

Crawley County Local Committee

28 February 2018 – 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 (Chairman and Member for Langley Green & Ifield East).

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

Welcome and Introductions

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

Declaration of Interests

59. Michael Jones declared an interest in agenda item 10, Community Initiative Funding, as he was the Cabinet Member for Community Engagement at Crawley Borough Council and responsible for grant funding.

Minutes

60. Resolved – that the minutes of the meeting held on 16 November 2017 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

Urgent Matters

61. The Chairman informed the Committee that she had agreed to accept a late Community Initiative Funding application from 'Football Companies' and this would be considered alongside the other published applications at agenda item 10.

Progress Statement

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

63. Monique Smart introduced the report which gave updates on issues raised at previous meetings.

64. Brian Lambarth briefly highlighted the updates with regard to Highways Schemes as detailed in the report.

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

Crawley Residents' Parking Scheme Review

66. The Chairman welcomed Jeanette Napper, Senior Project Officer, Parking Strategy. Jeanette introduced the previously circulated report by the Director of Highways and Transport that detailed the proposed changes to parking/waiting restrictions in roads within the Crawley Residents' Parking Scheme.

67. Jeanette Napper explained that the proposals aim to improve safety, access and visibility as well as increase the amount of parking available to residents and that, following a public consultation, a number of comments had been received. A summary of the comments and officer responses to those comments were detailed in the report.

68. Jeanette Napper asked the Committee to agree to authorise the Director of Law and Assurance to bring the Traffic Regulation Order into operation as advertised with the exception of the removal of the disabled bay in Coppice Walk.

69. Sue Mullins asked how this would tie in with the proposed Road Space Audit (RSA) for Crawley. Jeanette Napper explained that the RSA was still at the scoping stage and any work coming out of that may be some years away.

70. Richard Burrett noted that the maps on pages 111 and 112 did not include the agreed TRO changes to Park Way and Milton Road, which had recently been implemented, and asked for assurance that this would be updated. Brian Lambarth undertook to ensure this happened.

71. A couple of residents raised concern about the proposal to remove the Except Bank Holiday exemption. One resident suggested this was a disbenefit to residents as many shops do not open on Bank Holidays and residents would often have visitors. It was suggested that only zones closer to the town centre and shops should have this change.

72. It was also suggested that the timing of the consultation in January was not ideal and that it should have been circulated to local Forums to encourage more responses.

73. The Committee noted the comments and suggestions and the Chairman encouraged residents to speak to their local County Councillors about particular issues in their areas.

74. Resolved that - the Committee authorised the Director of Law and Assurance to bring the Traffic Regulation Order into operation as advertised with the exception of the removal of the disabled bay in Coppice Walk.

Latent Tuberculosis in Crawley

75. The Chairman welcomed Jennifer Collins, Clinical Tuberculosis Specialist Nurse from Surrey & Sussex NHS Healthcare Trust, who provided a presentation (attached to the signed minutes) about Latent Tuberculosis in Crawley.

76. Following the presentation Jennifer encouraged anyone wanting to know more to attend a community event at Crawley Library on 21 March. Information packs including details of this event were available for residents and Members to take away.

77. Chris Oxlade left the meeting at 7.45pm.

Redevelopment of Three Bridges Station

78. The Chairman welcomed Patricia Salami, Programme Manager, Three Bridges Station, Crawley Borough Council, who provided a presentation (attached to the signed minutes) about proposals for a Three Bridges Station Improvement Scheme.

79. Patricia went through each of the 24 proposals as detailed in the presentation. She also highlighted that any feedback should be submitted by 5 March and encouraged everyone to respond to the proposals.

80. The Committee welcomed the update and discussed a number of issues including the following:

- It was confirmed that a new drop off zone would be included in the reconfigured car park.
- Monitoring of the new drop off zone would be considered at the next stage of the project.
- Duncan Crow queried a proposal for a new cycle route to Furnace Green. As the local Member he would like more information about this. Patricia Salami undertook to get the Cycle Forum to contact Duncan directly.
- There was a lot of concern about the proposal to remove the existing right turn out of the station. Richard Burrett raised concern that this would increase traffic along St Mary's Drive and Chaucer Road. He did state that a Community Highway Scheme request had been submitted to look at traffic calming in that area and he would like to see these two schemes being delivered alongside each other. Other residents from the Maidenbower and Turners Hill areas also expressed concern about the loss of the right turn. Bob Lanzer also stated that he had received similar representation from taxi drivers.
- It was confirmed that traffic modelling was part of the next stage of the scheme.

81. The Committee thanked Patricia for her presentation and reiterated her plea to everyone to submit their views formally by 5 March.

British Airways Gatwick Half Marathon

82. The Chairman welcomed David Kelly who provided a presentation (attached to the signed minutes) about the first Gatwick Half Marathon that will take place on Sunday 13 May. The presentation included details about the road closures, event management and communication that had and would continue with residents and businesses.

Community Initiative Funding

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

84. Resolved – That the Crawley County Local Committee considered the Community Initiative Funding applications as set out in Appendix A and allocated the funding as follows:

The following awards were made:

- 110/C - Broadfield Community Centre, £1,300.00 towards art exhibition materials.
- 114/C - The Crawley Festival, £3,144.57 towards the running costs of Crawley Festival.
- 120/C - Phoenix Choir of Crawley, £2,000.00 towards staging a performance.
- 121/C - 7th Crawley Scout Group, £1,000.00 towards media equipment.
- 136/C - Treasure Island, £2,000.00 towards sound for the Dew Festival.
- 137/C - Springboard Project, £1,000.00 towards a Sensory Room upgrade.
- 138/C - Crawley District Scouts, £1,800.00 towards improvements at Stanfords Scout Campsite.
- 140/C Worth Parish PCC, £1,300.00 towards new flooring for the Parish Hall.

The Committee also considered an additional application as confirmed under 'Urgent Matters'. The Committee agreed the following award:

- 196/C – Football Companies, £1,500.00 towards kits and equipment.

85. For the benefit of anyone who had not been able to attend the pre event, the Chairman confirmed that the County Council was proposing to change its approach to grant funding to voluntary and community groups from 2018/19. She explained that currently there are three Member funds: the Members' Big Society Fund, Community Initiative Fund, and Small Grants Fund and the proposal was to move to one scheme and use an online crowdfunding model. Leaflets were available at the back of the room and further information would be added to the County Council website when the new approach was finalised.

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

86. The Committee considered a report by the Director of Education and Skills (copy appended to the signed minutes).

87. Resolved – that the Crawley County Local Committee approved the following nomination under the 2012 Regulations:

Mr Thomas Lay for a four year term to St Wilfrid's Catholic School, Crawley.

Talk With Us (Open Forum)

88. 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 asked if the Committee could consider how to promote school governor and school crossing patrol vacancies as there seem to be a number of these vacancies in Crawley. *Richard Burrett, as Cabinet Member for Education and Skills, said he would discuss this with his officers with a view to try and promote these positions county-wide.*

Date of Next Meeting

89. The Committee noted that its next scheduled meeting would take place on Thursday 28 June 2018 in the Longley Exhibition Room, Crawley Library, Crawley.

90. The meeting closed at 9.16pm.

Chairman

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