

Unconfirmed minutes, subject to approval/amendment at the next meeting of the Central Mid Sussex County Local Committee

### **Central Mid Sussex County Local Committee**

29 November 2016 – At a meeting of the Committee held at 7.00 pm at Haywards Heath Town Council, Haywards Heath

Present: Mr Bradbury (Cuckfield and Lucastes) (Chairman), Mr Acraman (Worth Forest), Mrs Field (Lindfield and High Weald), Mr Hillier (Haywards Heath East) and Mr Wickremaratchi (Haywards Heath Town)

In attendance: Rachel Allan (Democratic Services Officer), Gulu Sibanda (Principal Communities Officer), Cali Sparks (Team Manager - Neighbourhoods, Communities & Public Protection) and Richard Speller (Highways Area Manager)

Apologies for absence were received from Mr Griffiths (Hurstpierpoint and Bolney)

### **Welcome and Introductions**

49. The Chairman welcomed everyone in attendance to the meeting and invited members of the Committee and officers to introduce themselves.

### **Minutes**

50. Resolved – that the minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 13 September 2016 be approved as a correct record and that they be signed by the Chairman.

### **Urgent Matters**

51. There were no urgent matters.

### **Haywards Heath Transport Update**

52. The Chairman of the Committee advised members that the Haywards Heath Transport Study had identified a number of improvement schemes across the area and a working party had been tasked with prioritising said schemes and looking for funding opportunities. He advised that he had received support from the Leader on this matter and added that a round table meeting was currently being established with representatives from Mid Sussex District and Haywards Heath Town Councils to take this work forward.

### **'Talk with Us' Open Forum & Community Updates**

53. The Chairman invited Committee members to provide verbal updates on recent and upcoming items of interest within their electoral divisions.

54. The Chairman highlighted progress towards providing a controlled crossing at the top of Bolnore Village across the A272 to help children walking and cycling from Bolnore to Warden Park School. He advised that this had been scored as part of the new community infrastructure process and a final decision should be announced shortly.

55. The member for Haywards Heath Town advised the Committee that the Wivelsfield Crossing scheme was about to be delivered.

56. The member for Haywards Heath East was delighted to see the resurfacing Work that had been undertaken on pavements within his division. He updated the Committee on the forthcoming programme of work for the Bentswood Community Partnership.

57. The member for Lindfield and High Weald advised that there were concerns in her division regarding the declining bus services in Lindfield. She added that the bus company was contacting local Town and Parish Councils to enquire if contributions could be made to keep less economically viable routes running for residents.

58. The member for Worth Forest highlighted his concern over the withdrawal of some bus services around Balcombe.

59. The Chairman invited previously successful Community Initiative Fund (CIF) applicants to provide feedback on how the funding had helped their organisations.

60. Balcombe Scouts thanked the Committee for funding towards its new Scout Hut and advised on the difference the money had made to the group.

61. There were no questions or comments from the audience.

### **Parish and Town Councils and Local Governance Team Update**

62. The Committee received a presentation from Cali Sparks (Team Manager – Neighbourhoods, Communities & Public Protection) who set out the role of her team. She advised that the team sat within the Communities Directorate, and had a range of tasks which included building relationships with Town and Parish Councils, support to empower people in their local communities, Operation Watershed and the Members Big Society Fund.

63. The Team Manager –Neighbourhoods, Communities & Public Protection advised that one part of the team's work was to support local people as volunteers to undertake projects in their communities, for example clearing ponds, archaeological digs and building bus shelters. Part of the team's role would be to help plan and support the project from inception to completion. She added that if members of the public wanted to contact the team they should email [active.communities@westsussex.gov.uk](mailto:active.communities@westsussex.gov.uk), visit their facebook page, the community operations team or the County Councils' s website.

64. Members noted this update, and thanked the Team Manager Neighbourhoods, Communities & Public Protection for an interesting presentation, and encouraged people to contact their local member if they wished to apply to the Member's Big Society Fund.

### **Progress Statement**

65. The Highways Area Manager introduced the progress statement following the September 2016 meeting (copy attached to the signed minutes). He provided updates as follows:

- **Lights on Rocky Lane:** Legal proceedings had now been taken, and the Council was close to signing the adoption of the road.
- **Bolnore Pedestrian Crossing:** This was received well at the highways moderation meeting, and confirmation would be provided shortly as to whether this scheme would progress.
- **Traffic Regulation Orders:** All discussions had been completed regarding the Penland Road TRO, and this would be advertised shortly. The Northlands Avenue TRO was close to completion and would also be advertised soon.
- **Speed Control (A272 through Scaynes Hill):** The speed indicator device would be placed here in order to collect speed data for this area.

66. Resolved - That the Committee notes the written and verbal updates.

### **Prioritisation of Traffic Regulation Orders**

67. The Committee considered the Report by the Director of Highways and Transport and Head of Highways Operations that recommended that it agreed to progress the two highest scoring TRO priority from the list attached at Appendix A, subject to any adjustments made at the meeting and agreed to review any existing incomplete requests at the next round of CLC's.

68. The Highways Area Manager advised the Committee that in March 2016 a new process for the proposal and prioritisation of Traffic Regulation Orders (TROs) by County Local Committees (CLCs) had been implemented. The new process aimed to be clear, transparent and sustainable and aligned with County Council Policy and the future West Sussex operating model. The new process concerned non-complex TRO proposals. More complex TROs would be considered for progression as a highways improvement scheme and so fall outside the new process.

69. Resolved –that the Committee agrees to progress the two highest scoring TRO priorities from the list attached at Appendix A, those being:

- Bentswood Road
- Combination of Wealden Way, Lincoln Wood and Lucastes Lane

### **Community Initiative Funding**

70. The Committee considered a report by the Director of Law, Assurance and Strategy (copy attached to the signed minutes) which detailed applications for Community Initiative Funding.

71. The Committee debated the respective merits of the applications.

72. Resolved:- That the following applications be approved:

**1098/CMS** - Balcombe Cricket Club, £2,500.00, towards the pavilion redevelopment.

**1103/CMS** - Walking on Water - Exhibition and Festival, £2,500.00, towards publicity, training, sessions and external speakers.

## **Nominations and Appointments to School and Academy Governing Bodies**

73. The Committee considered a report by the Executive Director Care, Wellbeing and Education (copy attached to the signed minutes). The report included a list of the current vacancies for Local Authority Governors in the CLC area.

73. Resolved –That the Committee approves the following nominations under the 2012 Regulations: -

(1) Re-appointment:

- Ms L Mulcare to St Giles CE Primary School for a four year term.

### **Date of Next Meeting**

74. The Chairman confirmed that the next meeting of the Committee would be held on 7 March 2016 at a venue to be confirmed.

The meeting closed at 8.15pm

Chairman