

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

10 March 2015 – At a meeting of the Committee held at 7.00 pm at Haywards Heath Library.

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).

Apologies were received from Mr Wickremaratchi (Haywards Heath Town).

### **Declarations of Interest**

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

- Mr Bradbury as a Director of Warden Park Academy Trust in relation to Agenda Item No. 8 (Application No. 607/CMS).
- Mr Hillier as a Haywards Heath Town Councillor in relation to the Transport Study Working Group in relation to Agenda Item No. 6 and as Chairman of Bentswood Partnership in Haywards Heath.
- Mr Griffiths declared a personal interest as a member of the Chichester Diocesan Synod in relation to Agenda Item No. 8 (Application No. 614/CMS).

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

77. 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**

78. Resolved – that the minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 2 December 2014 be approved as a correct record and that they be signed by the Chairman.

### **Urgent Matters**

79. The Chairman advised that there were two omissions in Appendix A of Agenda Item No. 7 (Community Initiative Funding). He confirmed that the following additional applications would be considered under Agenda Item No. 7:-

- 554/CMS, Haywards Heath Community CIC, £2,500.00, costs associated with Lanterns for the Winter Festival Street Procession.
- 607/CMS, IMPACT Foundation, £1,566.00, equipment and training for "get cooking courses".

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

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

- Mrs Field (member for Lindfield and High Weald) was pleased to report that the resurfacing of Dukes Road in the Parish of Lindfield would be taking place the following week.
- Mr Bradbury provided an update on the Haywards Heath Station Regeneration project, Perrymount Road, Clair Road and Market Place. He advised that future phases of highway work associated with the project would include: -
  - New bus layby and footway construction on Perrymount Road – June to July 2015
  - New footway construction and kerbing to station entrance Market Place – February – June 2016.
  - Signal controlled pedestrian crossing with new surfacing on Perrymount Road - August to October 2016
  - Reconstruction / resurfacing of Clair Road – August to October 2016
  - Construct new layby drop off point on Market Place – August – October 2016.

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

- A Haywards Heath resident spoke in relation to the positioning of the 30mph terminal signs on Valebridge Road and the presence of a system of street lighting to the north of them. The Chairman advised the meeting that a written question had been submitted in advance of the meeting and that the Traffic Engineering Team had been contacted to ask for a response. He advised that there were three options for the County Council to make it legally correct:
  - To make a de-restriction speed limit order on the section of Valebridge Road from the existing speed limit terminal signs to the last of the street lights.
  - To remove the street lights.
  - To move the 30mph speed limit terminal signs northwards so that they are located at or near to the last street light.

The Chairman supported option 3 to move the 30mph speed limit terminal signs northwards so that they were located at or near to the last street light and agreed to initially ask the Traffic Engineering Team to provide some further information/recommendations for the next CLC meeting in June. It was explained that the resident would need to evidence local member and community support for the request to progress on to the Committee's Community Issues List.

- A Lindfield resident raised a request to apply for a Traffic Regulation Order to protect the heritage of Lindfield from Heavy Goods Vehicles (HGVs) by restricting HGVs through the village (width and weight restriction) on the

B2111 (Lewes Road) and B2028 (High Street). A written submission had been circulated to members of the Committee in advance of the meeting. The resident said he hoped that the County Council would actively participate in producing a positive result for the local transport study. Mr Griffiths (local member for Hurstpierpoint and Bolney) suggested that to include the proposal in the Neighbourhood Plan would make a significant difference. Mrs Field (local member for Lindfield and High Weald) advised that as a result of the written submission some further research had been undertaken particularly with regard to the approved development at Fletching, East Sussex. It had come to light that Planning consent had been issued by Wealden District Council regarding the development at Fletching which restricted freight and materials movements along the A275 through Danehill to Forest Row. This had been done without consultation with either East or West Sussex Highways Authorities. Members made the point that this was not an issue solely for Lindfield and that other villages across the County were also affected by HGVs. The Chairman advised that the first step would be to evidence support of the local member, local community and Parish Council. The next step would be for the project to be included on the Committee's Community Issues List for possible progression as a future Infrastructure Planning priority. The scheme could then only be progressed once a reasonable source of funding was found.

- A Haywards Heath resident asked why the subway entrance to Haywards Heath Station was due to be blocked up on 23 March and asked the Committee to make a plea to the developer that this didn't happen as it would affect people unable to use the stairways. The local member for Haywards Heath East suggested that it would be closed on Health and Safety grounds but agreed to contact the developer to find out why it was necessary.
- The Chairman of Cuckfield Parish Council's Roads and Traffic Committee advised that the Parish Council was planning to present the findings of work by a Traffic consultant employed by them to the next meeting of the County Local Committee on proposals for the extension of a 30mph limit from Church Platt down to Cuckfield Park.

### **Haywards Heath Transport Study Working Group – Stage One Update**

82. The Committee had before it an information report by the Planning and Policy Assistant Planner (copy appended to the signed minutes).

83. Mr Hillier, Chairman of the Haywards Heath Transport Study Working Group provided a presentation (copy appended to the signed minutes) on Stage One of the project. The presentation included an overview of the results of the stakeholder engagement and public consultation and that these were being used to inform the generation and appraisal of options to create a preferred package of options. The options were due to be presented at a further stakeholder workshop planned on 17 March.

84. The next steps were for the draft study report to be published and recommendations to be presented to County Local Committee in June. There would be a range of designs and costs associated with these. This would provide Haywards Heath Town Council and the County Council with a clear list of priorities/projects for which funding would need to be found.

85. The Committee discussed the report. Chairman thanked Mr Hillier for his presentation and for his hard work and commitment

86. The Committee noted the report and presentation.

### **Stopping Up Rocky Lane, Haywards Heath**

86. The Committee considered a report by the Executive Director Residents Services and Director of Strategic Planning and Place (copy appended to the signed minutes).

87. The Chairman introduced the report and advised that the Haywards Heath Relief Road had been built in sections over a number of years. The final section, Stage 5, had recently been completed which consisted of works in Rocky Lane, a new railway bridge and the realignment of part of Rocky Lane. A section of Rocky Lane was no longer required as it had been bypassed by the new road. The old road alignment was severed by the new road, which was in a cutting. The embankments were too steep for safe use by walkers, cyclists, equestrians or motorists. The road surface had been removed and it was otherwise unsuitable for highway use.

88. The Committee discussed the report.

89. Resolved – That the Committee agrees to authorise the Director of Law, Assurance and Strategy to make an application to the Magistrates Court to Stop Up the part of the public highway as shown in Appendix A.

### **Community Initiative Funding**

90. 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.

91. The Committee debated the respective merits of each application.

92. Resolved: -

a) That the following awards are made:

**554/CMS**, Haywards Heath Community CIC, £2,500.00, costs associated with Lanterns for the Winter Festival Street Procession.

**564/CMS**, Group B Strep Support, £2,500.00 to purchase a printer, two computers and office furniture.

**592/CMS**, Ardingly Community Allotments, £2,500.00 for fencing and a water supply.

**607/CMS**, IMPACT Foundation, £1,566.00, equipment and training for "get cooking courses".

**624/CMS**, Ansty Village Hall Trust, £600.00 to purchase half-length folding tables.

b) The following applications are declined:

**499/CMS**, The Hanover Band Foundation, £261.43.00 as the Committee considered that West Sussex Music instrument library could be accessed free of charge by all young people in the county and also the application was not specific to the Central Mid Sussex CLC area.

**547/CMS**, Horsham and Mid Sussex Voluntary Action, £2,000 towards website design and IT & Communications infrastructure as the Committee considered it was not an appropriate application for the Community Initiative Fund as this was a large organisation covering five CLC areas. The Committee agreed to assist the applicant with information on alternative funding streams.

**581/CMS**, St Peter & St James, £5,000.00 towards purchasing a placement boiler as the Committee considered it was not an appropriate application for the CIF fund. The Committee agreed to assist the applicant with an application to the Members' Big Society Fund (MBSF). Post meeting note: An application to the MBSF has now been received.

**614/CMS**, Cuckfield Family Support, £2,000.00 staff costs for a family support worker as the Committee considered that it was not a sustainable way of funding the post. The Committee directed the applicant to the County Council's Prevention and Wellbeing Grant scheme.

c) That the following application was deferred to be considered by the Committee at its next meeting on 23 June 2015:

**566/CMS**, Fox Hill Association, £2,500.00 to purchase a Vehicle Activated Speed sign.

d) That the following application was withdrawn as funding has already been secured from the County Council's Highways Budget.

**559/CMS**, Horsted Keynes Twinning Association.

e) That the following funds to be transferred back into central West Sussex County Council funds:

£5,000.

f) The remaining funds of £1,688 to be awarded to the Haywards Heath Foodbank.

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

93. The Committee considered a report by the Executive Director Care, Wellbeing and Education (copy appended to signed minutes).

94. Resolved –That the Committee makes the following appointment under the 2007 Regulations:

- Mr P Ramsbottom to Blackthorns Community Primary School for a four year term.

### **Date of Next Meeting**

95. The Chairman confirmed that the next meeting of the Committee would be held on Tuesday 23 June 2015 at a venue to be confirmed.

The meeting closed at 8.50pm