

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

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

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

Present: Mrs Field (Lindfield and High Weald) (Chairman for this meeting), Mr Acraman (Worth Forest), Mr Hillier (Haywards Heath East) and Mr Wickremaratchi (Haywards Heath Town).

In attendance: Rachel Allan (Democratic Services Officer) and Richard Speller (Highways Area Manager).

Apologies for absence were received from Mr Bradbury (Cuckfield and Lucastes) and Mr Griffiths (Hurstpierpoint and Bolney).

### **Election of Chairman**

1. Resolved – That Mr Bradbury is elected as Chairman of the Central Mid Sussex County Local Committee for the 2016/17 municipal year. As Mr Bradbury has sent apologies for this meeting, Mrs Field will take the role as Chairman for this meeting.

### **Welcome and Introductions**

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

3. The Chairman presented a leaflet to the Committee and members of the public which set out the West Sussex joint commitment to over 84000 family and friends carers 2015-20. She explained that if carers were concerned about their caring roles and responsibilities, they should contact their GP or Carers Support West Sussex, details of which were in the leaflet.

### **Declarations of Interest**

4. There were no declarations of interest.

### **Minutes**

5. Resolved – that the minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 15 March 2016 be approved as a correct record and that they be signed by the Chairman.

### **Urgent Matters**

6. There were no urgent matters.

### **Central Sussex College**

7. The Chairman advised the Committee of the current situation regarding Central Sussex College. She explained that Post 16 education in mainstream

schools, sixth form and colleges of further education was funded directly by the government and that local authorities had no financial responsibility for such provision. She added that the reason given for closure was the debt position, but the Principal of Central Sussex had also stated that there was 'over supply' of A Level provision in Haywards Heath and that students had been choosing to travel out of the area for some years. West Sussex County Council and Central Sussex had assisted students to find alternative places and organised a drop in event at which Colleges with spaces and students could meet.

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

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

- A representative from Horsham and Mid Sussex Voluntary Action advised members that the information on the Council's website regarding the Members Big Society Fund was out of date, and questioned whether the fund was still going ahead. *Action: Democratic Services Officer to contact the relevant officer to ensure the website is updated, and to contact Horsham and Mid Sussex Voluntary Action with information about upcoming funds and deadlines.*
- A member of the public questioned the County Council's policy for the removal of weeds on pavements, as officers had been seen removing weeds which had led to a concern for consistency. The Highways Area Manager advised that the Council employed Haywards Heath Town Council to undertake this work, and that two sprays were undertaken per year to ensure the removal of weeds. He added that this was reliant on weather conditions, and a log was kept therefore it would be noted if the work was not able to be completed due to weather.
- A member of the public asked for clarification on the Haywards Heath Transport Study, and its link to the Integrated Works Programme new policy. The Highways Area Manager advised that the Council will look to the Integrated Works Programme and liaise with Mid Sussex District Council to analyse what can reasonably be expected.
- A member of the public asked if the two year restriction on the IWP policy applied if the scheme was funded outside of the Council. The Highways Area Manager confirmed that it did not.

### **Progress Statement**

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

- **Traffic Calming in Ardingly:** Members of the public requested that the Council was transparent and consistent in its approach to traffic calming measures and that all local factors should be seen to be taken into account. It was also asked that the 'Approval in Principle' given in August 2013 for traffic calming in Ardingly was endorsed unless there was clear evidence and justification for withdrawing that approval. The Highways Area Manager explained that re-organisation at the Council had halted this work, and highlighted the liability issues in relation to traffic calming schemes. He

added that officers had met with the Parish Council to look at a costed scheme. *Action: That the Highways Area Manager circulate to members and the residents in question the current proposals of what has been discussed. In addition, to arrange a meeting with the local member, Parish Council and the residents who raised the question to take this forward.*

- **Traffic Regulation Orders:** The Highways Area Manager updated members on current traffic regulation orders for this area. He advised that he was meeting residents regarding Fairfield Road to discuss this further. He added that other roads had been added to the Penland Road TRO, and that there would be an explanation provided to residents regarding how this would work. *Action: That the Highways Area Manager discuss the Penland Road TRO with the local member.*
- **Number 30 Bus:** Members were grateful to Haywards Heath Better Transport Partnership for their work on this issue. The member for Lindfield and High Weald advised that a letter from her would be written to the bus company setting out her concerns.
- **Queen's Road, Haywards Heath:** The Highways Area Manager confirmed that the speed indicator device had been placed on Queen's Road twice, and would be returning shortly.
- **Lights on Rocky Lane:** The Member for Haywards Heath East reported that UK Power Networks had been on site repairing the lights on the previous evening, and he agreed to provide an update on this to a future meeting of the Committee.
- **Ashenground Bridleway:** The voltage on the lights had been changed, therefore this issue has been rectified.
- **Slaugham Traffic Calming:** A meeting had taken place, and the final bid was currently being drawn up.
- **Pavement in Cuckfield High Street:** The Highways Area Manager advised that the barriers had been moved back, and that work would commence in July 2016.
- **Operation Watershed:** The Chairman explained how Operation Watershed worked, and advised that it was now open for applications.

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

### **Community Initiative Funding**

11. 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.

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

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

**986/CMS-** Haywards Heath Prostate Cancer Support Group, £419.97, to purchase an ASUS Transformer Book laptop and IT software.

**999/CMS** - Horsted Keynes Conservation Group, £650.00, towards the purchase of a self-propelled strimmer

14. Resolved: - That the following application be deferred:

**979/CMS-** Reaching Families, £2,379.00, to provide a Lexmark printer and other office supplies. £297.38 was requested from Central Mid Sussex CLC. (£297.38 was also requested from the following CLCs : Adur, Worthing, North Mid Sussex, South Chichester, North Horsham, East and West Crawley). The Committee felt that the printer in question was expensive to purchase, run and maintain, and requested that the organisation re-examined the printer market to see if there was a more economical option.

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

15. 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).

16. Resolved – That the Committee approves the following nomination under the 2012 Regulations: -

(1) Re-appointments:

- Mr S Boyling to Oathall CC for a four year term.

### **Date of Next Meeting**

17. The Chairman confirmed that the next meeting of the Committee would be held on 13 September 2016 at a venue to be confirmed.

The meeting closed at 8.10pm

Chairman