

Adur County Local Committee

6 September 2012 – At a meeting of the Committee held at St Peter's RC Primary School, Sullington Way, Shoreham-by-Sea.

Present: Mr Coomber, Mrs Mills (Chairman) and Mrs Mockridge.

Apologies for absence were received from Mr R.B. Dunn, Mr Graysmark and Mr Simmons.

Chairman's Welcome

23. The Chairman welcomed all those present to the meeting.

Declaration of Interests

24. In accordance with the Code of Conduct Mrs Mills declared personal interests in agenda item 6, 'talk with us', as a Governor at Buckingham Park Primary School and agenda item 9, Community Initiative Funding, as a member of the Adur Voluntary Action Committee.

Minutes

25. Resolved – That the minutes of the ordinary meeting held on 24 May 2012 be approved as a correct record and that they be signed by the Chairman.

Progress Statement

26. The Committee noted the report that provided updates on issues raised at previous meetings. The following key issues were raised:

- A resident of Buckingham Road informed the meeting that the lining works, marked as complete by the contractor, had still not been done. The Committee assured the resident that a site visit would be carried out by a Traffic Engineer and the findings would be reported to the Committee.
- A District Councillor raised the ongoing issue of the street lighting works, particularly on Shoreham Beach, where the lights were too bright. The Chairman agreed to write a letter to the WSCC liaison team and ask them to ensure remedial works are carried out and that an update be made available for the next meeting.

Talk With Us Open Forum

27. A parent governor at Buckingham Park Primary School raised the issue of lighting for Hamfield Avenue, the access road to the school. The road is owned by WSCC with a public right of access and a cycle lane. The road was unlit and was therefore very dark and there had been a number of 'near miss' incidents. The gentleman asked for the Committee's assistance to explore possible lighting and funding options. He felt that the lighting only needed to be fairly low level and they had to be done in consultation with the two houses that fronted onto the road. They recognised that the lighting would require planning permission. Mrs Mockridge suggested that the Safer Routes to School scheme should fund this. The Committee agreed to investigate and report back.

28. A District Councillor informed the meeting that there was a serious road safety issue in Harbour Way, Shingle Road where Shoreham Beach Primary School is located, and Riverside. Speeding was a big issue but there was also a dangerous bend. There had been two near misses recently.

29. A resident of Emerald Quay submitted a petition calling for improved road safety measures in Shoreham Beach signed by approximately 800 people. The resident had lived in the area for 13 years and there had been a large number of accidents on the bend. Lots of work had been carried out in Shingle Road as part of the School Safety Zone (SSZ) including a 20mph School Warning Sign, and the residents were under the impression that this was going to be extended into Harbour Way which only has a 'slow' sign on the road but no 'dangerous' bend warning sign.

30. The District Councillor outlined a list of measures/options that the residents felt would improve safety: temporary speed indicator sign, extension of the SSZ into Harbour Way, speed limit reduction in Riverside, improved crossing facilities, a permanent vehicle activated speed indicator sign Eastbound, a band on pavement parking as parking on the carriage way decreases speed, a slow down dangerous bend sign.

31. Brian Morgan, Principal Community Officer, was carrying out a site visit at Emerald Quay with a Traffic Engineer on Thursday 13 September. He arranged to meet the concerned residents and the District Councillor after the site visit to discuss options.

32. The Chairman of Lancing Parish Council questioned whether the new street lighting works would be completed in Lancing Village Centre before Christmas so the Parish Council could put up Christmas decorations. Mr Morgan agreed to find out and report back.

West Sussex Fire and Rescue Service (WSFRS) Consultation on savings Proposals and Annual Service Plan for 2013/14

33. Roy Barraclough, Deputy District Commander, outlined the proposals to make the required £2.5m saving. The preference in 2011 had been to merge with East Sussex Fire Authority but this had not been possible. The proposed savings would not affect front line services but specialist appliance crewing arrangements e.g. the crewing of the heavy rescue tender would be reviewed to make more effective use of staff. Other measures included a 25% senior management headcount reduction, changing response arrangements for Horley and Crawley and streamlining of fire safety and investigation. A number of questions were raised:

- Had the option of co-locating the first response services (ambulance), like in Shoreham, been explored? The Ambulance Service was currently changing and looking at have a 'make ready' centre in Brighton. The Ambulance Service makes use of the facilities at Worthing and Lancing Fire Stations as a stand by point and they paid a small amount of rent but there was not enough room to store ambulances.
- Would the Headquarters be moved from Chichester to the new command and mobilizing centre in Haywards Heath? Headquarters would remain in Chichester. There was trouble with space at HQ but the previous control centre was located in a separate building on the HQ site so there was a chance that the building would be utilized to give staff more room.

34. The Chairman thanked Roy Barraclough for his presentation.

Infrastructure Plan Update

35. The Committee noted a report (copy appended to signed minutes) by the Director of Communities and Infrastructure and Community and Economic Development Manager that provided a progress update in relation to the local highways and transport priorities identified within the Local Infrastructure Plan for the Worthing County Local Committee.

Community Initiative Funding

36. The Committee had before it a report by the Head of Legal and Democratic Services (copy appended to the signed minutes). The report invited the Committee to decide the applications for funding received since the previous meeting.

37. Resolved: - That the following applications be approved:

1873/A Original All-Stars Music CIC, £2,154, for the purchase of itemised audio equipment.

1901/A Adur Voluntary Action, £3,500, towards plumbing, electrical and portioning costs for new kitchens.

1912/A Fishersgate Community Association, £2,400, towards mentor/technical support to manage the Fishersgate Online and Resource Centre 'Club'.

Appointment of Authority School Governors

38. The Committee considered a report by the Director of Learning, which set out proposed nominations to school governing bodies and the criteria for their appointment (copy appended to the signed minutes).

The Chairman urged all those present to consider becoming Authority Governors, as there was a severe shortage in the Adur area.

39. Resolved – That the following authority governor appointment and re-appointment be approved:

Appointment

i. Mr D Shaw to Holmbush Primary School for a 4 year term

Re-appointment

i. Mrs J Taylor to Swiss Gardens Primary School for a 4 year term

Date of Next Meeting

40. The Committee noted that its next scheduled meeting would take place on Thursday 29 November 2012, from 7.00pm - 9.00pm in the South Hall, Lancing Parish Office, South Street, Lancing, BN15 8AJ.

41. The meeting closed at 8.29 pm

Chairman