

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

24<sup>th</sup> May 2011 – At a meeting of the Committee held at 7.00 pm at Haywards Heath Library, 34 Boltro Road, Haywards Heath, RH16 1BN.

Present: Mr B Acraman, Mr P Bradbury (Chairman), Mrs C Field (Vice Chairman), Mr P Griffiths (arrived at 7.40pm) and Mrs A Hall.

### **Chairman's Welcome**

1. The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting and noted apologies from Brian Hall, Member for Haywards Heath Town. It was also noted that Peter Griffiths would be late. Attending officers were Monique Smart, Democratic Services Officer and Chris Stark, Traffic Engineering Manager. The Chairman informed the Committee that following a reorganisation of staffing, Monique Smart had taken over from Suzanne Thompson. The Committee all agreed that Suzanne had provided fantastic support and wished her well in her new role.

2. Letters of thanks had been received from Age UK, Mid Sussex Council for Voluntary Service and Lindfield Arts Festival for Community Initiative Funding they had received.

### **Election of Chairman**

3. Resolved that the Chairman for the municipal year 2011/12 be Pete Bradbury and the Vice Chairman be Christine Field.

### **Declarations of Interest**

4. Peter Bradbury declared an interest as a Member of Ansty Cricket Club in relation to CIF application 1530/CMS.

### **Minutes**

5. Resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> February 2011 be approved as a correct record and that they be signed by the Chairman.

### **Progress Statement**

6. Pete Bradbury confirmed that he would be attending a meeting about London Lane crossing later this week.

### **Proposed Market on The Broadway, Haywards Heath**

7. The Chairman introduced the report by Director for Communities and Infrastructure (copy appended to the signed minutes). The Chairman pointed out that the wording on the report recommendation should read The Broadway and not the Boulevard.

8. Chris Stark gave a brief explanation of the proposed Experimental Traffic Regulation Order and recommended this as the best way forward to 'test' the closure of the road for the purpose of the market. He explained that the first six months of the 18 month experimental order would be open for public consultation

and then a review of the consultation would be brought to the CLC for consideration.

9. The Chairman noted that he had received an email of support from Haywards Heath Town Council. Also present at the meeting was John de Mierre, Cabinet Member for Economic Development at Mid Sussex District Council. Mr de Mierre spoke in favour of the market and stated that he hoped the County Council would approve this Experimental Order.

10. All Members present then spoke in favour of the Experimental Order.

11. Resolved that the Committee authorise the Head of Legal and Democratic Services to advertise and make an experimental Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) along The Broadway under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 for a period of up to 18 months to introduce

- 1) No waiting Saturday 8am – 3pm
- 2) Waiting limited to 2hrs no return within 1hr 8am – 6pm Monday – Friday
- 3) No vehicles except for access Saturday 8am – 3pm

### **Proposed Speed Limit, Ardingly**

12. The Chairman introduced the report by Director for Communities and Infrastructure (copy appended to the signed minutes) and asked Chris Stark to give some background to the proposal.

13. Chris Stark explained that following the CLCs agreement to progress this TRO and then further investigation, it was proposed that a 40mph limit be consulted upon. This consultation resulted in 12 letters of support and three objections as detailed in the report appendix.

14. The Chairman invited questions and comments; responses were:

- Ardingly Parish Council spoke in support of the proposal.
- If approved this could be reviewed in the future. Areas of concern that people felt could be reviewed where the speed itself and whether a 50mph or 30mph limit would be more appropriate. Also whether the length of road proposed could be reconsidered. The Chairman agreed that this could all be reviewed if required after a certain period of implementation.

15. Resolved that that the Head of Legal and Democratic Services be authorised to make the Traffic Regulation Order as advertised.

### **Community Initiative Funding (CIF)**

Peter Griffiths arrived at 7.40pm.

16. The Committee considered the new applications for CIF outlined in the report by the Head of Legal and Democratic Services (copy appended to the signed minutes). The Committee awarded funding based on the merits of each bid.

17. Resolved that the Committee approved the following applications for funding:

- 1545/CMS, Ardingly Parish Council, £2,500.00 requested to pay for a feasibility study for a potential refurbishment of the pavilion. £750.00 Granted
- 1575/CMS Speak-Up Campaign, £1,000.00 requested towards set-up costs and equipment for the 'Thumbs Up' campaign. £1,000.00 Granted.
- 1617/CMS Wildlife Rescue & Protection Group, £170.00 requested towards the purchase of equipment/materials. £170.00 Granted. (note: The report stated that £160.00 was requested but this was an error the application form stated £170.00 and members agreed £170.00)
- 1619/CMS British Red Cross, £2,000.00 requested for the purchase of various items of equipment. £1600.00 Granted.

At the same meeting the Members considered and deferred the following application for Community Initiative Funding:

- 1530/CMS Ansty Sport & Social Club, £3,000 requested towards boundary extension and installation of artificial cricket wicket for Colts. Deferred as Members requested more detailed information regarding the project and a clear break down of costs.

At the same meeting the Members considered and declined the following applications for Community Initiative Funding:

- 1546/CMS, Mid Sussex Branch of the Royal Sussex Regt. Assoc. £600 requested towards the costs of a coach outing to the Imperial War Museum, London. Declined as Members felt this did not meet the criteria for CIF.

### **Appointment of Local Authority School Governors**

18. The Committee considered the report by the Director Operations Learning which explained the criteria for appointment to school governing bodies and listed proposed nominations (copy appended to the signed minutes).

19. Resolved that the Committee approved the following appointments and reappointments:

- Appointments: Mr David Anning to Lindfield Primary School for 4 years
- Reappointments: Mr P Bradbury to St Marks CE Primary School for 4 years

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

20. The Chairman invited comments and questions from residents. In the discussion that followed, a number of points were raised, which included those set out below:

- Residents of Wellswood, Haywards Heath, expressed disappointment that the TRO priorities would not be decided until the next CLC meeting. The Chairman explained that he had asked for the TRO priority list to be reviewed

and rescored and Wellswood would be part of this review. The Chairman also confirmed that an initial assessment of Wellswood had not scored well.

- Rodney Saunders, Balcombe Parish Council resolved to seek two TROs, one in respect of speed limits on the B2036 north of the village, and the other in respect of a "Stop" sign at the village centre. It was agreed that the speed limit would be considered alongside the other TROs at the next meeting. It was explained that the 'stop sign' was not a TRO but something that would require the authority of the Secretary of State. Chris Stark would explain the details after the meeting.
- A resident, Brian High, asked why the temporary 30 mph limit signage on Fox Hill, Haywards Heath had not been erected when the TRO had been approved. Chris Stark agreed to follow this up after the meeting and let Mr High know the outcome. Mr High also expressed concern about the lack of response he had received when telephoning the Council to chase this up. The Chairman asked him to forward the details of his contact with the Council to Monique Smart.
- A resident stated that the illuminated path lights in Ashenground woods bridleway were on during the day. He also stated that the overgrowth on this pathway needed maintaining. Mr Acraman stated that this would be cleared on a 9 monthly cycle and suggested the resident contacted Jonathan Perks in Rights of Way to find out when the next cycle was due. With regard to the lighting it was suggested the resident contact the District Council as it was their responsibility.
- It was suggested that a pedestrian crossing was needed in the one way system at the rear of Haywards Heath railway station, and that the street lighting there was poor. Chris Stark was aware of this site and a feasibility study is due to be undertaken by the Traffic Signals Team. If identified as suitable to progress it would be added to the works programme. He also added that the new street lighting contract for the County would mean that new lighting would be considered for this location in due course. Chris also agreed to look at any foliage that was covering the current lighting.
- A resident of Wellswood expressed frustration about the amount of time it was taking for the Council to respond to a request to shield part of a street light directly outside her home.
- A resident stated that no parking wardens seemed to patrol Colwell Road and parking was causing a hazard. The Chairman requested that John de Mierre from Mid Sussex District Council take this forward.

### **Date of Next Meeting**

21. The Committee noted that its next scheduled meeting would take place on 8<sup>th</sup> September 2011 at a venue to be confirmed.

The meeting closed at 8.45pm

Chairman