beach. The Committee asked Mike Thomas (Highways Officer) to review what options were available and if possible, attempt to tag this on to any relevant upcoming Traffic Regulation Order in the area.

66. A resident asked what was being done to attract large businesses into the Shoreham Area and confirmation was given that the County Council was committed to stimulating business development and that a new Commercial Director would be appointed later in the year.

### **Community Initiative Funding**

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

68. Resolved – that:

(a) The following applications and amounts be approved:

454/A - Seaside Hospital Radio, £2,500.00 towards the costs of a mixer desk;

542/A - Shoreham Community Association Café, £2,812.46 towards the costs of purchasing tables and chairs, crockery and cutlery;

575/A - Shoreham Slipway Group, £500.00 towards maps and planning application costs; and

651/A - Wickers Gymnastics, £1,269.00 towards the costs of purchasing springboards.

(b) The following applications be declined:

486/A – Sompting Village Morris, as it did not fit the funding criteria. However, Members were supportive of the group and asked officers to suggest making an alternative application to the next Committee meeting;

484/A - Over Fifties Walking Football, as the majority of costs were outside the funding criteria; and

506/A – Friends of Fishergate, as the applicant should instead be looking share the equipment of other local community groups.

(c) The following application s were deferred:

467/A - Lancing Youth FC, £2,400.00. The Committee requested that officers guide the applicant to the Adur Pot of Gold and to approach the Community Team at Brighton & Hove City Council; and

493/A - Hanover Band, £261.43. The Committee felt that the project was not sufficiently developed at this stage to be able to demonstrate that schools within Adur area would benefit.

(d) The Committee declined to make a donation to a Local food bank and/or Napel WaterAid.

(e) The following funds be transferred back into central West Sussex Funds:

£2,141.24

**Appointment of Authority School Governors**

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69. The Chairman asked Members to note the Authority Governor Vacancies at:
- Holmbush First School
  - Shoreham Beach Primary School
  - Buckingham Park Primary School
  - Herons Dale Primary School

**Wild Life 2015 Music Festival at Shoreham Airport.**

70. The Chairman asked Mike Thomas (Highways Officer) to give a update on the Wild Life Music Festival to be held at Shoreham Airport and the following points were made:

- The festival would be held on the 6 and 7 June 2015;
- A number of headline acts would appear and audience numbers are expected to be around 35,000;
- Visitors would be encouraged to arrive/depart by train and coaches would collect and drop off festival goers at selected points;
- There will be a Festival Open Day at Shoreham Academy from 6.30pm till 9pm on the 25 March 2015.

**Date of Next Meeting**

71. The Committee noted that its next scheduled meeting would take place on Thursday 18 June 2015 at 7.00pm at the Southwick Community Centre, 24 Southwick Street, Southwick, Brighton, East Sussex, BN42 4TE.

72. The meeting closed at 8.40 pm.