

Crawley County Local Committee

16 November 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), Brian Quinn (Member for Broadfield) and Brenda Smith (Chairman and Member for Langley Green & Ifield East)

In attendance by invitation: Amanda Jupp (Cabinet Member for Adults and Health)

Apologies: Charles Petts (Member for Three Bridges) and Sue Mullins (Member for Northgate & West Green)

Absent: Chris Oxlade (Member for Bewbush & Ifield West)

In attendance: Adam Chisnall (Democratic Services Officer), Brian Lambarth (Area Highways Manager), Eleanor Shipton (Communications Account Assistant), Jackie Manners (Principal Librarian - Communities) and Martin Hayes (County Local Studies Librarian)

Welcome and Introductions

22. The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting. Members and Officers introduced themselves.

23. The Chairman informed the attendees of the County Council's current programme to highlight the need for more people to consider adoption and fostering.

Declaration of Interests

24. None declared.

Minutes

25. Resolved – that the minutes of the meeting held on 29 June 2017 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

Progress Statement

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

27. Mr Chisnall introduced the report which gave updates on issues raised at the 29 June meeting.

28. The Committee queried the Ifield Drive and Ifield Avenue improvements in Appendix A and requested that clarity on the 100th house occupation be added to future reports regarding which site this referred to.

29. A resident queried the progress of the Mitchells Road resurfacing that had been raised at the previous meeting. – *Mr Lanzer reported that a technical assessment of Mitchells Road has been undertaken and it would be considered and prioritised for inclusion in the future delivery programme.*

30. Mr Lambarth reported that the faded yellow lines in Three Bridges Road were hoped to be resolved soon.

31. Resolved – That the Committee notes the progress statement.

West Sussex County Council Dementia Action Plan update

32. The Committee considered an information report (copy appended to the signed minutes).

33. Mr Chisnall introduced the report which outlined the County Council's action plan to support those with dementia.

34. Miss Shipton outlined the Dementia Friends sessions and how all staff were being encouraged to become Dementia Friends. The sessions had received good feedback. The Fire and Rescue Service was also looking to ensure all firefighters and support staff were Dementia Friends. An online resource had been created to signpost to relevant information – www.westsussex.gov.uk/dementiaresource. Mr Burrett, as Cabinet Member for Education and Skills, resolved to investigate if Dementia Friend sessions could be delivered to schools as part of the action plan.

35. Mrs Manners explained how library staff had noticed behaviour changes within customers and had wanted to become trained in order to help assist them. Different resources and memberships had been created to assist these customers such as reminiscence packs and memberships with no late fees.

36. The Committee thanked the attendees for their presentations and welcomed the work that was happening to make public places more dementia friendly. The Chairman also thanked all presenters and attendees who had participated in the Dementia Friendly event that had taken place before the Committee meeting.

37. The Chairman felt that all County Council Members should attend Dementia Friend sessions and proposed Crawley County Local Committee to be the pilot for this exercise.

38. Resolved – That the Crawley County Local Committee welcomes the progress being made for dementia support and agrees to become the pilot for Dementia Friend sessions for County Council Members.

Crawley New Town 70th Anniversary

39. The Committee considered a report by the Director of Communities (copy appended to the signed minutes).

40. Mr Hayes introduced the report which summarised all the events that had taken place to commemorate the 70th anniversary of Crawley New Town's designation order. An estimated 4,000 people had looked at the exhibition and the visitor book comments showed appreciation from a wide range of age groups.

41. The Committee praised all the events that had taken place, and looked forward to the events still to come. The joint working between the County Council, Crawley Borough Council, the Records Office and Crawley Library had been effective in promoting the anniversary.

Prioritisation of Traffic Regulation Orders 2017/18

42. The Committee considered a report by the Director of Highways and Transport and Head of Highways Operations (copy appended to the signed minutes).

43. Mr Lambarth introduced the report and explained that the Committee was asked to progress the three highest scoring Traffic Regulation Orders (TROs) as outlined in Appendix A.

44. Mr Burrett explained that the multiple entries for Peeks Brook Lane were from residents concerned with an industrial site. The applications were the same request but from different applicants.

45. Resolved – That the Crawley County Local Committee agrees to progress the three highest scoring TROs:

- Shipley Road/Ifield Drive – Waiting Restrictions
- The Tithe/Ifield Green – Waiting Restrictions
- Furnace Parade – Waiting Restrictions.

Community Highway Schemes – Update October 2017

46. The Committee considered an information report by the Director of Highways and Transport (copy appended to the signed minutes).

47. Mr Lambarth introduced the report which showed that 21 schemes had been identified for progression and that 2 were in Crawley. All schemes but 1 from last year would be progressing, none were in Crawley. Members of the public were encouraged to submit schemes.

48. The Committee discussed the accessibility of the application process and if some residents would find it complicated. Some Members offered to complete applications on behalf of the residents who had difficulties with the process. Mr Lanzer explained that it was important that applications had evidence to support the request. Mr Lanzer, as Cabinet Member for Highways and Infrastructure, was asked to look into making information available to the public to help improve the application process.

49. Resolved – That the Crawley County Local Committee notes the report.

Community Initiative Funding

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

51. The Committee received a presentation from DIVERSE Crawley explaining how they had used their recent Urgent Action CIF grant to run Black History events during the Crawley 70th anniversary celebrations.

52. Resolved – That the Crawley County Local Committee considers the Community Initiative Funding applications as set out in Appendix A and allocates the funding as follows:

- 54/C The EKTA Group, £2,400.00 towards travel costs, venue hire, music lessons and funding for physical activity and wellbeing.
- 62/C Ifield Barn Theatre, £2,500.00 towards building works.
- 66/C 7th Crawley Scout Group, £800.00 for media equipment.
- 70/C Crawley Parkour CIC, £2,500.00 towards safety equipment.
- 89/C Create Springboard, £3,128.98 towards a community art project.
- 92/C The Desmond Anderson SSC, £1,800.00 towards a residential trip.
- 93/C LPK Learning CIC, £4,533.45 towards a development project.

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

53. The Committee considered a report by the Executive Director Children, Adults, Families, Health & Education (copy appended to the signed minutes).

54. Resolved – that the Crawley County Local Committee approves the following nominations under the 2012 Regulations:

Nomination for Reappointment:

- Mr Kevin Hawkins to the Oriel High School for a four year term.

Nomination for Appointment:

- Mrs C Terblanche to the Ifield Community College for a four year term.

Talk With Us (Open Forum)

55. 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 resident sent in a query in advance of the meeting relating to the Haslett Avenue East traffic signals. - *Mr Lambarth resolved to ask the relevant project manager to respond to the resident.*
- A resident asked the Committee to support a community arts project to commemorate Dame Caroline Haslett. – *The Committee felt the proposal was worthy of further exploration. Mr Lambarth resolved to investigate the public highway element of the project.*
- A resident raised concerns on parking in Tushmore Avenue as the road was used for airport parking. The residents would like yellow lines extended to remove the danger and allow access for ambulances and minibuses. – *Mr Lambarth explained that the Road Space Audit would be looking at this. The resident was advised to raise the issue with Mrs Mullins as the local Member.*
- A resident reported an incident on 31 October where youths were setting off fireworks. The resident had difficulty with police attendance as he was told only 7 police officers were on duty. The resident was in discussion with police as the police report did not match what he had reported. – *Mr Jones agreed to look into who was responsible for the CCTV footage and get back to the resident. Residents asked if police could attend a CLC. Mrs Smith said she would ask the police if this was possible.*
- Question relating to improvements for Crawley Hospital. - *Mrs Smith explained this was not in the Committee's jurisdiction.*
- Question from a Crawley Borough Council Member on the Northgate Primary School building works and the parking restrictions required for the works which were having a big impact for residents. – *The Council Member was advised to liaise with Mr Lanzer, Mrs Mullins and Mr Lambarth on the issue.*

Date of Next Meeting

56. The Committee noted that its next scheduled meeting would take place on Wednesday 28 February 2018 in the Longley Exhibition Room, Crawley Library, Crawley.

57. The meeting closed at 9.20pm.

Chairman