

Chanctonbury County Local Committee

4 July 2012 – At a meeting of the Committee held at 7pm at The Henfield Leisure Centre, Henfield.

Present: Mr Wilkinson (Chairman), Mrs Arculus, Mr Barnard and Mr Deedman.

Chairman's Welcome

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

Election of Chairman

2. Following the decision that each County Local Committee (CLC) would elect its own Chairman annually the Committee agreed to appoint Mr Wilkinson as Chairman for the Chanctonbury CLC for the 2012-13 municipal year.

Declaration of Interests

3. There were no declarations of interest.

Minutes

4. Resolved - That the minutes of the meeting of the Chanctonbury County Local Committee (CLC) held on 7 March 2012 be approved as a correct record and that they be signed by the Chairman.

Progress Statement

5. The Committee considered a report which provided updates on matters arising from previous meetings of the CLC (copy appended to signed minutes).
6. Regarding the concerns raised about the positioning of the 30mph sign on the roundabout at Clays Hill, Bramber, the local County Councillor advised that he had contacted the Traffic Engineer who had agreed to fix the sign to a lamppost at the start of the 30mph speed limit. The sign would be a yellow backed sign which would also be illuminated. However the timescale for the work to be carried out was still to be confirmed.
7. The Principal Community Officer advised that a site meeting had taken place with the local resident who had requested that the directional sign for the Fryern Road junction with Thakeham Road be moved. The Traffic Engineer had agreed in principle to a one-finger sign to be located outside the Fire Station on School Hill in Storrington.
8. The local member advised that it had been agreed that Horn Lane in Henfield would be treated as Priority One in terms of gritting as it was accepted that it was used as a bypass for Henfield. It was, however, for all other purposes classed as a Priority Three road.
9. A representative of Henfield Parish Council asked who would be responsible for the maintenance of Vehicle Activated Signs. *The Chairman advised that the costs would be met by the County Council's maintenance budget.*

10. Resolved – That the Committee notes the progress report.

Community Safety in Chanctonbury

11. The Committee considered a report by Sergeant Bob Trevis, Neighbourhood Policing Team (Horsham South), Sussex Police (copy attached to the signed minutes) which provided an update on crime statistics and local initiatives.

12. Resolved – That the Committee notes the report.

Infrastructure Plan Update

7. The Principal Community Officer introduced a report by the Executive Director of Communities and Infrastructure and Head of Community and Economic Development (copy attached to the signed minutes). The report provided a progress update in relation to the local highways and transport priorities identified within the Local Infrastructure Plan for the Chanctonbury County Local Committee.

8. The Committee discussed the report. Members expressed concerns about the long timescales against each of the priority schemes, particularly the traffic management alterations on The Street (o/s St Marys House) in Bramber as the vibrations were damaging the building. It was suggested that the work could be undertaken in conjunction with other major works starting in January 2013. *The Principal Community Officer agreed to follow up the points raised and to liaise with the relevant officers to look for opportunities to progress the work at the earliest opportunity.* Members also expressed disappointment that the Henfield Gateway features were scheduled for 2014/15 and not sooner. Members also questioned how the schemes chosen as priorities across all of the CLCs would be prioritised if there were budget limitations. *The Principal Community Officer advised that external consultants had been appointed, where necessary, to undertake studies.*

9. Resolved – The Committee notes the progress identified in respect of the existing priorities and associated areas of ongoing work.

Adults' Prevention and Wellbeing Grants

13. The Committee considered a report (copy attached to the signed minutes) that identified how Prevention and Wellbeing Grants have been spent in 2011/12 and indicated the results from the evaluation of the grants for 2012/13. It set out the prevention and wellbeing commissioning objectives for 2012.

14. Resolved –

(i) That the CLC approves the following grant applications for 2012/13: -

- SG4 - Cruse West Sussex Bereavement Care, £135
- SG5 – Lifecentre, £225
- BB7 - Pulborough Volunteer Visiting, £720
- SG7 - SASBAH, £275
- BB4 - Storrington & Sullington Befrienders, £250
- BB3 - Storrington & Sullington Community Silver Surfers, £620
- BB5 - Sullington Monday Club, £200

- (ii) The following applications were part-funded as the Committee had limited funds to distribute: -
- BB11 - Carers Support Service – Chanctonbury, £4,344 (£5,000 requested).
 - GS3 - Impact – Initiatives, £4,157 (£4,457 requested).
- (ii) The following applications were declined as they were outside of the Chanctonbury CLC geographical area:
- SG11 - Fernhurst Choral Society, £750
 - SG12 - Compton & Upmarden CE School, £2,500

Talk With Us Open Forum

15. The Chairman invited general questions/comments from members of the public present at the meeting: -

- Residents of Nep Town Road in Henfield raised concerns about the safety of pedestrians, especially children using the Rothery Playing Field. They were concerned about the speed of vehicles using the road and asked what could be done to address the problem, including whether a 20mph speed limit could be imposed. The Committee advised that enforcement was an issue and that generally local people who knew the road were likely to be the culprits. *The Principal Community Officer suggested that speed loops could be laid to measure speeds and offered to meet the residents on site to discuss their concerns and to agree the positioning of the loops. The local County Councillor also suggested that the Committee could pass on the concerns to the Neighbourhood Policing Team to see if any action could be taken by Sussex Police. He advised that there was no requirement to install 30mph repeater signs on a residential road.*
- A resident of Henfield Road, Upper Beeding, referred to concerns raised at the CLC meeting in November 2011. The previous Principal Community Officer had visited the site and met with local residents last November and had suggested the installation of a temporary Vehicle Activated Speed Sign (VAS), however this had not happened. He advised that the Towers Convent in Upper Beeding had undertaken some work in conjunction with the Safer Routes to Schools Team to address some of the issues, however he expressed concern that there had been no progress with the County Council's Highways Team since November. *The Principal Community Officer confirmed that the request was on the Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) list for the Chanctonbury CLC area and would be scored along with the other requests. The list would be considered by the CLC for it to prioritise the top three TROs for 2013-14.*
- A representative of Henfield Parish Council asked about opportunities for the outsourcing of works by the County Council to town and parish councils. The Committee advised that four Community Action Pilots had been set up with 'clusters' of local councils e.g. the Southwater hub which included Nuthurst, Shipley, West Grinstead, Broadbridge Heath, Lower Beeding and Slinfold. A Task Force had also been established which would report to the Deputy Leader and portfolio for Communities, Environment and Enterprise on

enabling local councils to bid to undertake work either in partnership with other councils or individually.

- Asked whether a request for a 40mph speed limit on Horn Lane in Henfield was on the CLC TRO list. *The Principal Community Officer agreed to check and report back to the Committee.*
- Asked who was responsible to dealing with overgrown hedgerows on the highway. *The Principal Community Officer advised that the hedges were on County Council land then a request could be made to the Council to cut them back, however, if it was private land it was the landowner's responsibility and the Council would need to write to the landowner to request that they address the problem.*
- Raised a request for Double Yellow Lines to be placed outside Storrington First School in Spierbridge Road, Storrington. *The Principal Community Officer confirmed that the request was on the CLC's TRO list.*
- Requested a progress update on the Air Quality Action Plan for Storrington. The Chairman advised that the volume of traffic in Storrington was mainly due to the fact that the A27 was not completed. He said there were in the region of 20,000 vehicles per day through the village and that the air quality in some parts was above the legal limit. The County Council and Horsham District Council were working together and the District Council had a statutory responsibility to produce an action plan by the end of July 2012 to increase the air quality to the required standards. A draft plan had been produced on how to tackle the problem and a grant had been received from DEFRA to engage consultants to look at the physical opportunities of reducing traffic. Cameras had been installed to record the number of HGVs and their destination i.e. whether they were visiting Storrington or were commuting through the village but the results were not yet available. The consultants report was expected in 8-10 weeks time and a meeting will be arranged in late September with the District Council to look at the conclusions. Concerns were raised that if a weight limit was imposed on Houghton Bridge traffic the problem may be transferred to Pulborough which would mean that it would still travel through Storrington.

Community Initiative Funding

16. The Committee considered a report by the Head of Legal and Democratic Services (copy appended to signed minutes), which sought decisions on the applications received under the CIF scheme.

17. Resolved - That Community Initiative Funding be allocated as follows:-

- **1850/C, Sandham Memorial Village Hall, £2,000**, towards roof renovation works
- **1878/C, Partridge Green Cricket Club, £2,000**, towards the purchase of a cricket pitch roller.
- **1898/C, Pulborough Community Partnership, £2,000**, towards a feasibility study for a potential Community Hub/Information Centre.

Appointment of Authority School Governors

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

19. Resolved - That the following appointments and reappointments be approved: -

- Appointment: Mrs S A Dowl to Amberley First School for a 4-year term.
- Re-appointment: Mrs C Bower to Upper Beeding Primary School for a 4-year term.

Date of Next Meeting

20. The Committee noted that its next scheduled meeting would take place on Wednesday 3 October 2012, from 7.00 - 9.00pm at Dial Post Village Hall, Old Worthing Road, Dial Post, West Sussex, RH13 8NS.

The meeting ended at 8.31 p.m.

Chairman