

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

Central Mid Sussex County Local Committee

15 March 2016 – At a meeting of the Committee held at 7.00 pm at Haywards Heath Library, Haywards Heath.

Present: Mr Bradbury (Cuckfield and Lucastes) (Chairman), Mrs Field (Lindfield and High Weald), Mr Griffiths (Hurstpierpoint and Bolney), Mr Hillier (Haywards Heath East) and Mr Wickremaratchi (Haywards Heath Town).

In attendance: Rachel Allan (Democratic Services Officer), Gulu Sibanda (Principal Community Officer) and Richard Speller (Highways Area Manager).

Apologies for absence were received from Mr Acraman (Worth Forest).

Welcome and Introductions

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

Declarations of Interest

71. In accordance with the Members' Code of Conduct the following interests were declared: -

- Mr Hiller declared a prejudicial interest as Chair of Bentswood Community Partnership to Item 8, Community Initiative Funding, application 953/CMS.
- Mrs Field declared a personal interest as her husband is Chairman of West Sussex Scouts to Item 8, Community Initiative Funding, application 883/CMS.
- Mr Bradbury declared a personal interest as a Director of Sussex Learning Trust to Item 6, Progress Statement.

Minutes

72. Resolved – that the minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 15 December 2015 be approved as a correct record and that they be signed by the Chairman, subject to one amendment at Minute 68, that the hyphen be removed.

Urgent Matters

73. Members expressed concern regarding the reduction of the Number 30 bus route by the Sussex Bus Company in the Central Mid Sussex area, which would leave residents in some areas without a bus service. They added that this could have an impact on social isolation for some elderly residents and those with mobility issues.

74. Resolved – that the Democratic Services Officer contact Mike Pulfer, Chairman of Haywards Heath Transport Partnership, to request that a representative from Lindfield Parish Council attend the meeting of the Haywards Heath Better Transport Partnership on 22 March 2016.

'Talk with Us' Open Forum & Community Updates

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

- Mrs Field advised members that she had recently presented a plaque to St Peters and St James Hospice in regard to a Member's Big Society Fund that it had received to replace the heating system.
- Mr Hillier advised the Committee that two schools in his area would be expanding, namely Warden Park and Northlands Woods Primary School.
- Mr Wickremaratchi advised members of the commencement of Ashenground Community Partnership and its work.

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

- Chris Newton from Haywards Heath WI, thanked the Committee for funding towards making activity blankets for dementia patients and explained how the project was benefitting residents.
- Jane Plumb, from Group B Strep Support, thanked for the Committee for funding that purchased a printer, two computers and office equipment. She explained how this money had enabled the group to work with and develop more volunteers for the organisation.

77. The Chairman invited questions and comments from members of the public, which included: -

- A representative from Haywards Heath Town Council asked for an update on a resident's public consultation that was held over a year ago in reference to Queens Road, Haywards Heath. Richard Speller, Highways Area Manager, advised that the files in relation to the consultation were being forwarded to him, and that he would look at putting this through as an application for the new Integrated Work Programme process. He added that he would arrange for the speed indicator device to be placed in this area in order to gather relevant data.
- A resident asked the Committee for an update on the Franklynn Road resurfacing, and why the footpaths were not included as part of this. The Highways Area Manager explained that the current priority for funding was for carriageway resurfacing, but that he would examine how future asset management strategies could readdress this balance.
- A resident asked the Committee why the lights on Rocky Lane were not yet working. The Highways Area Manager explained that this was being dealt with by the contractor, and that the Council would not adopt the road until all outstanding issues had been completed to its satisfaction.
- A residents asked for an update on Ashenground Bridleway, in respect of the lights. The Highways Area Manager explained that the lights would be working soon, and that he would update members on the condition of the bridleway.
- A representative from Slaugham Parish Council asked the Committee for an update on the Section 106 monies that were required for the gateways and traffic calming measures in Slaugham. The Highways Area Manager

explained that the introduction of the new Integrated Work Programme (IWP) process would make this process easier, and that there was a meeting in the following week to examine how this be delivered through said process.

- A representative from Cuckfield Parish Council asked for an update on when the pavement would be rebuilt in Cuckfield High Street. The Highways Area Manager agreed to provide a written reply to the clerk of Cuckfield Parish Council with a provisional date.
- The Highways Area Manager confirmed to a resident that the TRO in relation to Fairfield Way had been added to the Penland Road TRO which was on the 2016/17 delivery programme.
- A resident raised concern on the damage to the verges on Fairfield Way. The Highways Area Manager advised that his team was working with contractors to ensure that this would not happen in the future and added that agreements were being put in place with contractors which would assist this.

Progress Statement

78. The Highways Area Manager introduced the progress statement following the December 2015 meeting (copy attached to the signed minutes). He provided updates as follows:

- HGVs travelling through Mid Sussex: The Committee noted that a petition had been received by West Sussex County Council from Lindfield Preservation Society on this matter.
- Schools Consultation: The Committee noted the correspondence received by the Cabinet Member for Education and Skills on this matter, but expressed disappointment that the question that related to schools data had not been answered.

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

Traffic Regulation Order Updates

80. The Highways Area Manager took the Committee through the Report. He advised that, following the major reorganisation of the Highways Department in 2015, the Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport had commissioned a review of the process for the assessment and implementation of TROs. As part of the review, an Executive Task and Finish Group (TFG) had been established by the Cabinet Member to review current arrangements and make recommendations on a future process.

81. The Cabinet Member had considered the recommendations, and the outcome of this review had been the creation of a new process for the proposal and prioritisation of TROs by County Local Committees that was clear, transparent and sustainable. The new process concerned non-complex TRO proposals. More complex TROs, as defined by criteria in this report, would be considered for progression as a highways improvement scheme and so fell outside the new process.

82. An update on the progress of the TROs that each CLC prioritised in 2014 and the outcome of assessments of those identified as needing more investigation in 2014 (previously known as Appendix B) was included at Appendix E and F. He

advised that the Central Mid Sussex County Local Committee had an allocation of two TRO per annum. He added that the new process would in place for 1 April 2016, and that the Central Mid Sussex CLC would be considering the 2017/18 potential TROs at its September 2016 meeting.

83. Members raised a number of points, including those that follow. They:

- Thanked the Highways Area Manager for the Colwell Road TRO which was working well.
- Advised that the new process had very clear criteria, which would lead to managing public expectation.
- Thanked Mr Hillier for chairing the Task and Finish Group which examined the new TRO process.
- Reminded residents that parish councils could also still fund TROs as part of the new process.
- Confirmed that the Committee wished the Northlands Road TRO to be its choice of traffic regulation order to be progressed.
- Clarified that the Highways Area Manager had visited Bellbridge Road in relation to the speeding issues. He advised that this TRO had been declined at the initial stage of the new TRO process, but that he would challenge this.

84. Resolved – that the report be noted and that the Northlands Road TRO would be the Committee's choice of traffic regulation order to be progressed.

Community Initiative Funding

85. 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.

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

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

837/CMS - Haywards Heath Horticultural Society, £375.00, to plant a scale replica of tank engine 'Haywards Heath'. The Committee could only support 75% of this project due to there being other projects that better fitted the CIF criteria.

882/CMS - Coro Nuovo, £1,500.00, towards the cost of music masterclasses, including marketing, venue hire and musician fees

883/CMS - 1st Balcombe Scout Group, £2,500.00, towards costs for the Building for Growth project

903/CMS - Ensemble Reza, £2,500.00, towards conductors and musicians' fees for the Ensemble Reza Community Project. The Committee noted this project would not be funded in future years.

932/CMS - Mid Sussex Older People's Council, £375.00, towards transport costs to take people to and from the Queen's 90th Birthday Afternoon Tea and Heritage Project.

933/CMS - Lindfield Arts Festival, £600.00, to cover graffiti project costs for the festival. The Committee were only able to part fund this application, due to the organisation having a healthy level of reserves and the lack of permanence of the art project.

953/CMS - Bentswood Community Partnership, £1,000.00, for improvements to the recreational area on Woodvale Lane. This award was made on the condition that it is investigated whether the grant received from public health funding can be used for this project instead of CIF monies. If the public health funding can be used for this project, the £1000 grant from CIF would not be awarded.

88. Resolved: - That the following applications be declined

946/CMS - Ardingly Living Streets, £2,500.00, towards costs for 6 Glasdon L shaped gateways. The Committee believed that this may be suitable for West Sussex County Council funding through the Integrated Works Programme.

89. The Committee confirmed that any remaining CIF monies would be carried over to the 2016/17 financial year. For the Central Mid Sussex County Local Committee, that would be a total of £5427.00.

Nominations and Appointments to School and Academy Governing Bodies

90. There were no nominations or vacancies for the Committee to consider.

Date of Next Meeting

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

The meeting closed at 9.10pm

Chairman