

## **East Crawley County Local Committee**

27 June 2013 – At a meeting of the Committee held at 7.00pm, in the Longley Exhibition Room, Crawley Library, Crawley.

Present: Mr Burrett (Member for Pound Hill and Worth), Mr Crow (Member for Tilgate and Furnace Green), Mr Lamb (Member for Northgate and Three Bridges) and Mr Lanzer (Member for Maidenbower).

### **Welcome and Introductions**

1. Rosemary Pugh (Democratic Services Officer) welcomed members of the public to the meeting and asked the Committee and officers present to introduce themselves.

### **Election of Chairman**

2. Mr Burrett was elected Chairman of the East Crawley CLC for the 2013/2014 municipal year.

### **Declaration of Interests**

3. Mr Burrett declared a personal interest in Item 14 - Community Initiative Fund, Application 36/EC, from the Crawley Community and Voluntary Service, as a trustee of Crawley Open House which is working in partnership with the Crawley Community and Voluntary Service on the project to establish a food bank.

### **Minutes**

4. Resolved - that the minutes of the meeting held on 14 March 2013 be confirmed as a correct record and that they be signed by the Chairman.

### **Appointment to an Outside Body**

5. The Committee considered a report by the Head of Law and Governance (copy appended to the signed minutes) regarding an appointment to the Gatwick Greenspace Partnership.

6. Resolved – that the decision on the appointment be deferred to the next meeting of the CLC to seek further clarification and information about the appointment.

### **County Local Committee Terms of Reference**

7. The Committee noted the Terms of Reference.

### **Progress Report**

8. The Committee received and noted a progress report on matters relating to East Crawley (copy appended to the signed minutes).

## Prevention and Wellbeing Grants

9. The Committee considered a report by the Director of Public Health (copy appended to the signed minutes).

10. The Chairman reported that the total amount applied for had been in excess of the funds available. The Committee discussed the issues regarding the allocation of funding countywide and suggested that there should be a mechanism for re-allocating funds from undersubscribed areas to those that are heavily oversubscribed like Crawley.

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

12. Resolved –

(a) that the following awards be made:

TL047 - 4 Sight - £300

BB002 - Alzheimers Society, West Sussex - £500

TB29 - Crawley Community Transport - £1000

BB004 - Crawley Deaf Social Club - £400

SM001 - Crawley Macular Disease Group - £700

DR030 - Cruse West Sussex Area - £605

BB0023 - Gurjar Hindu Union - £1000

TL008 - Headway - Bognor - £384.61

TL042 - Kashmiri Women's Welfare Association - £500

DN16 - N&S LifeCentre - £250

TL048 - PBC Foundation - £40.20

BB0020 - Peters House Project (HIV stay healthy) Sue Irshad - £800

TB05 - SASBAH - £375

TL027 - The Ekta Group - £400

BB001 - The Tuesday Club: Cake, Cabaret, Community and Culture (Crawley) - £750

BB0015 - West Sussex Angling Academy - Graham Cridland - Crawley - £800

BB0014 - WRVS (Karen Bowlas) Crawley Coast to Coast Locality Manager - £984.19

(b) that the following applications be declined for the reasons stated:

BB0017 - In Safe & Caring Hands Limited - the service provided is duplicated by other organisations in the County

DR033 - Friends, Families and Travellers - there is no clear benefit to East Crawley

TL028 - Jolly 60s Bingo - the application is more suited to a grant from the Community Initiative Fund

TB01 - Turners Hill Day Centre, Worth - the organisation has very few members from Crawley at the present time.

**Farmleigh Close, Pound Hill – proposed changes to parking restrictions**

13. The Committee considered a report by the Director for Communities Commissioning and the Divisional Manager Engineering Solutions on a proposal to relax parking restrictions in Farmleigh Close, Pound Hill, Crawley (copy appended to the signed minutes).

14. Marie Ovenden (Principal Community Officer) introduced the report. The Chairman explained that Department for Transport regulations did not allow roadside plates to display a 'school term-time only' restriction, therefore the proposed solution, which did meet DfT regulations, would offer residents a compromise.

15. Resolved – that the Head of Law and Governance be authorised to relax the proposed Monday to Friday 8.30-9.30 am and 2.30-3.30 pm parking restriction in Farmleigh Close to operate during the period 2 January to 25 July and 1 September to 20 December excluding bank holidays.

**Balcombe Road, Pound Hill, Crawley – No Waiting At Any Time (NWAAT) – proposed Traffic Regulation Order (TRO)**

16. The Committee considered a report by the Director of Service Operations and Head of Highways and Transport on a proposal for a No Waiting At Any Time restriction in Balcombe Road, Pound Hill, Crawley at the location indicated in Appendix A of the report (copy appended to the signed minutes).

17. Marie Ovenden introduced the report.

18. The following points were made in the discussion that followed: -

- One of the objectors was not actually against the proposal but instead felt that the restriction should be extended.
- The concern of Sussex Police that the proposal would lead to increased traffic speeds would be allayed following the proposed implementation of another TRO to reduce the traffic speed limit to 30 mph.
- There may be unintended consequences of the restriction due to displacement parking.
- The risk of an accident due to the parking on the pavement was thought to be greater than the risk of increased traffic speed and public safety should be an overriding consideration.
- Crawley Borough Council was looking into ways of preventing parking on pavements.

19. Resolved – that the Head of Law and Governance is authorised to make the Traffic Regulation Order for a NWAAT restriction in Balcombe Road, Pound Hill, Crawley at the location identified in Appendix A of the report, as advertised.

### **Three Bridges Railway Station Forecourt**

20. The Committee received a report by the Director of Service Operations and Head of Highways and Transport requesting authority to make an application to the Magistrates' Court to stop up the highway within Three Bridges Station forecourt (copy appended to the signed minutes).

21. Marie Ovenden introduced the report and explained that the stopping up of a small area of highway was necessary to enable the joint project between the County Council, Crawley Borough Council and Southern Railway to improve the station forecourt to proceed.

22. One member of the Committee was concerned that the Committee had not been given sufficient information about legal and highway consequences of the decision. Marie Ovenden advised that she would arrange a meeting for Members to meet the Project Manager and provide more details. Concerns were also raised about access for taxis.

23. The Committee voted to accept the recommendation by three votes to one against.

24. Resolved – that the Head of Law and Governance is authorised to make an application to the Magistrates' Court to stop up the highway within the station forecourt at Three Bridges Station, Crawley at the location shown on the plan in Appendix A.

### **Infrastructure Plan Priorities**

25. The Committee received a report by the Director Communities Commissioning and the Community and Economic Development Manager (copy appended to the signed minutes).

26. Marie Ovenden introduced the report which provided an update on the work being undertaken by the County Local Committee in relation to the development of its Local Infrastructure Plan (IP). The Committee would select its priorities for the IP from the Community Issues List at the next meeting in September. Marie Ovenden advised on the following corrections to the report:

- Pedestrian crossing phasing time in ~~Haslett~~ **Worth Park Avenue** and **Billington Drive**
- Speeding (Town Barn Road) should be on the West Crawley CLC list.

27. The Chairman invited comments/questions from the public and members of the CLC which included:

- Progress with the pedestrian crossing in Gales Drive - Marie Ovenden advised that the County Council had agreed Section 106 funding for the scheme, the County Council was awaiting authority from Crawley Borough Council to proceed.
- Progress with the pedestrian crossing in Hazelwick Avenue - Marie Ovenden agreed to report back on a date for this project.

- Speeding in Woodfield Road and the lack of a school crossing patrol – Marie Ovenden agreed to ask the Safer Routes to Schools team about recruitment and would report back to the next meeting.

28. The Committee noted the report.

### **Community Initiative Funding**

29. The Committee considered a report by the Head of Law and Governance (copy appended to the signed minutes) which detailed applications for Community Initiative Funding. The Committee debated the respective merits of the projects for which funding was sought.

30. Resolved that -

(a) The following awards are made:

**10/EC** - WORDfest Crawley, £800 towards WORDfest Crawley 2013 Festival.

**26/EC** - Maidenbower Park Community Club, £2500 towards furniture for the club.

**29/EC** - 7th Crawley Scout Group, £1620 towards a recruitment drive. This is a part funding of an application for £3235.02.

**36/EC** - Crawley Community & Voluntary Service, £1111 towards establishing a Crawley Food Bank.

**57/EC** - Crawley Black History Foundation, £750 towards Black History Week 2013 Community Outreach. This will fully fund the application for £1500 as £750 was granted by West Crawley CLC.

**82/EC** - Golden Lion Children's Trust, £488 towards coach hire for a children's visit to Legoland.

**83/EC** - Celtic and Irish Cultural Society, £1067 towards the Crawley Irish Festival.

(b) The following application is declined:

**8/EC** - CAMEO Club, £511.11 towards Friary Hall yearly rent. This was declined as the application did not meet the criteria for a CIF grant.

### **Appointment of Authority School Governors**

31. The Committee considered a report by the Head of Learning (copy appended to the signed minutes).

32. Mr Lamb reported that there were no vacancies for Authority School Governors at Three Bridges Infant and Junior Schools and that the vacancy list in Appendix A should be amended.

33. Resolved – that the East Crawley County Local Committee makes the following re-appointments:

Mr J Sharples to Pound Hill Infant School for a four-year term.  
Mrs L King to Milton Mount Primary School for a four-year term.  
Mrs C Wallace to Desmond Anderson Primary School for a four-year term.  
Reverend K Edwards to Desmond Anderson Primary School for a four-year term.  
Ms L Robson to The Brook Infant School for a four-year term.

### **'Talk with Us' – Open Forum**

34. The following answers were given in response to questions about matters affecting Crawley residents.

- **Commonwealth Drive** – 5 mph. Marie Ovenden agreed to investigate whether this road was adopted public highway and whether the speed limit was enforceable.
- Concern was raised about **lack of proper investment in improving the condition of Crawley roads**. Duncan Crow reported that the Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport had set up a Task and Finish Group to look at the options for investment to improve the condition of the County's roads. There was a need for a long term strategy and a focus on preventative rather than re-active measures.
- Marie Ovenden agreed to report back on when the work on **Manor Royal** was scheduled to be carried out.
- County Council **performance on pothole repairs**. Duncan Crow reported that the Business Planning Group of the Environmental and Community Services Select Committee monitors performance. He confirmed that currently the 28-day deadline for pothole repair was being achieved.
- **Queens Square** improvement has stopped and the area was unsightly. Marie Ovenden agreed to ask Crawley Borough Council about further work to improve the area, she advised that the safety defects had been addressed. Safety defects are addressed when reported. Wider works are programmed but WSCC and CBC are now in a dialogue about resurrecting the Queens Square redevelopment.
- **Hazelwick Road** – one way and parking restrictions, was a scheme on the list of priorities? The Chairman reported that an extension of the one-way system to incorporate the southernmost stretch of the road had been discussed previously but it had been agreed not to pursue the proposal. There was further discussion about whether this should be added to the list of proposals again.

- **Review of Controlled Parking Zones (CPZs)** – Marie Ovenden agreed to report back on how the six-monthly reviews are carried out.
- **Streetlight replacement project** – poor consultation, reduced security and delays. The Committee reported on varied responses by residents to the scheme. Duncan Crow explained that the advantages of the new lampposts included reduced carbon dioxide emissions, improved quality of light and economies of scale.
- **Love West Sussex Application.** Marie Ovenden agreed to provide an update on the e-mail address for reporting highways issues.
- **Anti-social parking on grass verges.** Members reported that changes to regulations on enforcement were awaited. The Chairman reminded residents that bye-laws preventing this parking would result in increased street furniture and potentially in criminal records for those who continued to ignore the law.

#### **Date of Next Meeting**

35. The Chairman informed all that the next meeting would be held on 12 September 2013 at Crawley Library.

The meeting closed at 8.55 pm.

Chairman