

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

Central Mid Sussex County Local Committee

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

Present: Mr Bradbury (Cuckfield and Lucastes) (Chairman), Mr Acraman (Worth Forest), Mrs Field (Lindfield and High Weald), Mr Griffiths (Hurstpierpoint and Bolney) and Mr Hillier (Haywards Heath East)

In attendance: Rachel Allan (Democratic Services Officer), Nick Burrell (Senior Advisor) and Richard Speller (Highways Area Manager).

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

Welcome and Introductions

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

Declarations of Interest

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

- Mr Hillier declared a personal interest as a Haywards Heath Town Councillor in relation to the Haywards Heath Town Centre Transport Study.

Minutes

20. Resolved – that the minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 7 June 2016 be approved as a correct record and that they be signed by the Chairman.

Urgent Matters

21. There were no urgent matters.

Proposed Changes to County Local Committees

22. Nick Burrell (Senior Advisor, Democratic Services) introduced a report that explained the proposed changes to County Local Committees. The Cabinet Member for Corporate Relations had agreed to deliver a Democratic Services savings target of £378,000 for 2016/18 as part of the Council's two-year savings programme. It had been proposed that savings of £165,400 came out of the County Local Committees budget over the next two years.

23. He advised the Committee that the proposals had been developed by an Executive Task and Finish Group and had been endorsed by Performance and Finance Select Committee. Further engagement had also been carried out with County Council members and town, parish, district and borough councils to help

inform the Council's Governance Committee's deliberations that had taken place on 12 September before a decision was taken at Full County Council in October 2016. He added that further discussions were required to be held concerning grant funding allocation, format for traffic regulation orders allocation and the format for infrastructure priorities allocation.

24. The current proposals, as part of the consultation, would mean that the South and Central Mid Sussex area would also include Haywards Heath, Cuckfield & Lucastes, Ansty & Staplefield. This would result in Mr Griffiths reducing from sitting on 2 to 1 Committees. However, after listening to feedback as part of the consultation, an alternative option had been developed to also include Horsted Keynes and Lindfield urban/rural. The Senior Advisor confirmed that there would be no net loss in traffic regulation orders across the Mid Sussex area.

25. Members discussed the Report and raised the following points:

- They were satisfied that Lindfield and Horsted Keynes should remain as part of the South and Central Mid Sussex CLC.
- Had concerns that two major towns were within one CLC area.
- Questioned the large geographical nature of the new South CLC area.
- Had concern whether these changes were value for money.
- The Committee broadly supported the changes, and noted this would be discussed further at Full Council on 21 October 2016.

26. The Committee noted the Report.

Boundary Review

27. The member for Worth Forest took the Committee through the recent boundary review that had taken place. He explained that there were changes in the Mid Sussex area, but that they were not significant. He added that this review was an attempt to even up the population numbers per electoral division. He further added that a national boundary review concerning parliamentary constituencies was also taking place, and out for consultation at present.

28. The member for Lindfield and High Weald commended Lindfield Parish Council who had made representations to the electoral commission, and as a result were able to influence a change in its proposals.

'Talk with Us' Open Forum & Community Updates

29. The Chairman invited Committee members to provide verbal updates on recent and upcoming items of interest within their electoral divisions.

30. The Chairman congratulated highways and Cuckfield Parish Council for the restoration of the brick paving in Cuckfield. He advised that Balcombe Scout Group was opening its new building this weekend.

31. The member for Haywards Heath East advised the Committee that plans for schools expansion in his division were on track. He added that the recent fun day that had been held in Bentswood had been a success and thanked the Committee for the funding that it had provided through CIF towards a newsletter which helped promote the day.

32. The member for Hurstpierpoint and Bolney was pleased that Slaugham Parish Council was planning the restoration of its pavilion, and advised it would be applying to the Member's Big Society fund in January 2017.

33. The member for Lindfield and High Weald advised that there had been a number of planning applications for development in her division which had highlighted a number of highways issues. She wished luck to the Lindfield Arts Festival which was being held this weekend. She added that Hortsted Keynes School was having difficulties in the recruitment of a new crossing guard, and advertised the position to those at the meeting.

34. The member for Worth Forest requested that the area outside Handcross School be made into a proper car park, through the IWP Scheme. The Highways Area Manager agreed to add this to the list.

35. The Chairman invited previously successful Community Initiative Fund (CIF) applicants to provide feedback on how the funding had helped their organisations.

36. Haywards Heath Town Twinning Association thanked the Committee for funding towards two mosaics to celebrate 175 years of the railway in Haywards Heath and town twinning. They explained how the mosaics would be a legacy for the town, and set out the involvement that local schools had in the project.

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

- A representative from Haywards Heath Town Council asked the Committee for its assistance in the Haywards Heath area, regarding the large amount of upcoming development (including schools) and its impact. He raised concern on whether the County Council had plans, in terms of highways and infrastructure, for said developments. Members discussed this, and raised concern that development in this area was not being examined in a more holistic manner, rather than by individual planning applications. *Action: The Democratic Services Officer agreed to draft a letter from the Chairman of the CLC to the Cabinet Member for Highways to explain the discussion that had taken place at the meeting, and to request a meeting to discuss how a broader, more strategic examination could be taken to ensure that the Haywards Heath area was better equipped to deal with the level of development proposed.*
- A representative from Cuckfield Parish Council thanked Richard Speller, Highways Area Manager, for the new pavements in Cuckfield, and commended the contractors for their timely delivery.

Haywards Heath Transport Study

38. The Highways Area Manager explained that the Haywards Heath Transport Study had identified 20 schemes across the area, and a working party had been tasked with prioritising said schemes, and looking for funding opportunities. He advised that this package had been taken to the highways moderation panel, who recommended that this should be put forward as a local enterprise partnership bid in its entirety. He added that there were smaller schemes that may be able to be delivered through Section 106 monies. *Action: The Democratic Services Officer*

agreed to draft a letter from the Committee to the Leader of the Council seeking advice on the best way to undertake a LEP bid.

Progress Statement

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

- **Lights on Rocky Lane:** Legal proceedings had now been taken, the Highways Area Manager will provide an update on this matter at the next meeting.
- **Traffic Calming in Ardingly:** The pre design had been finalised, and construction was likely to commence in early 2017.
- **Penland Road:** This will be advertised shortly, with the additional areas as discussed in the previous meeting.
- **Bolnore Pedestrian Crossing:** This was received well at the highways moderation meeting, and was confident that Section 106 monies could be found to support the scheme.
- **Central Sussex College:** The Chairman explained the present situation, and explained that there was no update at present, due to changes in Government.

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

Prioritisation of Traffic Regulation Orders

41. The Committee considered the Report by the Director of Highways and Transport and Head of Highways Operations that recommended that it agreed to progress the two highest scoring TRO priority from the list attached at Appendix A, subject to any adjustments made at the meeting and agreed to review any existing incomplete requests at the next round of CLC's.

42. The Highways Area Manager advised the Committee that in March 2016 a new process for the proposal and prioritisation of Traffic Regulation Orders (TROs) by County Local Committees (CLCs) had been implemented. The new process aimed to be clear, transparent and sustainable and aligned with County Council Policy and the future West Sussex operating model. The new process concerned non-complex TRO proposals. More complex TROs would be considered for progression as a highways improvement scheme and so fall outside the new process. He advised that the schemes within the Central Mid Sussex area were awaiting scoring, and would be available for the Committee's next meeting.

43. Resolved – that the Committee agrees to defer the decision relating to Traffic Regulation Orders to its next meeting in December 2016.

Community Initiative Funding

44. 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.

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

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

1044/CMS - Ashenground Community Centre, £2,500.00, to provide equipment and furniture for a community café project.

1057/CMS – Handcross Rosemary Club, £350.00, to provide coach for outing.

Nominations and Appointments to School and Academy Governing Bodies

47. There were no nominations for the Committee to consider, but the Chairman highlighted one vacancy at Balcombe School.

Date of Next Meeting

48. The Chairman confirmed that the next meeting of the Committee would be held on 29 November 2016 at a venue to be confirmed.

The meeting closed at 8.50pm

Chairman