

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

**Central and South Mid Sussex County Local Committee**

27 June 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 Barrett-Miles (Burgess Hill North), Mr Hillier (Haywards Heath East), Mrs Jones (Burgess Hill East), Mr Lea (Lindfield and High Weald), Mrs Lord (Hassocks and Burgess Hill South) and Mr Wickremaratchi (Haywards Heath Town)

In attendance: Nick Burrell (Senior Advisor), David Penrose (Democratic Services Officer), Gulu Sibanda (Principal Communities Officer) and Richard Speller (Highways Area Manager)

Apologies for absence were received from Mr Bradbury (Cuckfield and Lucastes) and Mrs Dennis (Hurstpierpoint and Bolney).

**Election of Chairman**

1. Mr Bradbury was elected Chairman for the municipal year 2017/18
2. Mrs Jones was elected as Vice Chairman for the municipal year 2017/18

**Welcome and Introductions**

3. As Vice-Chairman, Mrs Jones took the Chair and welcomed everyone in attendance to the meeting and invited members of the Committee and officers to introduce themselves.

**Declarations of Interest**

4. In accordance with the Members' Code of Conduct the following interests were declared: -
  - Mr S Wickremaratchi declared a non pecuniary interest in item 9, as 4Sight had been his Mayoral charity during his term as Mayor of Haywards Heath.
  - Mr Lea declared a non pecuniary interest in item 9, as Active Sports Leadership had been discussed at the North Mid Sussex CLC on the 20 June 2017.

**Terms of Reference**

5. Resolved that the Terms of Reference be noted.

**Minutes**

6. Resolved – that the minutes of the Central Mid Sussex CLC meeting held on 28 February 2017 be approved as a correct record and that they be signed by the Chairman.

7. Resolved – that the minutes of the South Mid Sussex CLC meeting held on 7 March 2017 be approved as a correct record and that they be signed by the Chairman

### **Urgent Matters**

8. There were no urgent matters.

### **'Talk with Us' Open Forum & Community Updates**

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

10. The Committee received a presentation from Hannah Carter on the work of the Ensemble Reza's Community Orchestra. The Orchestra had been set up in 2013 and included members from the ages of 6 to 81. The orchestra had received a CIF grant of £2.5k in 2016 which had allowed it to hold 5 workshops and several concerts from July 2016 to June 2017. Additional funding was in place to allow the project to continue to June 2018. There were few opportunities for young people to play in an orchestra of this size, and the public concerts in June in the Orchards Shopping Centre in Haywards Heath as part of BBC music week had helped to raise the profile of both the Orchestra and West Sussex. Local publicity and radio interviews would help to raise additional capital funding that was required. The Chairman thanks her for her presentation.

11. The Committee received a further presentation from Eric Palmer about the Work of the Burgess Hill Shed. The Men's Shed movement was design to tackle stress, social isolation and loneliness in retired men. The organisation was led by its members and facilitated by the Board of Trustees. The shed was housed in an old industrial unit in Burnside in Burgess Hill, a large building with a great deal of light which was beneficial for older members, and allowed the Shed to have disabled access. Funding had been received from Burgess Hill Town Council for safety equipment, the District Council had provided monies for first aid training and materials, and there had been a successful CIF bid in September 2016 for work benches. An electronics lab was being created to encourage younger members. Outreach work was in hand with schools, and on the 12 July Burgess Hill Academy would visit the Shed. A number of potters had been invited to join, and a kiln and associated workspace had been provided for their use. There were 46 members at the moment, up from 8 at the beginning of the year and there was currently a target of 100 members.

### **Progress Statement**

12. The Chairman read a statement that had been provided on behalf of the County Council. The Council commissioned an independent buildings assessment of Woodlands Mead college site in March 2017 which concluded that the main building structure was found to have more than 20 years lifespan. Visual inspection of the double classrooms outside of the main building predicted them to have a future life expectancy of between 7-15 years. Following the petition heard at the County Council meeting of the 16<sup>th</sup> March, Officers have met with members of the governing body.

A task and finish group to look at how best to resolve the issues had been set up by the Leader of the Council. The group had met twice and officers were working with

governors to secure the next meeting date. As a result of the purdah period required due to local and general elections, these meetings had been delayed.

Planned works to replace three double classrooms and create a new hygiene room for September 2017 had been halted at the request of governors. This money had been held aside while discussions continued. There had recently been a change in the Chair of Governors and the Council were awaiting an update on this from the school.

13. The Highways Area Manager introduced the progress statement. He provided updates as follows:

- Commuter Parking at Wivelsfield Railway Station would be addressed at a moderation meeting on 18 July.
- That Cuckfield Road between the High St. and Willow Way had been provisionally scheduled for resurfacing in 2017/18. Whilst the work scored highly, overall demand in 2017/18 exceeded resources so it might be deferred to 2018/19.
- 106 monies had been earmarked to provide a footpath on Chalkers Lane. There were a number of ongoing projects in the area as part of Operation Watershed.

14. Resolved - that the Committee note the written and verbal updates.

### **Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) Update**

15. A report on TRO's was noted.

16. The Area Highway Manager said that the Bentswood area and Wealden Way TRO's were programed for delivery in 2017/18. Crescent Road, and other side roads in Burgess Hill were at the Pre-advertisement preparation stage.

17. It was noted that 106 monies in Burgess Hill which had been released from one scheme had been allocated to St Wilfred's Way. In reply to a question, he went on to say that once a TRO had been published, it was advertised for 21 days, and should the Council receive more than 5 objections to a given TRO, then it would be referred to the relevant CLC.

### **Road Space Audits**

18. The Committee noted the report on road space audits. Mr Barrett-Miles said that the audits were designed to look at parking in a more holistic way and were being rolled out in Chichester. Crawley, Burgess Hill and Worthing had also been chosen as they were the main growth areas in the County.

### **Community Initiative Funding**

19. 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.

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

21. Resolved: that the following applications be approved:

**3/CSMS** – 4Sight, £2,500.00, towards an Outreach Worker in Burgess Hill one day per week.

**30/CSMS** - Lindfield Arts Festival, £1,200.00, towards toy activity.

**40/CSMS** – The Bookchat Roadshow, £1000, author fees, advertising and marketing.

**42/CSMS** - Scaynes Hill Cricket Club, £2,148.00, for the purchase of sight screens.

22. Resolved: that the following applications be deferred:

**4/CSMS** - Active Sports Leadership Project £2,357.00 towards training, minibus hire and disability equipment, £785.67 is requested from Central & South Mid Sussex and an equal amount from NMS. Note the original application to SMS was rejected; this application was deferred from CMS and transferred to this committee.

23. Resolved: that the following applications be declined:

**3/CSMS** – 4Sight, £5,000.00, towards an Outreach Worker in Burgess Hill one day per week. Whilst 4Sight played a valuable role, the application covered revenue costs which went against the principles of CIF funding.

**17/CSMS** – Friends of Bolney CEP School, £2,110.00, for the purchase of Community Playthings Blocks as the wooden blocks would not be available to other schools and the wider community.

24. The following applications were withdrawn:

**5/CSMS** - St Francis Bowls Club, £2,500.00, mower and changing rooms deferred by CMS.

**6/CSMS** - Community Transport Sussex, £2,500.00, new Website, online and traditional marketing deferred by CMS.

### **Nominations and Appointments to School and Academy Governing Bodies**

25. The Committee considered a report by Executive Director of Children, Adults', Families, Health & Education (copy attached to the signed minutes).

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

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(1) Re-appointment: Mr M Clark to Warninglid Primary School for a four year term

### **Date of Next Meeting**

27. The Chairman confirmed that the next meeting of the South and Central Mid Sussex County Local Committee would be held on 31 October 2017 at Downlands School, Hassocks.

The meeting closed at 9.05pm

Chairman