

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

South Mid Sussex County Local Committee

28 February 2017 – At a meeting of the Committee held at 7pm in The Sheldrake Room, Martlets Hall, Burgess Hill.

Present: Mr Barrett-Miles (Burgess Hill Town), Mr Griffiths (Chairman), (Hurstpierpoint and Bolney) Mrs Jones (Burgess Hill East) and Mr Petch (Hassocks and Victoria).

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

Welcome

62. The Chairman welcomed members of the public to the meeting, explained the remit of the South Mid Sussex County Local Committee and introduced the Committee and officers.

63. The Chairman advised that this was the final meeting of the South Mid Sussex County Local Committee, as from May 2017 the Central and South Mid Sussex CLCs would merge into one committee.

Declarations of Interest

64. No declarations of interest were declared.

Minutes

65. Resolved – that the minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 6 September 2016 be approved as a correct record and that they be signed by the Chairman.

Talk With Us Community Forum

66. The Chairman invited questions and comments from members of the public.

67. The following issues were raised:

- A representative from the Mid Sussex Area Bridleways Group and the Friends of Burgess Hill Green Circle requested that a Pegasus crossing be put on the A273 to cross between the bridleway at Nightingale Meadows and the bridleway that runs next to Jane Murray Way as the crossing had become dangerous with the quantity and speed of vehicles on the road. The Highways Area Manager advised that this would have to be applied for through the Community Highways Scheme.
- A member of the public requested that more attractive street fittings were used in highways alterations.
- The Chairman of Hassocks Parish Council informed the Committee that the central reservation keep left signs were fixed insecurely and were unsafe,

and requested that the Council used better quality signage. The Highways Area Manager agreed to provide a response on this.

Progress Statement

68. Richard Speller (Highways Area Manager) introduced a statement of progress following the September 2016 Committee meeting.

69. The member for Burgess Hill Town updated the Committee on Woodlands Meed School. He advised that Woodlands Meed governors, parents, local councillors and officers from West Sussex County Council had formed a joint group to drive forward a solution to the long standing building issues for Woodlands Meed. The Task and Finish Group was chaired by Christine Field, WSCC Cabinet Member for Community Wellbeing, who was responsible for education. The group held its first meeting on Monday 6 February 2017 and agreed to start with a determination of the facilities required to deliver access to the full curriculum for all pupils and assess the condition of the current buildings. They would then consider the identification of the appropriate funding to deliver the works required. These actions were currently in process.

70. The Highways Area Manager advised that , in regards to roadworks and congestion in Clayton and Hassocks, he was planning to meet the Parish Council to discuss this issue, and would ensure that the speed indicator device was placed in this location.

71. The Chairman informed the Committee that the speed indicator device had been placed on London Road, Hassocks. He added that he had raised the issue of poor enforcement at the CLC Chairman's meeting, where it had been supported that more data on speeding should be presented to the police to enhance enforcement.

72. In regards to Keymer parking and road safety, the Highways Area Manager informed the Committee that he had met the design team and this was scheduled to be implemented in 2017/18.

73. The Chairman and members of the audience, including the Chairman of Hurstpierpoint & Sayrers Common Parish Council, expressed concern that the resurfacing on Cuckfield Road could be delayed to 2018/19 as this work was essential.

74. The Highways Area Manager advised that the request for introduction of parking restrictions and speed calming measures on Woodpecker Crescent had been assessed through the moderation panel, but more work was needed to be undertaken.

75. The Community Highways scheme application for the Torch Holiday and Retreat Centre had been successful and should be implemented in 2017/18. Residents thanked him for this confirmation and requested that the condition of the footpath on South Avenue was monitored as part of this scheme.

76. The member for Burgess Hill East advised the Committee that the scheme on Chanctonbury Road had been in place for just over a month and she had received mostly positive feedback from residents.

77. The member for Burgess Hill town explained that Burgess Hill Town Council would be delivering the licenses for access protection lines. He added that there was a cost to this for residents, and this offer was also given to residents in Hassocks and Hurstpierpoint.

78. The Highways Area Manager updated the Committee on Operation Watershed. A member of the public asked why the work on Sayers Common was not extended as there was still some flooding in this area. The Highways Area Manager agreed to update the Committee on this issue.

79. The Highways Area Manager gave the Committee an update on the speed indicator device and listed the places the device was due to be placed in the coming months, namely Cuckfield Rd (Hurstpierpoint), Keymer Rd, London Lane, Jane Lane (Burgess Hill), Poynings (various) and West Road (Newtimber).

80. The Committee noted the progress statement.

Prioritisation of Traffic Regulation Orders

81. 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 one 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.

82. 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 added that, once a TRO had been approved, a full consultation with residents would take place.

83. Resolved – that the Committee agrees to progress the one highest scoring TRO priority from the list attached at Appendix A, namely:

- A combination of Manor Road, Valebridge Road, Adur Road and Stirling Court Road.

Community Initiative Funding

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

85. It was confirmed that for the 2016/17 financial year, South Mid Sussex CLC had an allocation of £25,615.52, of which £9,067.00 had been awarded and with the mid-year reduction (£3,907.50) left a balance of £12,641.02 still to be allocated. The Chairman advised that this round of funding was oversubscribed.

86. The Committee debated the respective merits of the projects for which funding was sought.

87. Resolved –

The following applications were approved:-

1132/SMS - Respect Youth Club £1,200.00 towards annual room hire.

1139/SMS - Befriended, The Point Church £1041.02 towards a Macbook and printer. The Committee part funded this application as it felt the equipment required was expensive and this application had been submitted early in the project.

1159/SMS –Bolney Volunteers, £2,000.00, towards Traffic Calming Measures, on the condition that the Highways Area Manager ran this project through the road safety audit process.

1180/SMS - 1st Martlets District Ranger Unit, £400.00, for the purchase of a 10 man tent.

1209/SMS - Hurstpierpoint Film Society, £1,000.00, towards the purchase of a new projector. The Committee part funded this application as it felt more could be raised through ticket sales.

1211/SMS - Hurstpierpoint Gymnastics Club, £1,500.00, for safe sports clothing.

1212/SMS - Burgess Hill Shed, £3,000.00, for the provision of pottery workshop equipment on the condition the organisation returns at a later date to feedback to the Committee on how inclusive the project had been.

The Committee also awarded £2500.00 towards the purchase of a speed indicator device for the South Mid Sussex area.

The following application was declined:-

1120/SMS - Active Sports Leadership Project £2,357.00 towards training, minibus hire and disability equipment, £785.67 is requested from South Mid Sussex and an equal amount from NMS and CMS. The Committee felt that this was not an appropriate use of CIF funding as the fund was oversubscribed for this round.

The following application was deferred:-

1160/SMS -4Sight, £5,000.00, towards an Outreach Worker in Burgess Hill one day per week. This application was deferred as a similar application had been submitted to the Member's Big Society Fund and the Committee wished to hear the outcome of this application before making a decision.

Authority School Governors

88. The Committee considered a report by the Executive Director of Children, Adults', Families, Health & Education (copy attached to the signed minutes). The report included a list of the current vacancies for Local Authority Governors in the CLC area.

89. Resolved – That the Committee approves the following nominations under the 2012 Regulations: -

(1) Re-appointments:

- Ms F Gaudencio to Windmills Junior School for a term of four years.
- Miss J Richardson to Sheddingdean C.E. Primary School for a term of four years.
- Mrs J Henwood to Manor Field Primary School for a term of four years.

(2) Appointment:

- Mrs Sandra Boyd to Woodlands Meed for a term of four years.

Date of Next Meeting

90. The Chairman reported that the next meeting of the Committee would be held at 7pm on Tuesday 27 June 2017 in a venue to be advised.

91. Members of the Committee thanked the Chairman for his excellent work for the South Mid Sussex County Local Committee over the previous four years as he was not standing for election in May 2017.

92. The Chairman thanked Members and Officers for their contributions to the Committee.

The meeting closed at 8.24 p.m.

Chairman