

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

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7 March 2017 – At a meeting of the Committee held at 7.00 pm at Haywards Heath Library, 34 Boltro Road, Haywards Heath, RH16 1BN

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

In attendance: Rachel Allan (Democratic Services Officer), Gulu Sibanda (Principal Communities Officer) and Richard Speller (Highways Area Manager)

Apologies for absence were received from Mr Griffiths (Hurstpierpoint and Bolney) and Mr Wickremaratchi (Haywards Heath Town)

Welcome and Introductions

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

76. The Chairman advised that this was the final meeting of the Central Mid Sussex County Local Committee and it was merging with South Mid Sussex CLC from May 2017. He thanked Members for their excellent work on the Committee.

Declarations of Interest

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

- Mr Hillier declared a personal interest in Agenda Item No 8 (Community Initiative Funding) Application No 1143/CMS as Cabinet Member for Children – Start of Life.
- Mr Bradbury declared a prejudicial interest in Item 8 when discussing the Haywards Heath Town CIC CIF application, as he is Chairman and Founder of Mid Sussex Science Week.

Minutes

78. Resolved – that the minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 29 November 2017 be approved as a correct record and that they be signed by the Chairman.

Haywards Heath Transport Update

79. The Chairman of the Committee advised members that the Haywards Heath Transport Study had identified a number of improvement schemes across the area and a working party had been tasked with prioritising said schemes and looking for funding opportunities. He added that a positive round table meeting had been held on 15 February 2017, with member and officer representatives from West Sussex County, Mid Sussex District and Haywards Heath Town Councils. This meeting had asked officers to work on a viable scheme, and the Chairman would organise a

follow up meeting. The Chairman confirmed that the impact on neighbouring villages, such as Lindfield, was included in discussions. The Highways Area Manager added that Section 106 monies were being looked as a potential funding source.

'Talk with Us' Open Forum & Community Updates

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

81. The Chairman highlighted the annual meeting of Cuckfield Parish Council on 27 April 2017, which the Police and Crime Commissioner was attending.

82. The member for Haywards Heath East announced that the upgrade of America Lane shopping precinct in Bentswood which was previously approved by the Committee was due to commence imminently.

83. The member for Lindfield and High Weald thanked the Highways Area Manager for placing the speed indicator device at Scaynes Hill. She added that there was still concerns from residents about changes to bus services in her division.

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

- In response to a question from the audience, the Highways Area Manager set out the timescale for the Penland Road traffic regulation order, explaining that it should be formally advertised imminently.
- The Committee had received a written question, asking for an update on speed limits on Valebridge Road. The Highways Area Manager agreed to provide a response to this via email.
- A representative from Cuckfield Parish Council thanked the Highways Area Manager for his help in setting up the speed indicator device that the Council had purchased.
- A representative from Age UK echoed the comments made concerning the changes to bus services, particularly from the more rural areas of the county. She highlighted the need for a designated crossing point outside the Age Concern building in Haywards Heath, the Highways Area Manager agreed to follow up this issue after the meeting. The Chairman advised the organisation to write to him setting out concerns, in order to raise this at the next meeting of the Haywards Heath Transport Partnership.
- A resident enquired how to find out who had called him from West Sussex County Council once a call had been missed and appeared untraceable. The Chairman advised him to email the phone number to him so further enquiries could be made. He further informed members on behalf of Ashenground and Bolnore Friends that the lights on the bridlepath were not working, the surface was poor and there was a small section of shingle path that was unsuitable for cyclists and pushchairs to use. The Chairman explained that the Committee was restricted as this was ancient woodland. The Highways Area Manager advised that the lights were still awaiting adoption (the only section of the relief road that had not yet been adopted was the Stage 6, i.e. from the Fox Hill roundabout to the roundabout near Hurstwood Lane. On Stage 5, the new bridge off Rocky Lane was on maintenance period). He added that the path had been approved through

the planning process which meant that there was little the County Council could do. The Chairman encouraged the resident to write to his local member about this issue.

Progress Statement

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

- **Lights on Rocky Lane:** Legal proceedings had now been taken, and the Highways Area Manager agreed to update members on this issue ahead of the next meeting of the Committee.
- **Bolnore Pedestrian Crossing:** This had been accepted as a successful application to the Community Highways Scheme and was scheduled for design in 2017/18 and implementation in 2018/19. The Chairman requested that the Highways Area Manager re-examined the implementation date, as it was thought implementation was 2017/18.
- **Traffic Regulation Orders:** The Highways Area Manager gave the Committee an update on current traffic regulation orders. He advised that the Penland Road and Northlands Avenue TRO would shortly be advertised, followed by Bentswood and Wealden Way.
- **Speed Control (A272 through Scaynes Hill):** The speed indicator device had been placed here in order to collect speed data for this area, details of which would be reported to a future meeting of the Committee.

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

Community Initiative Funding

87. The Committee considered a report by the Director of Law and Assurance (copy attached to the signed minutes) which detailed applications for Community Initiative Funding.

88. Mr Bradbury declared a prejudicial interest in application 1122/CMS (Haywards Heath Town Team CIC) as Chairman and Founder of Mid Sussex Science Week and left the room whilst that item was discussed.

89. The Chairman advised the Committee that members had given out just under £115K of funding over the past four years to a variety of organisations, and asked members if they wished to highlight specific examples in their division:

- The Chairman explained that a grant in 2012/13 to Singing Allsorts had been very successful and that this group was now oversubscribed. He also was pleased to see the success of Mid Sussex Science Week.
- The Member for Worth Forest advised the Committee on the grants that had been given to Balcombe Scouts, and the difference that had made. He also highlighted some smaller grants that had made a big difference to organisations, such as Ansty Village Hall.
- The Member for Haywards Heath East was pleased with the impact of the grant to Bentswood Community Partnership, as it had allowed the football

pitch to be greatly visually improved, which had a positive impact on behaviours in that area.

- The Member for Lindfield and High Weald highlighted excellent applications from Lindfield Arts Festival and Horsted Keynes Hackers.
- The Chairman requested that a press release be sent out with information on the grants the Committee had awarded.

90. The Committee debated the respective merits of the current applications.

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

1122/CMS - Haywards Heath Town Team CIC, £2,500.00, towards support for Mid Sussex Science Week.

1134/CMS - Age UK West Sussex £2,090.00 towards a Therapy and Beauty Room for new Age UK West Sussex Centre.

1143/CMS - Open D of E Centres West Sussex, £2,955.00 towards Training, Insurance and Accreditation for West Sussex Duke of Edinburgh. £886.50 is requested from 1143/CMS, £1,034.25 from South Chichester, £1,034.25 from North Horsham.

1149/CMS - Yews Community Centre, £1,577.00 towards Replacing flooring.

1158/CMS - Slaugham Parish Community Land Trust, £500.00, to provide support to the Community Land Trust.

1190/CMS - Sussex Clubs For Young People Ltd, £1,200.00, to engage young people on Bentwood Green in various activities.

That the following applications be deferred:-

1119/CMS - Active Sports Leadership Project, £2,357.00, towards training, minibus hire and disability equipment. £785.67 is requested from Central Mid Sussex and an equal amount from both NMS and SMS. The Committee asked the applicant to attend the next meeting of the Committee to provide further information on the level of reserves and why they cannot be used to fund this project.

1147/CMS - St Francis Bowls Club, £2,500.00 towards mower and changing rooms. The Committee was concerned that this was a private members club, and would have to demonstrate wider community benefit in order to receive funding.

1192/CMS - Community Transport Sussex, £2,500.00 towards, a new website, online and traditional marketing. The Committee asked the organisation to attend the next meeting of the Committee in order to explain the cost of the website.

Nominations and Appointments to School and Academy Governing Bodies

92. The Committee considered a report by Executive Director of Children,

Adults', Families, Health & Education (copy attached to the signed minutes).

93. The Chairman advised the Committee that the previous vacancy at Balcombe Primary School had been filled through urgent action procedures in between meetings.

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

(1) Re-appointment:

- Lynn Wilson to St Peter's C.E.P School (Ardingly) for a four year term.

Date of Next Meeting

95. The Chairman confirmed that the next meeting of the new joint South and Central Mid Sussex County Local Committee would be held on 27 June 2017 at a venue to be confirmed.

The meeting closed at 8.37pm

Chairman