

**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

31 October 2017 – At a meeting of the Committee held at 7.00 pm at Downlands Community School, Dale Avenue, Hassocks BN6 8LP

Present: Mr Bradbury (Cuckfield and Lucastes) Mrs Dennis (Hurstpierpoint and Bolney), Mr Hillier (Haywards Heath East), Mrs Jones (Burgess Hill East) and Mr Wickremaratchi (Haywards Heath Town)

In attendance: Miles Davy (Lead CPZ Professional), David Penrose (Democratic Services Officer), Gulu Sibanda (Principal Communities Officer) and Richard Speller (Highways Area Manager)

Apologies for absence were received from Mr Barrett-Miles (Burgess Hill North), and Mrs Lord (Hassocks and Burgess Hill South).

Welcome and Introductions

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

Declarations of Interest

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

- Mr P Bradbury declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 10, as a member of the Sussex Learning Trust.

Minutes

26. Resolved – that the minutes of the Central and South Mid Sussex CLC meeting held on 27 June 2017 be approved as a correct record and that they be signed by the Chairman.

Urgent Matters

27. There were no urgent matters.

Progress Statement

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

- That Section 106 monies had been used in Burgess Hill to provide real time bus information at 6 bus stops.
- That a Speed Indicator Device had been stolen, but as a self-insuring organisation, another would be purchased and alternative ways of securing it considered.

- That Part Two of the report listed active Community Highway Schemes. Section 106 monies and CIF funding had been utilised for these schemes.
- Part Three of the report outlined Traffic Regulation Orders.
- The Penland Road TRO had received a number of objections, and was being reviewed. It would be discussed with the local member and brought to the meeting in February. The Chairman added that he had met with objectors with the Area Highways Manager, and concerns regarding the scheme had been taken on board and would be addressed as far as possible through alterations to the scheme.
- That as a result of the Road Space Audit's being undertaken in Burgess Hill and Haywards Heath, it was not appropriate to set TRO priorities at this juncture.
- That the works being undertaken on the pavements by Virgin Media as part of the implementation of high speed broad band in Burgess Hill were being monitored by the Street works Officer for the area. Repairs following the works were being undertaken within the street works tolerances.
- In reply to a question from the Chairman, he said that the designs for the works on London Lane would be completed in the current financial year, and the works optimised in the following year. As all works were subcontracted, it was not possible to designate when works were undertaken, but contractors would be asked to prioritise certain areas.
- That the Claire Park cycleway scheme in Haywards Heath was out for public consultation.
- The concerns that residents had expressed regarding Queens Road in Haywards Heath

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

Community Highway Schemes

30. The Committee noted an updated report on Community Highway Schemes. The Area Highway Manager said that Appendix A contained those schemes that had been selected for 2018/19, whilst those in Appendix B were not necessarily rejected, but would require further work before they could be selected.
31. It was noted that the Leyland Road pedestrian crossing outside the planned Lidl store in Burgess Hill was already programmed for delivery. The crossing could also help address speeding issues on the road.
32. In reply to a Member, the Area Highway Manager said that access to the Burnside Centre was under review, and consideration might be given to replacing the steps with a ramp. The Area Highways Manager undertook to update the report following comments from the Committee.

Road Space Audits

33. The Committee received a presentation on road space audits. The Lead CPZ Professional highlighted the following areas:

- That an RSA was a more progressive approach towards parking management that sought to determine whether there were alternatives for the Council and its partners to consider existing and future parking demands.
- The RSA would identify potential future demands and pressures and make recommendations for improvement, enabling officers to assess what measures and resources may be required to meet the challenges, adjust supply and optimise the efficiency of the road network and parking supply.
- That the audits would be prioritised for the County's Priority Growth Areas: Crawley, Burgess Hill and Worthing
- The Burgess Hill RSA would seek to support the Burgess Hill Vision and develop a strategic blueprint for Burgess Hill that defined how parking provision, combined with other sustainable transport initiatives, would support the long term economic prosperity of the town.
- There was potential to consider all villages and towns that were affected by railway commuter parking and to produce a comprehensive solution that would address the issues at the same time rather than deal with each area in isolation.

34. In the ensuing discussion the following points were made:

- That new and alternative modes of transport should be considered as part of the audit.
- As part of the audit, consideration should be given to the West Sussex Transport Plan.
- Public transport bodies would be involved in the scheme.

Haywards Heath Town Centre Transport Study Scheme

35. The Chairman reported that he had decided to withdraw this report from the Agenda in order to discuss it in more depth at the next meeting, which would be held in Haywards Heath on the 20 February 2018.

'Talk with Us' Open Forum & Community Updates

36. The Chairman invited Committee members to provide verbal updates on recent and upcoming items of interest within their electoral divisions.
37. A member of the public expressed concern regarding the consultation process that had taken place concerning the parking proposals in the Penland Road area of Haywards Heath, which included creating pockets of unrestricted parking in the roads around the railway station. She had received a reply from the Council that had implied that concerns raised by visitors and tradespeople who could not park during the restrictive periods was the sole reasons for the proposals. The Area Highways Manager answered her questions by saying that it had been decided to reconsider the existing restrictions in order to address on street parking demands.
38. A suggestion for traffic calming measures for Brook Lane was provided by residents of Brook Lane, Linfield. The Highways Area Manager thanked them for

their handout, and pointed out that the issue on the road was that of speeding motorists along the length of the road, which was not one that could be solved by changes to the top or bottom of it. Changes to driver behaviour on the road could be achieved by a SID, but it was likely that they would revert to their original behaviour once this had been removed. He was working with the local Member to find a solution to the problem in the area.

Sixth Form School Provision

39. The Chairman read out a Department of Education statement on the Future of the Haywards Heath campus. The Haywards Heath site was now owned by the Government and in order to facilitate the creation of the Chichester College Group, comprising Chichester College and the Crawley campus of Central Sussex College, it was working with local stakeholders including Mid-Sussex District Council, West Sussex County Council and the Coast to Capital LEP to explore potential uses for the site, prioritising educational use in the first instance. The Chairman said that he was concerned that there was no County Councillor present on the Working Group, and he felt that there should be active political support from WSCC and elected members from outside the Haywards Heath area.

Operation Watershed Active Communities Fund Update.

40. The Committee noted the report

'What If' Community Resilience Programme

41. The Committee noted the report

Community Initiative Funding

42. The Committee considered a report on Community Initiative Funding by the Director of Law, Assurance and Strategy (copy appended to the signed minutes)

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

44. Resolved: that the following applications be approved:

50/CSMS - Burgess Hill Rugby Football Club, £2,500.00 towards new kit for the team(s).

68/CSMS - IMPACT Tasty Team, £1,452.00 towards equipment for children's cooking classes.

Nominations and Appointments to School and Academy Governing Bodies

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

46. A Member said that there had been more than one application to the Local Authority Governor Post at Windmills Junior School, but that by the time that the second nominee had been received, the nomination had been filled. She was concerned about the transparency of the process, and that other Members of the CLC had not been informed of the vacancy when it arose.

She felt that all Members should be made aware when a vacancy arose within the CLC area.

47. After a brief discussion, the Chairman said that he would write to the Cabinet Member for Education and Skills expressing the Committee's concern over the way Governor vacancies were published. He went on to say that in this case the Committee could not agree that Mrs. Hatton be accepted as their nomination for Windmills Junior School.

Resolved –That the Committee approved the following nominations under the 2012 Regulations:

48. Resolved –That the Committee approved the following nomination under the 2012 Regulations: -
- (1) Re-appointment: Mrs H Thorne to St Augustine C.E. Primary School for a four year term, Mrs D Forde-Gaskin to St Wilfrid's Catholic Primary School for a four year term and Mr M Harding for a four year term to Southway Junior School
49. Resolved: that the following nomination be declined:
- (1) Appointment: Mrs S Hatton to Windmills Junior School for a four year term

Date of Next Meeting

50. The Chairman confirmed that the next meeting of the South and Central Mid Sussex County Local Committee would be held on Tuesday 20 February 2018 at 7pm in Haywards Heath Library.

The meeting closed at 8.40pm

Chairman