

East Crawley County Local Committee

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

Present: - Mr Burrett (Member for Pound Hill and Worth) (Chairman), Mr Crow (Member for Tilgate and Furnace Green), Mr Lamb (Member for Northgate and Three Bridges) and Mr Lanzer (Member for Maidenbower).

Welcome and Introductions

52. The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and each County Councillor and Officer introduced themselves.

53. The Chairman informed the Committee of a new service for residents in Broadfield, Bewbush, Ifield, Gossops Green and Tilgate. Residents are being encouraged to have early conversations with West Sussex County Council's new Adult Social Care Team about how people can live independently. The Team wants to meet people, their families and carers in local settings to talk about the support they need. The new approach is part of a three-month trial that will also be tested out in other parts of the county. To find out more about support to help you live independently, please visit [Connect to Support](#) or call our Adults' CarePoint on 01243 642121. The Chairman also informed the Committee that leaflets about the scheme were at the back of the room for people to take away.

Declaration of Interests

54. No interests were declared.

Minutes

55. Resolved - that the minutes of the meeting held on 23 November 2016 be confirmed as a correct record and that they be signed by the Chairman.

Progress Statement

56. The Committee received and noted a progress report on matters relating to East Crawley (copy appended to the signed minutes). Comments were made including the following:

- The Chairman was disappointed that Network Rail had temporarily postponed its attendance at the Three Bridges Station project meetings.
- The Area Highways Manager confirmed that no Community Highways Schemes had come forward for East Crawley for inclusion in the 2017/18 programme. He encouraged anyone with a suggested scheme to apply for consideration in 2018/19.
- It was confirmed that the Crawley Cycle Forum is being consulted on the Worth Park Avenue Cycle Path scheme.

Community Initiative Funding

57. The Committee considered a report by the Director of Law and Assurance (copy appended to the signed minutes) which detailed applications for Community Initiative Funding (CIF).

58. The Chairman explained that 5 applications had been received totalling £13,285.70. However the Committee only had £9,148.37 left to allocate in the 2016/17 financial year. The Committee debated the respective merits of the projects for which funding was sought.

59. Resolved - that the Committee allocated funding as follows:

The following applications were approved: -

1175/EC - IMPACT Tasty Team, £1,848.37, towards the provision of Cookery Training courses.

1182/EC - 7th Crawley Scout Group, £3,000.00, towards reinstating a garden area and providing wheelchair access.

1204/EC - Worth PCC, £2,150.00, towards refurbishment of toilets and flooring.

1206/EC - Crawley United Reformed Church, £2,150.00, towards the building of a disabled toilet.

The following application was declined:

1152/EC - The Crawley Festival. Members stated that they had received CIF for the previous 5 years and most of the application was for revenue costs. Therefore it did not fit the CIF criteria as well as the other applications and with limited funds it was declined.

60. The Chairman encouraged those present to promote the CIF to local groups and organisations and said that the deadline for applications is one month prior to the next meeting of the Committee.

Nominations to School and Academy Governing Bodies

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

62. Resolved –That the Committee approved the following nominations:

Nomination for Reappointment:

The Brook Infant School - Mr Stuart Maclean for a four-year term

Nominations for Appointments:

Maidenbower Infant School - Mr L Wallis for a four-year term

Northgate Primary School - Mr D Fry for a four-year term.

63. The Chairman encouraged anyone interested in becoming a School Governor to contact their local County Councillor or Governor Services at the County Council.

'Talk with Us' – Open Forum

64. The following matters affecting Crawley residents were raised.

- Cllr Geraint Thomas raised concern about the recent changes to Waste and Recycling Centres. His main concern was about staff having to cope with abusive comments from the public and whether they have received training on how to deal with this. He also raised concern about the process of payment and checking the contents of people's vehicles to see if they are chargeable or not. It was suggested that perhaps body-worn cameras, similar to those trialled by School Crossing Patrols recently, could be considered. It was also suggested that some clear information be sent to residents about what is chargeable.
- Mr Cooban from Three Bridges Forum asked about Tree Preservation Orders for school grounds and whether the County Council would permit Crawley Borough Council to make them. Mr Cooban was concerned that they may be under pressure because of development. Mr Crow suggested that each school should be responsible for this, especially academies and free schools. The Chairman, via the Democratic Services Officer, agreed to pass on these concerns to the appropriate officer at the County Council and ask if a response could be provided.

Date of Next Meeting

65. The Chairman reminded the Committee that the date of the first meeting of the new combined Crawley County Local Committee was Thursday 29 June 2017 at Crawley Library.

The meeting closed at 7.35pm.

Chairman