

## **Crawley County Local Committee**

29 June 2017 – At a meeting of the Committee held at 7.00pm, in the Longley Exhibition Room, Crawley Library, Crawley.

Present: Richard Burrett (Member for Pound Hill), Duncan Crow (Member for Tilgate & Furnace Green), Michael Jones (Member for Southgate & Gossops Green), Bob Lanzer (Member for Maidenbower & Worth), Sue Mullins (Member for Northgate & West Green), Chris Oxlade (Member for Bewbush & Ifield West), Charles Petts (Member for Three Bridges), Brian Quinn (Member for Broadfield) and Brenda Smith (Member for Langley Green & Ifield East).

In attendance: Adam Chisnall (Democratic Services Officer), Terina Bryant (Principal Community Officer) and Brian Lambarth (Area Highways Manager).

### **Welcome and Introductions**

1. Mr Chisnall opened the meeting and the Members and officers introduced themselves.

### **Election of Chairman and Vice-Chairman**

2. Resolved – that:

- Mrs Brenda Smith is elected as Chairman of the Crawley County Local Committee for the 2017/18 municipal year.
- Mr Richard Burrett is elected as Vice-Chairman of the Crawley County Local Committee for the 2017/18 municipal year.

### **Declaration of Interests**

3. Mr Michael Jones declared a personal interest as the Cabinet Member for Public Protection and Community Engagement at Crawley Borough Council in relation to the Community Initiative Fund item.

### **Minutes**

4. Resolved – that:

- The minutes of the East Crawley County Local Committee meeting held on the 1 March 2017 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.
- The minutes of the West Crawley County Local Committee meeting held on the 13 March 2017 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

### **Progress Statement**

5. The Committee considered the progress report on matters arising from previous meetings (copy appended to the signed minutes).

6. Mr Chisnall introduced the report which gave updates on issues raised at the previous East and West Crawley CLC meetings. Mr Lambarth confirmed that the consultation on the TRO relating to Hillmead was now open.

7. The Committee made comments including those that follow.

- Queried the deadlines for Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) and Highway Improvement Scheme applications. – *Mr Lambarth believed the TRO deadline was the end of July and the Highway Improvement Scheme deadline was the end of September. Mr Lambarth would confirm the dates with the Committee.*
- Asked for the timetable for the Road Space Audit. – *Mr Chisnall resolved to investigate this and send the details on to the Committee. A member from Crawley Borough Council expressed interest in working with the County Council on the audit. Mrs Mullins resolved to investigate this.*
- Requested that the url for the Infrastructure Plan Priorities be shortened. – *Mr Chisnall resolved to investigate this.*

8. Resolved – that the Committee notes the Progress Statement and welcomes the plan for a dementia-themed meeting in November.

### **Crawley Community & Voluntary Service**

9. The Chairman informed the Committee that, due to a short notice sickness, Crawley Community & Voluntary Service were unable to attend the meeting. Their presentation would be rescheduled for a future meeting.

### **Community Initiative Funding**

10. The Committee considered a report by the Director of Law and Assurance (copy appended to the signed minutes).

11. The Committee received feedback from Lucy Bear from LPK Learning Community Interest Company on their use of a Community Initiative Fund grant received in May 2016. The Committee thanked Lucy for her attendance and praised the work that came from the grant.

12. Resolved – that the Crawley County Local Committee considers the Community Initiative Funding application as set out in Appendix A and that the following award is made:

- 18/C – Friends of Goffs Park, £1,793.00, towards an evening film screening to raise the profile of the Park.

### **Appointments to Outside Body**

13. The Committee considered a report by the Director of Law and Assurance (copy appended to the signed minutes).

14. Resolved – that the Committee appoints Mrs Sue Mullins and Mr Bob Lanzer to the Gatwick Greenspace Partnership until the end of the Council term (May 2021).

## **Nominations for Local Authority Governors to Maintained Schools and Academy Governing Bodies**

15. The Committee considered a report by the Executive Director Children, Adults, Families, Health & Education (copy appended to the signed minutes).
16. The Chairman promoted the vacancy list to the audience and queried if the vacancies on this list included any of those for which nominations were made in the report. – *Mr Chisnall resolved to investigate this.*
17. Comments were also made with regard to the number of 'Unknown' entries on the vacancy list. – *Mr Chisnall resolved to raise this with Governor Services.*
18. Resolved – that the Committee approves the following nominations under the 2012 Regulations:
- Nomination for Reappointment:
- Mrs Lesley King to Milton Mount Primary School for a four year term.
- Nominations for Appointments:
- Mrs Ally Page to Our Lady Queen of Heaven Catholic Primary School for a four year term.
  - Cllr Rajesh Sharma to Manor Green College for a four year term.

## **Talk With Us (Open Forum)**

19. The Chairman introduced the item and advised that the open forum was an opportunity for comments and questions to be raised on items not already on the agenda, and over which the County Council has jurisdiction. The following issues were raised and responses made.
- A member from Crawley Borough Council raised the issue of the recent Planning Committee decision to expand Northgate Primary School. – *Members commented on the budget constraints within the County Council and the lack of land available for new schools. It was also confirmed that maintained schools were unable to refuse expansion (compared to academies). Members discussed that schools may have children attending from different neighbourhoods, but confirmed that the County Council had to ensure that children had access to education within reasonable distance. Mr Crow, Chairman of the Planning Committee, confirmed that the Planning Committee meeting had been quorate. Members agreed that district and borough members needed to be involved from the start for these processes.*
  - A resident of Mitchells Road queried the progress of its resurfacing which was first raised 10 years ago. – *Mr Lanzer agreed to investigate as the Cabinet Member for Infrastructure and Highways. Mr Lambarth reported that all roads were assessed then prioritised against each other. Safety inspections were regularly monitored.*

- A resident asked what the County Council was doing following the London Grenfell Tower fire. – *Mr Lanzer read out a notice from the Cabinet Member for Safer, Stronger Communities which explained all the works that were taking place to give reassurance to the public. Thoughts were with those affected by the Grenfell fire.*
- A resident raised the issue of faded yellow lines in Three Bridges Road. - *Mr Lambarth agreed to investigate these.*
- A resident asked who was responsible for yellow line enforcement. – *Mr Lanzer confirmed that Crawley Borough Council employed civil parking enforcers. - Mr Chisnall agreed to pass on the enforcement number to the resident.*
- A resident queried a situation where someone had been told that mowing a verge would make the resident responsible for ownership and charges. - *The Committee confirmed this was not the case and welcomed residents mowing the verges.*
- A resident asked what should happen if a hedge is blocking a pavement. – *Mr Lambarth informed the resident that they should raise the issue on the Love West Sussex website. Officers would then investigate but had to be mindful of the bird nesting season.*

### **Date of Next Meeting**

20. The Committee noted that its next scheduled meeting would take place on Thursday 16 November 2017 in the Longley Exhibition Room, Crawley Library, Crawley.

21. The meeting closed at 8.13pm.

### **Chairman**