Chanctonbury County Local Committee

Wednesday 7 March 2018– At a meeting of the Committee held at 7.00 p.m. at The Steyning Centre.

Present: Mr David Barling (Member for Bramber Castle) (Chairman), Mrs Pat Arculus (Member for Pulborough), Mr Lionel Barnard (Member for Henfield) and Mr Paul Marshall (Member for Storrington)

In attendance: Chris Stark (Area Highways Manager), Dean Wadey (Principal Community Officer), Monique Smart (Democratic Services Officer), Nick Burrell (Senior Advisor, Democratic Services)

Welcome and Introductions

44. Mrs Arculus opened the meeting stating that the Chairman had been delayed in traffic. She welcomed everyone including Debbie Kennard, The Cabinet Member for Safer and Stronger Communities. Members and Officers introduced themselves.

45. Mrs Arculus stated that agenda item 7 -Coastal Care: 'Inspiring Healthier Communities Together' – Local Community Networks, had been postponed until the next meeting in July.

46. Mrs Arculus also confirmed that Members had agreed to bring forward agenda item 8 – Transforming Grants: Crowdfunding to the start of the meeting.

47. Mr David Barling arrived at 7.02pm and took over the Chairmanship of the meeting.

Declarations of Interest

48. No interests were declared.

Minutes

49. Resolved – that the minutes of the Chanctonbury County Local Committee meeting held on 15 November 2017 be approved as a correct record and be signed by the Chairman.

Progress Statement

50. Members considered the statement on matters arising from previous meetings (copy appended to the signed minutes) and made the following comments:

- Speeding in Storrington –Mr Paul Marshall confirmed that a Community Highways Scheme application would be submitted by the Parish Council in time for the deadline in July.
- Speed Limit for A2037 Shoreham Road and Henfield Road, Upper Beeding. Following the options paper circulated with the previous minutes, the Area Highways Manager confirmed that officer advice was that the Traffic

Regulation Order (TRO) should not proceed without engineering measures such as Vehicle Activated Signs (VAS) but that the cost of £15,000 for a VAS would take it over the budget for a TRO. Following much debate the Committee **agreed** to proceed with option 2 which was to invoke clause 1.6 of the Speed Limit Policy and instruct officers to proceed with a 30mph speed limit without engineering measures that will likely receive objection from Sussex Police and is unlikely to be met with compliance. Alongside this the Local Member agreed to ask the Parish Council to submit a new Community Highway Scheme for the engineering measures. It was also suggested that once the speed limit was implemented a temporary VAS be used

- Members welcomed the attached update on Air Quality Action Planning in Cowfold and Storrington. It was suggested that a further update be provided as the projects progress.

- The Chairman also reported that the Cabinet Member for Highways and Infrastructure had agreed a further 5 of the top scoring TROs across the County and that 2 of those 5 were in the Chanctonbury area. The top one was for a reduced speed limit in East Street, West Chiltington and the second was for double yellow lines in The Pike, Washington.

Talk With Us

51. The Chairman invited questions from those in attendance and the following matters were raised and discussed:

- A Teacher and students from Steyning Grammar School requested the Committee consider the need for a number of crossing points in Steyning. The Area Highways Manager stated that the Safer Routes to School Team are currently working with the local Primary School and looking at the possibility of a school crossing patrol. As the Grammar School have a number of sites and therefore student's move around in the day it was suggested that more permanent crossings should be considered. A local resident with children at the local schools also spoke in support of this proposal. It was **agreed** that the Area Highway Manager, Schools, Parish Council and Members would arrange a walk around the area and discuss options.
- A Pulborough Parish Councillor asked for an update on the improvement works in Lower Street, Pulborough. The Area Highways Manager undertook to get an update from the Project Manager.
- An update was requested on a revised speed limit and crossing for B2135. The Area Highways Manager confirmed that the TRO had been advertised and had received a number of objections so would come back to next CLC for decision.
- The Chairman of Upper Beeding Parish Council asked for an update on the possibility of a crossing near Dacre Gardens in Upper Beeding. The Area Highways Manager confirmed that a Community Highway Scheme was currently being accessed and moderated.

Transforming Grants: Crowdfunding

52. The Chairman welcomed Nick Burrell, Senior Advisor, Democratic Services. Nick Burrell provided a powerpoint presentation, attached to the signed minutes, detailing the County Councils new approach to community funding using a crowdfunding model.

53. Nick Burrell confirmed that the new approach would mean organisations having to apply for Community Initiative Funding (CIF) via a new internet based system. Advice and guidance from the Communities Team and Democratic Services at West Sussex County Council would continue. Applications would still be discussed with local Members and at pre agenda meetings, prior to coming to the CLC for final decision as they do now.

54. Nick Burrell also confirmed that groups would have to reach 90% of their target fund for any funds to be released.

55. It was hoped the new approach would start in April and there would be the opportunity to review the process after a full year. Members encouraged community groups to consider putting projects on the new system and feedback to Members about the process.

Community Initiative Fund

56. 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. The Committee debated the respective merits of the projects for which funding was sought.

57. Resolved – that the following awards are made:

108/CBY - West Chiltington Croquet Lawns, £1000 towards new equipment
131/CBY - Sussex Clubs for Young People £619.05 towards setting up the Duke of Cornwall Award
177/CBY - Thakeham Parish Council, £1000 towards playground refurbishment.
184/CBY - Steyning Town Community FC, £2000 towards refurbishment of the clubhouse
189/CBY - Ashington Youth Club, £2000 towards a Youth Shelter
194/CBY - Trinity Methodist Church, £1000 towards upgrade the fire alarm

Nominations for Authority School Governors

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

59. Resolved –That the Committee approved the following nominations:-

Nomination for Appointment:

Mrs Sue Meekings for a four year term to Storrington Primary School

Nomination for Reappointment:

Mr Bruce Wallace for a four year term to Ashington C.E. Primary School

Date of Next Meeting

60. The Chairman confirmed that the next meeting of the Committee will take place on Wednesday 11 July 2018 at 7pm at Pulborough Village Hall.

61. The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.39pm

Chairman