

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

2 December 2014 – At a meeting of the Committee held at 7.00 pm at Clair Hall, Haywards Heath.

Present: Mr Acraman (Worth Forest), 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).

### **Declarations of Interest**

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

- Mr Bradbury as a Mid Sussex District Councillor and as a member and organiser of Mid Sussex Science Week, in relation to CIF application 461/CMS (Haywards Heath Town Community Interest Company)
- Mrs Field as Chairman of the West Sussex Health and Wellbeing Board and Cabinet Member for Community Wellbeing
- Mr Hillier as a Haywards Heath Town Councillor in relation to the Transport Study Working Group
- Mr Wickremaratchi as a Haywards Heath Town Councillor in relation to the Transport Study Working Group

### **Central Mid Sussex Facebook Page**

47. The Chairman explained that a new Central Mid Sussex Facebook Page had been set up – Central Mid Sussex – Talk With Us. He advised that the aim of the page was to engage more members of the community and provide residents with the opportunity to have conversations over local concerns in the Central Mid Sussex area. The page will also provide information on the County Council's local and countywide projects, publicise upcoming meetings of the CLC and promote the Community Initiative Fund (CIF). The CLC Facebook page could be found via the following link: [www.facebook.com/CentralMidSussexTalkwithUs](http://www.facebook.com/CentralMidSussexTalkwithUs)

### **Minutes**

48. Resolved – that the minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 17 June 2014 be approved as a correct record and that they be signed by the Chairman.

### **Urgent Matters**

49. None.

### **'Talk with Us' Open Forum**

50. The Chairman invited members to provide updates on recent and upcoming items of interest within their divisions: -

- Mr Wickremaratchi (member for Haywards Heath Town) confirmed that the Ashenground Community Partnership had been set up to help the residents of

Ashenground Ward – he confirmed that work was due to start at the end of January.

- Mr Hillier (member for Haywards Heath East) reported that the Traffic Regulation Order to amend the speed limits on Lewes Road (A272) to the east of the roundabout at the junction with the Haywards Heath Relief Road had been implemented. He also advised that the Foxhill Residents Association continued to work to reduce speeds and made a plea for any help with the delivering of leaflets.
- Mr Griffiths (member for Hurstpierpoint and Bolney) commended the Accident and Emergency department at the Princess Royal Hospital in Haywards Heath following a recent visit.
- Mr Bradbury (member for Cuckfield and Lucastes) reported on the Building Heroes charity in Cuckfield. A number of visits had been made by Parish Councillors and other local organisations that were very engaged and supportive of the charity. Several very successful assessment courses had been run for ex-service leavers and unemployed young people with a guarantee of employment at the end. The January course was already full.
- Mr Bradbury also acknowledged receipt of a letter from Haywards Heath Town Council concerning Real Time Information Systems asking the Committee to give consideration to allocating further funds to help roll out the proposed second phase of the project to help link up the network already in place for those coming into the Town Centre. It was agreed that this request would be included on the Community Issues List.

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

- Mr Sparkes, representing the Cuckfield Holy Trinity Residents' Association, addressed the Committee regarding a proposal to reduce the speed of traffic entering and leaving the village of Cuckfield in the Conservation Area in the south of Cuckfield in order to increase road safety and to reduce traffic noise. Unlike other routes from the village there are no speed restrictions on the road leading into and leaving the village. The request was for a 30mph limit extended along the line of street lamps between the entrance of Church Platt and Newbury Lane and the entrance of Cuckfield Park, with 30mph signs and 30mph roundels on the road. The Chairman advised that the request had been previously discussed. The Committee agreed to include it on the Community Issues List.

## **Progress Statement**

52. The Committee considered the statement of progress following the September 2014 meeting and the Infrastructure Plan and 2013/14 Community Issues List (copy appended to the signed minutes).

53. The Chairman invited Mr Brewerton, representing the Warninglid Residents' Society to address the Committee. Mr Brewerton tabled a presentation (copy attached to the signed minutes). He highlighted that a Speedwatch team had been active for over five years monitoring the speeds of traffic on Cuckfield Lane and had identified persistent offences. There was a long straight approach to and through the village and narrow or no footpaths. A results of a local residents survey showed that 94% were in support of introducing traffic calming measures and there was also strong support from businesses and the police. The presentation set out a list of

conclusions and priorities. The local member, Mr Griffiths confirmed his support for the request and echoed concerns about the Hollingbury Court exit. Another member questioned why the Police were not able to carry out speed checks to enforce the 30mph speed limit already in place. The Committee agreed to include the request on its Community Issues List and to seek further advice.

54. The Principal Community Officer provided an update on the Oathall Road Roundabout Scheme. She advised that the Highways Department were looking at ways to progress the scheme through the Capital Programme. The data would be analysed and would hopefully identify the need for a traffic light scheme.

55. Mr Griffiths (member for Hurstpierpoint and Bolney) commented in relation to the response from the Cabinet Member for Education and Skills on the Schools Expansion Consultation. He was pleased to see the comment that local members would be consulted more consistently in future. He also reported on the recent Member Day on School Governance & School Place Planning in West Sussex and was very encouraged by data developments, for example, the Public Health data could now predict the number of children with special needs associated with housing developments. Mrs Field (member for Lindfield and High Weald) commented that Public Health and Pupil Admissions were not linked up and would in future be working together to plan school places. The Chairman advised that he had arranged to meet with officers to discuss the Schools Expansion Consultation in more detail.

56. Members queried the progress of a number of schemes, including those that follow:-

#### Community Issues List

- Newlands, Balcombe (1) - Mr Acraman (member for Worth Forest) advised that National Rail had agreed to reduce the car parking charges at Balcombe Station.
- Cycles Routes, Haywards Heath (7) – The member for Haywards Heath East) requested that the wording be amended regarding the group set up by Haywards Heath Town Council to reflect that one of the priorities of the group was to look at cycle routes.
- Church Road Pedestrian Crossing, Haywards Heath (14) – Mr Wickremaratchi (member for Haywards Heath Town) requested an update on the scheme. The Principal Community Officer confirmed that Section 106 funding was available, however, the crossing would cost more than was available and therefore, the funding needed to be looked into further.

#### **NHS Health and Wellbeing Services**

#### **Five Communities Plan**

57. The Committee received a presentation from Sue Braysher, Chief Officer for the Horsham and Mid Sussex Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) (copy attached to the signed minutes). The Five Communities Plan brings together the early work outlined in more detail within NHS Crawley and NHS Horsham and Mid Sussex CCGs'

Strategic Service Development Plans. It sets out a vision for the future of local NHS care and health and wellbeing services, including services provided in GP Practices and the community and NHS buildings.

58. Ms. Braysher confirmed that the Horsham and Mid Sussex CCG covered 23 GP practices. The Five Communities plan was in conjunction with the Crawley CCG and therefore covered the communities of Horsham, Crawley, East Grinstead, Haywards Heath and Burgess Hill. She advised that a number of leaflets/brochures had been made available for anyone attending the meeting and also directed people to the Five Communities website: <http://www.5communitieswestsussex.nhs.uk/#>

59. Following the presentation a number of issues were discussed including those set out below:

- Asked about plans for mental health services. Ms. Braysher responded that it was not just about the NHS but other costs of people being unwell. She advised that mental health was a top topic coming out of discussions and that a lot of work was happening around commissioning to improve access and to meet national targets. She advised that £150million was earmarked for mental health from the additional £2billion announced by central government. Mrs Field (member for Lindfield and High Weald and Cabinet Member for Community Wellbeing) added that the West Sussex Health and Wellbeing Board were putting emphasis on mental health and wellbeing.
- Suggested that a fresh approach was required focussing on desired outcomes. Ms. Braysher responded that what was needed was an informative, honest conversation at the point of consultation with information provided to support decision making by the patient and ensuring that services were accessible to all.
- Expressed concern about PRH patients having to travel to Brighton to access aftercare services. Ms. Braysher responded that it was important to see local services accessible and there was a need to invest in local community services using local estates which was part of the 3T's programme being implemented by the Brighton and Sussex University Hospitals NHS Trust. However for some specialist services better outcomes result from centralised services e.g. trauma, stroke and heart attack. For these services ideally patients could be transferred back into local services after their acute episode of care.

60. The Chairman thanked Sue Braysher for her presentation.

### **Brighton and Sussex University Hospitals NHS Trust – For information only**

61. The Committee received a presentation from Dr Jonathan Andrews, Consultant Anaesthetist and Lead for Major Trauma Site Reconfiguration, Brighton and Sussex University Hospitals NHS Trust (copy attached to the signed minutes).

62. Following the presentation a number of issues were discussed including those set out below: -

- Asked about plans for Princess Royal Hospital (PRH) in Haywards Heath. Dr Andrews advised that the PRH was a major hub for elective surgery, there was a need to provide Accident and Emergency and acute medical services with PRH becoming more a community facing hospital. It was hoped that the scope of Outpatients at PRH could be extended, but a balance was needed

between speed of access and sub-specialisation. He confirmed that Neurosciences was due to relocate to Brighton in the spring in order to create space to move other services to PRH.

- Members commented that car parking in Brighton needed to be addressed.

63. The Chairman thanked Dr Andrews for his presentation.

### **Release of Section 106 Funding**

64. The Committee considered a briefing note (copy attached to the signed minutes) that advised on the proposed release of section 106 funding to provide a contribution to the purchase of a new community bus in the Parish of Slaugham and a contribution to the resurfacing of Dukes Road in the Parish of Lindfield. The Committee was invited to confirm its support for the allocation of funding prior to agreement by the Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport to allocate the funds.

65. That the Committee confirmed its support for the allocation of £43,883 towards the purchase of a new community bus in the Parish of Slaugham and £80,000 towards the resurfacing of Dukes Road in Lindfield,

### **Haywards Heath Transport Study Working Group**

66. Mr Hillier, Chairman of the Working Group provided a verbal update on progress to date. He advised that a public consultation was taking place that afternoon/evening at Clair Hall, Haywards Heath, to provide an opportunity for local people to help shape plans for the Town Centre, improve how it looked, improve the transport links, improve cycle and pedestrian routes. Stakeholders had met in October and had come up with issue faced by the town which had formed the basis of the exhibition/public consultation held that day. He advised that an online survey was available on social media and in the press and would stay open. The Contractor WS Atkins plc. was now starting work on possible solutions and it was expected that proposals would be ready in late February/early March 2015 which would be shared with the public/stakeholders.

### **Community Initiative Funding**

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

68. The Chairman declared a prejudicial interest in application 461/CMS (Haywards Heath Town Team CIC). Mr Griffiths took the chair and Mr Bradbury left the room.

69. The Committee considered application 461/CMS Haywards Heath Town Team CIC. The Committee debated the respective merits of the project for which funding was sought.

70. Resolved – That the following award be made:

- **461/CMS** Haywards Heath Town Team CIC, £2,500 towards the costs of the Mid Sussex Science Week 2015.

71. Mr Bradbury returned to the chair. The Committee debated the merits of application 463/CMS The Rawson Hall.

72. Resolved – That the following award be made:

- **463/CMS** The Rawson Hall, £2,500 towards the cost of soft furnishings for the new village hall.

73. The balance of CIF funds remaining for the 2014/15 financial year is £15,454.00.

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

74. The Committee noted the current vacancies for governors to schools in the Central Mid Sussex area (copy attached to the signed minutes). There were no appointments or reappointments for consideration by the Committee.

### **Date of Next Meeting**

75. The Chairman confirmed that the next meeting of the Committee would be held on Tuesday 10 March 2015 at a venue to be confirmed.

The meeting closed at 8.52pm