

Central Mid Sussex County Local Committee

24 September 2013 – At a meeting of the Committee held at 7.00 pm at Haywards Heath Library.

Present: Mr Acraman, Mr Bradbury (Chairman), Mr Griffiths and Mr Wickremaratchi.

In attendance: Helen A Card, Principle Community Officer; George Chisenga, Gatwick Diamond Team Manager; Suzanne Thompson, Democratic Services Officer

Chairman's Welcome

21. The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting and noted apologies from Mr de Mierre and Mrs Field.

Declarations of Interests

22. None

Minutes

23. Resolved that the minutes of the last meeting of the Committee held on 18 June 2013 be approved as a correct record and that they be signed by the Chairman.

Urgent Matters

24. The Chairman gave the following information:

- There were to be forthcoming changes to Haywards Heath library to incorporate the Registrars service into the building. Bill Acraman, as Deputy to the Cabinet Member with responsibility for libraries would liaise with officers regarding the details of the accommodation
- That he was currently working with the Chairman of South Mid Sussex County Local Committee, Peter Griffiths regarding plans for the Northern Arc road for Burgess Hill
- That he had requested signage regarding the temporary closure of Muster Green South and The Broadway in Haywards Heath be altered to show that work will be undertaken on various days within a six week timeframe not every day for six weeks.

'Talk with Us' Open Forum

25. The Chairman invited recipients of recent Community Initiative Fund awards to report back on the projects that the monies had supported. The Committee was pleased to hear of the success of two projects; the Clair Parkrun and the Cuckoo Choir.

26. The Chairman invited questions and comments on other issues from the public present at the meeting. Residents:

- Complained that lamp posts on a pavement in Butler's Green were sited in the middle of the path and caused difficulties for pedestrians negotiating

the pavement. *The Chairman asked the Principal Community Officer to check whether these would be moved as part of the on-going Private Finance Initiative Contractors upgrade programme.*

- Questioned when the Selsfield Road speed limit review data would be available. *The Chairman asked the Principal Community Officer to look into a date for this.*
- Asked for speed limit enforcement on Fox Hill. *The Chairman agreed that the CLC would send a note to Sussex Police asking for more attention to this issue. The Chairman also asked that officers look into feasibility of more signage painted on the road.*

Progress Statement

27. The Chairman introduced George Chisenga and the new Principal Community Services Officer (PCO), Helen Card to present this report (copy appended to the signed minutes). The Committee noted the report and actions arising which were:

- That the PCO would revisit the issue with improvements to kerbs in Ash Grove as the local member was not satisfied that this had been resolved
- look into the possibility of work to rectify issues with water leakage from South East Water equipment on London Road (Balcombe to Cowdray Arms) and the options for charging Southern Water for the work. The PCO was also asked to keep Balcombe Parish Council informed on this issue and note that Coos Lane had a similar problem
- residents were asked to report any footways issues to the Town Council as the County Council had entered into a partnership arrangement with the Town Council to address such issues.

Local Infrastructure Plan and Community Issues

28. The Chairman introduced Mr Chisenga to present this report by Director of Communities Commissioning (copy appended to the signed minutes). Members were asked to consider the items on the Community Issues List to add to its Infrastructure Plan. The Chairman summarised these as items 2, 4 and 19 and explained that further schemes in the Community Issues List would be progressed if there was local member and community support and that either the County Council could deliver such schemes without detriment to the agreed priorities in the Infrastructure Plan (IP), or they would go forward if there was an alternative means of delivering them and where S.106 or alternative funding was available.

29. Resolved that:

1. the highways and transport priorities from the Community Issues List at Appendix A to inform the Central Mid Sussex CLC Infrastructure Plan (IP) at Appendix B were:
 - a)#2 America Lane/Westlands, Haywards Heath: Speed control measures
 - b)#4 Wivelsfield Road: Implementation of a pedestrian crossing
 - c)#19 Ardingly: Traffic Management Scheme
2. that further schemes in the Community Issues List be progressed if:
 - a) there is local member and community support and
 - b) either the County Council can deliver such schemes without detriment to the agreed priorities in the Infrastructure

- Plan (IP) or there is an alternative means of delivering them and where S.106 or alternative funding is available
3. that progress with the IP priorities and any scheme developed in the Community Issues List be reported to the CLC at least annually.

30. The Chairman thanked members for their input. Peter Griffiths highlighted the possibility of future monies that could be applied to other things, such as those requested in the Balcombe area. Mr Griffiths went on to congratulate Balcombe Parish Council for its fortitude in dealing with the difficulties that had arisen as a result of protests against oil and gas exploration works in its area.

Season Ticket Charges in St Wilfrids Carpark, Haywards Heath

31. The Chairman referred members to this report by Director of Communities Commissioning (copy appended to the signed minutes) which sought the Committee's approval to the introduction of season ticket charges in the St Wilfrids Carpark in Haywards Heath. The members were happy to agree to this recommendation.

32. Resolved that the Committee authorised the Head of Law & Governance to consent to Mid Sussex District Council making the proposed Order to introduce charges in St Wilfred's Car Park detailed at Appendix A.

Exception to Policy: Reduction of Speed Limit on B2036

33. The Chairman referred members to a report by the Director of Communities Commissioning that had been sent to follow the main paper dispatch. (Copy appended to the signed minutes). Members noted that the report concerned a reduction of the speed limit on the B2036 at High Street, Balcombe which required a traffic regulation order (TRO) outside of the County Council policy and therefore required agreement from the Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport. Members noted that this TRO had longstanding support from the local member and residents in the Balcombe area.

34. Resolved that the Committee agreed to the submission of a further report to the Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport, seeking permission to advertise the requested Traffic Regulation Order for a speed limit that did not comply with West Sussex County Council Speed Limit Policy or DfT guidelines.

Community Initiative Funding

35. The Chairman introduced this report by Head of Law and Governance, (copy appended to the signed minutes), which concerned the Community Initiative Fund (CIF), intended to provide assistance to local community projects. The Committee considered the two funding requests set out in the report and agreed it was happy to support each at the full amount requested. The Chairman asked that the organisers of Strictly Come Gardening return to the Committee with a report on the project.

36. Resolved that CIF be allocated as follows:
94/CMS Strictly Come Gardening (Haywards Heath Town Council), requested £2,500 towards the purchase of plants and composts to

enable the project to be extended to residents of local care homes.
Awarded £2,500.

113/CMS Furnihelp Mid Sussex, requested £1,301 towards racking, an access ladder and lighting improvements to the warehouse. Awarded £1,301.

Appointment of Local Authority School Governors

37. The Chairman referred members to a report by the Director of Communities Commissioning (Copy appended to the signed minutes) that asked the Committee to approve the appointment of local authority governors to schools in the Mid Sussex area. Members were pleased to make the reappointments

38. Resolved that the following reappointments of Authority school governors be made, each for a four year term:

1. Mrs Bunting-Thring to Bolnore Village School
2. Mr J J Maher to Northlands Wood CP School
3. Mrs H Thorne to St Augustine's CEP School

Date of Next Meeting

39. Members noted that the date of the next meeting of the Committee was Tuesday 03 December 2013 and agreed that it should again be held at the library.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm