

Chanctonbury County Local Committee

12 June 2013 – At a meeting of the Committee held at 7pm at St Marys Primary School, Links Lane, Pulborough

Present: Mr Wilkinson Mrs Arculus, Mr Barnard and Mr Barling

Welcome and Introductions

1. Mr Wilkinson welcomed the members of the public to the meeting and asked the Committee members to introduce themselves.

Election of Chairman

2. Mr Wilkinson nominated Mr Barling for Chairman of the Committee for 2013-14. He was seconded by Mr Barnard.
3. Resolved – That Mr Barling be appointed Chairman of the Chanctonbury County Local Committee for 2013-14.

Appointment to Outside Bodies

4. The Committee considered a report by the Head of Law and Governance (copy appended to the signed minutes) regarding appointments to Outside Bodies.
5. Resolved – That the Committee appoints Patricia Arculus to the Lodge Hill Advisory Committee until the end of the County Council term in May 2017.

Declaration of Interests

6. There were no declarations of interest.

Minutes

7. Resolved – That the minutes of the meeting of the Chanctonbury County Local Committee (CLC) held on 6 March 2013 be approved as a correct record and that they be signed by the Chairman.

County Local Committee Terms of Reference

8. Resolved – That the County Local Committee terms of reference be noted.

Progress Statement

9. The Committee considered a report which provided updates on matters arising from previous meetings of the CLC (copy appended to signed minutes). The Principal Community Officer (PCO) introduced the report.
 - B2139 Rackham Junction – The PCO advised that the work was scheduled for 2016/17. The Committee expressed their concern that no progress had been made as they understood three low cost measures were to be implemented as soon as possible. The PCO agreed to investigate the detail with the highways department and report back. The Committee requested that a progress report be brought to the next CLC meeting on this matter.

- The Street, Bramber – The PCO confirmed that the scheme was with consultants for design and that they were expected to report back by the end of June 2013.
- Tanyard Lane, Steyning – The PCO confirmed that the bollards had been installed.
- Vicarage Lane, Steyning – The PCO advised that the ownership of the banks was yet to be confirmed and she would report back to the Committee as soon as it was confirmed.
- Clays Hill, Steyning – The PCO confirmed that alternatives to the diagram 880 signs could be considered and that she would arrange to speak to the local member to discuss the options available.
- B2139 Amberley Road – The PCO confirmed that the extension of the 40mph speed limit was on the Traffic Regulation Order priority list to be progressed and was currently awaiting design. The Committee thought that the scheme was already underway. The PCO agreed to meet with the local member to update on the scheme and discuss the inclusion of a gateway feature.

10. Resolved – That the progress report be noted.

Adult's Prevention and Wellbeing Grants 2013/14

11. The Committee considered a report by Director of Public Health (copy appended to the signed minutes) outlining the prevention and wellbeing applications for the Chanctonbury area.

12. The Committee highlighted their disappointment on the small number of applications received and the lack of applications from local organisations. It requested, if possible, for the additional money to be used within the local area, rather than it returning to a central pot. The Committee also expressed its preference to the previous member led system for allocating the grants, rather than it being done at CLC level.

13. Resolved – That the Committee allocates funding as follows:

- (i) Cruse West Sussex, £135.00
- (ii) Friends, Families and Travellers, £700.00
- (iii) Headway – Bognor, £384.61
- (iv) In Safe & Caring Hands Limited, £500.00
- (v) Lifecentre, £150.00
- (vi) SASBAH, £250.00
- (vii) St Barnabas House, £1,000

Newham Close and Godstalls Lane, Steyning – Proposed Traffic Regulation Order

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

15. The Local Member confirmed that he had received 16 representations against the implementation of the Traffic Regulation Order (TRO), except for the double yellow lines in Godstalls Lane, and four representations for the TRO.

16. A Resident of Newham Lane advised that he had contacted the emergency services and that there had been no reports of access problems due to parked cars on Newham Lane. He added that there was off road parking that was underused, and that implementation of the TRO on Newham Lane was unnecessary for sight lines or safety. A resident of Newham Close also spoke in favour of the recommendation in the officer's report.

17. The Committee recognised the lack of local community support for the implementation of the TRO as a whole. However, Godstalls Lane was very narrow and needed protection from parking to ensure emergency access. The Local Member highlighted that the lane could benefit from an extension of double yellow lines, beyond what was being proposed in the TRO. The Committee agreed that an extension of the TRO could be considered once the original proposals were in place.

18. Resolved – That the Committee, having considered that the concerns raised outweigh the benefits to the community, authorises the Head of Law and Governance to make the Traffic Regulation Order as amended (see paragraph 3.4 and Appendix D).

Infrastructure Priorities 2016/17

19. The Committee considered an information report by Director of Communities Commissioning and Community and Economic Development Manager (copy appended to the signed minutes).

20. The PCO introduced the report, highlighting that a Communities Issues List would be developed with the Committee members, and encouraged Parish Councils to put forward any issues for their areas. The Committee highlighted that the list would now be wider than just highways and emphasised the importance of working together with the Parish and District Councils to ensure all issues were on the list, especially as the District Council would decide on money allocated through the new Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL).

21. The Committee further highlighted the need to be forward thinking, rather than just focussing on on-going issues when considering what should be included on the Community Issues List, for example the proposed new Mayfields housing development near Henfield. The Committee also emphasised the need to look holistically at areas to provide a more strategic approach to roads and issues, rather than looking at schemes in isolation.

22. Resolved – That the report be noted.

Community Safety in Chanctonbury

23. The Committee received a verbal update from Sergeant Steve Cobbett, Sussex Police on local crime statistics and initiatives. Key points included: -

- **Crime Statistics** – Total Crime had reduced by 385 crimes since the last quarter, with Ashington noting a 50% reduction.

- **Burglary** had increased by 39 crimes since last year, with Henfield/Cowfold being affected. Two people had now been sent to prison and a group had been arrested for the burglaries in the Upper Beeding and Pulborough area and were awaiting trial.
- **Recruitment** – Sussex Police was currently recruiting, with the hope to fill the 2 PCSO vacancies in the Chanctonbury area. Bob Trevis would be retiring in 2014, and would be replaced by Chris O’Leary who would attend the next CLC meeting.
- **Road Safety Day of Action** – Took place in Cowfold in March 2013, with 25 drivers being reported for offences. The Committee commended the police on the success of the day and hoped that further events would take place.

24. Resolved – That the report be noted.

Chanctonbury Community Initiative Funding (CIF)

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

26. In considering the application from Small Dole Village Hall Committee, the Committee recognised that the Village Hall needed a large amount of funding and suggested that an application should be made to the Members Big Society Fund (MBSF). The Committee invited the applicant to submit a further CIF application to a future meeting should they be unsuccessful in the MBSF.

27. Resolved – That the Committee allocates funding to the following organisations:

- (i) **51/C** Friends of King George V Playing Field, £2,500 towards a teen shelter.
- (ii) **55/C** Age UK Horsham District, £1,611 towards The Arun Magazine re-launch.
- (iii) **67/C** Small Dole Village Hall Committee, £1,450 towards making good the external fascias of the village hall.

Appointment of Local Authority Governors

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

29. Resolved - That the Committee:

(i) approves the following appointments:-

- Mrs R Simmonds to West Chiltington Community School for a 4 year term.
- Mr I Sillett to Storrington First School for a 4 year term.

(ii) approves the following reappointment:-

- Mrs C Shaw to Amberley CE First School for a 4 year term.

(iii) approves the following nomination: -

- Mr R Taylor to Thakeham First School for a 4 year term.

Talk With Us Open Forum

30. A member of the West Grinstead Traffic Working Group asked for a further progress report for a cycle path along B2135 Bines Road, Partridge Green to link up the Downslink. The Committee advised that this needed to be passed on to the new member cycling champion and that they would investigate who this was and make them aware of the request. The Principal Community Officer added that a reduction of the 40mph speed limit on the B2135 to 30mph could help with road safety. The Committee agreed to add this issue to the progress statement for an update at the next Committee meeting.

31. A resident of Partridge Green highlighted the need for a pedestrian crossing on the High Street. They confirmed that they had Parish Council support for the crossing. The Committee requested that the Parish Clerk contact the Principal Community Officer, confirming their support, so that a meeting could take place to see if the scheme could be added to the Community Issues List.

32. A representative of Thakeham Parish Council raised concern over a pothole on Jackens Hill that had been reported, but had still not been filled in. The Committee agreed to put the issue on the progress statement for the next CLC meeting. Mr Barnard added that the County Council's highways contractor, Balfour Beatty would be bringing out software shortly to enable easy monitoring of potholes and their repair.

33. The Principal Community Officer highlighted the County Council launched scheme to recruit Community Highways Volunteers to assist with maintaining the highways network. The County Council was providing training and equipment to enable volunteers to go out and inspect roads and report back issues to the County Council. The Committee asked that a communication was sent out to members and Parish Councils to make them aware of the scheme.

Date of Next Meeting

34. The Committee noted that its next scheduled meeting would take place at 7.00 p.m. on 11 September 2013 at Storrington First School, Spierbridge Lane, Storrington.

The meeting ended at 8.34 p.m.

Chairman