

Central Mid Sussex County Local Committee

22 May 2012– At a meeting of the Committee held at 7.00 pm at Balcombe Victory Hall.

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

Chairman's Welcome

1. The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting, introduced members and officers and invited those attending to introduce themselves. Attending officers were Monique Smart, Democratic Services Officer, Elaine Hendren, Principal Community Officer and Sally Moir, Commissioning Manager.

Election of Chairman

2. Resolved that the Chairman for the municipal year 2012/13 be Pete Bradbury and the Vice Chairman be Christine Field.

Declarations of Interest

3. None

Minutes

4. Resolved that the minutes of the meetings held on 9 February 2012 be approved as a correct record and that they be signed by the Chairman.

Urgent Matters

5. The Chairman informed the Committee that two Authority Governor re-appointments have been omitted from the published report and that he had agreed to add them to the decisions this evening. They were for:

- Mr Haws to Oathall Community College for a further 4 years.
- Mr SW Boyling to Oathall Community College for a further 4 years.

The formal decision for these additional appointments would be dealt with at agenda item 11.

6. The Chairman stated that he was not happy with taking late applications and as this was no fault of the applicant had agreed to do so on this occasion.

Progress Statement

7. The Committee had before it a progress statement on matters arising from the previous meeting and statements of progress on other issues pertinent to Central Mid Sussex (copy appended to the signed minutes).

8. Concerns about street Lighting in Wellswood were raised again. A resident stated that the situation was still not acceptable. The Chairman asked the local

Member, Brian Hall, to work with the residents and suggested they write to the Cabinet Member responsible stating that the new lighting is not appropriate for all areas.

9. In relation to Haywards Heath Market, The Chairman confirmed that the market would no longer take place on the Broadway and therefore the temporary Traffic Regulation Order was no longer needed. On the advice of the County Legal Officer, The Chairman confirmed that this could be rescinded if the Local Member and the Chairman of the CLC were in agreement. This was agreed by all Members of the CLC.

10. It was confirmed that Hurstwood Lane was now closed off. The Chairman and the local Member, Anne Hall, had attended a number of local meetings about this and agreed that this was the least worst option.

11. Elaine Hendren updated Members about current Traffic Regulation Orders (TRO's). She confirmed that Gander Hill was about to go out to formal advert, Fox Hill had been implemented and Balcombe Road was with the contractor and being progressed for consultation. The Chairman did confirm that the backlog of TROs was being progressed and that the Committee would consider TRO's for 2013/14 at its meeting in December

12. A request was made by the Foxhill Association for 40mph reminder signs to be put up. They stated that from Brighton there are 30mph signs but the 40mph signs have been removed. Elaine agreed to look into this.

Prevention & Wellbeing Grants Applications 2012-2013

13. The Chairman introduced a report by the Executive Director Public Health, Wellbeing and Safeguarding (copy appended to the signed minutes).

14. Resolved: -

(i) That the following applications be approved:

- SG1 - 4SIGHT - £216.00
- TB22 - Age UK West Sussex (Redwood Centre) - £1186.00
- TB26 - Bluebird Community Transport - £2500.00
- TB11 - Circles Network - £1666.00
- SG4 - Cruse West Sussex Area - £380.00
- TB05 - Haywards Heath Community Partnership (The Yews) Ltd - £2500.00
- SG5 – Lifecentre - £66.00
- SG9 – RISE - £ 56.00
- SG7 – SASBAH - £233.00
- TB23 - Sussex Oakleaf - £1662.00
- TB04 - The April Club - £250.00

(ii) The following applications be declined:

- TB13 - Mid Downs Radio. Members felt this did not meet the criteria of an activity or service to support the Prevention and Wellbeing Agenda.

- TB18 - SeaHorses Swimming Club. Members felt this did not meet the criteria of an activity or service to support the Prevention and Wellbeing Agenda.

Haywards Heath Relief Road and Fox Hill Traffic Regulation Orders (TROs).

15. The Chairman introduced the report by the Director Communities & infrastructure (copy appended to the signed minutes).

16. The Committee discussed the options for speed limits. The Chairman confirmed that the Committee only had the power to decide a 50mph limit but they could recommend a lower speed limit to the Cabinet Member for consideration. A full member vote followed that resulted in 2 against and 4 in favour of the Officer recommendation. The Chairman requested that this go forward with the agreement that a stage 4 safety audit is undertaken to look at the speed limits of the whole relief road with a view to getting consistency when completed.

17. Resolved:

That the Central Mid Sussex County Local Committee, having considered the objections raised and officer responses, authorises the Head of Legal and Democratic Services to make the Traffic Regulation Order, as detailed in the proposal section of this report, under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, as advertised.

Proposed Signal Controlled Pedestrian Crossing, Cuckfield, London Lane

18. The Chairman introduced the report by the Director Communities & infrastructure (copy appended to the signed minutes).

19. Resolved:

That the Central Mid-Sussex County Local Committee having considered the benefits of this proposed crossing in the light of the objection, have given approval to the installation of the signal controlled pedestrian crossing on London Lane, Cuckfield.

Community Initiative Funding (CIF)

20. 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.

21. Resolved that the Committee approve the following applications for CIF:

1852/CMS, Cuckfield Local, £519 requested for a strimmer and set-up costs for a bee-keeping club. £519 agreed.

1857/CMS, Give us a Break Carers Group, £1,000 requested towards website maintenance and enhancement, itemised equipment and one-off transport costs. £750 agreed for all but transport costs.

1861/CMS, Sussex Autism Support, £2,000 requested for the purchase of a computer and printer. £2,000 agreed but not to be used for public liability insurance.

22. Resolved that the Committee decline the following application for CIF:

1833/CMS, Wellbeing for Women, £3,000 requested towards itemised equipment and other costs towards this project start-up. This application was deferred pending further information and a clear breakdown of costs.

Appointment of Local Authority School Governors

23. 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).

24. Resolved that the Committee approved the following re-appointments:

1. Mr PM Rider to St Joseph's Catholic Primary, for a 4 year term
2. Mrs L Mulcare to St Giles CEP School, for a further 4 year term
3. Mr FR Gainsbury to Harlands Primary School, for a further 4 year term
4. Mrs SK Stockwell to Oathall Community College, for a further 4 year term
5. Mr Haws to Oathall Community College for a further 4 years.
6. Mr SW Boyling to Oathall Community College for a further 4 years

Talk with Us Open Forum

25. 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:

- Mr Darling ask a question in relation to the agreed TRO for a 40 MPH speed limit on Selsfield Road (the B2028) past the South of England Showground north of Ardingly. It was agreed to review the situation after a certain period and Mr Darling asked when this review would take place. The Committee were informed that it would be reviewed in May 2013.
- Mr Laband asked for confirmation of when the Committee would agree further priorities for Traffic Regulation Orders (TROs) as he was keen for parking restrictions in the Broadway, Perrymount Road, Heath Road and Church Road to be progressed. The Chairman informed Mr Laband that the Committee would agree the next TROs for 2013/14 at the next meeting in September.

- Mr Laband also raised the issue of local pavements being used for indiscriminate parking and frame advertising. He asked if the Committee could ensure considerable influence to ensure council policy was adhered to. Elaine Hendren stated that obstruction was a Police matter and that it could only be enforced if the pavement was blocked. Elaine did state that if 'A' frames are on the Highway then the County Council would write and ask for them to be removed. A local resident stated that his Parish Council was working with the local PCSO and producing flyers to encourage people not to park inconsiderately.

Date of Next Meeting

26. The Committee noted that its next scheduled meeting would take place on 25 September 2012.

The meeting closed at 8.45pm

Chairman