

**East Crawley County Local Committee**

17 January 2012 – At a meeting of the Committee held at 7.00pm in Crawley Library, Crawley.

Present: Mr Burgess, Mr Burrett (Chairman), Mr Crow and Mr Lanzer.

**Declarations of Interest**

97. Mr Burgess, Mr Burrett, Mr Crow and Mr Lanzer declared a personal interest in Agenda Item 6, Traffic Regulation Order in Furnace Parade, as members of Crawley Borough Council.

98. Mr Burgess, Mr Burrett, Mr Crow and Mr Lanzer declared a personal interest in Agenda Item 8, Community Initiative Fund (Application 1751/EC), as members of Crawley Borough Council.

99. Mr Burgess declared a personal and prejudicial interest in Agenda Item 8 (Application 1754/EC), as a member of the Crawley Festival Committee. Mr Burgess left the room for the consideration of this application.

**Minutes**

100. Resolved - That the minutes of the meeting held on 3 November 2011 be approved as a correct record and that they be signed by the Chairman.

101. The Committee noted that an interim position was being taken with regard to the implementation of the decision relating to a TRO in Allyington Way, Balcombe Road and Street Hill, Worth, in order for officers to look at other possibilities for parking restrictions in the area. This was due to a large amount of correspondence objecting to the proposals received since the decision was made in November 2011. A further report would be considered at the next meeting on 23 May 2012.

**Highways**

**Infrastructure Planning Priorities for East Crawley CLC Area**

102. The Committee considered a report by the Director of Communities and Infrastructure on the Infrastructure Plan for the East Crawley County Local Committee area (copy appended to the signed minutes).

103. George Chisenga (Community Development Team Manager) introduced the report and advised that this was a new process whereby members proposed priorities for the Infrastructure Plan 2013/2014 for their CLC area.

104. The following issues were raised in the discussion that followed: -

- Cycle path along Worth Park Avenue, Pound Hill – the issue of dangerous and obstructive parking was raised. A cycle path would

mean that no parking was permitted. Miles Davy advised that he would investigate the possibility of a temporary TRO, although parking restrictions were also being proposed along part of the road as part of the proposal for a Controlled Parking Zone in Pound Hill, which was being discussed later on the agenda.

- Re-surfacing Woodfield Road, Northgate – George Chisenga advised that this could not be included in the Infrastructure Plan as this work would be funded through the revenue budget. George Chisenga agreed to find out when the work would be carried out and report back.
- A resident asked if it was possible to put the list of schemes in order of priority. The Chairman reported that there were 14 CLCs each with its own list therefore each CLC's list needed to be flexible as some schemes would be progressed sooner as 'quick wins'.

105. Resolved – That the following priorities are recommended to the Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport for inclusion in the Infrastructure Plan for the East Crawley CLC area: -

- Pedestrian Crossing Facility (signalised) – Hazelwick Avenue, Three Bridges (near passage to Pondwood Road).
- Traffic Management Chicane Removal – Station Hill/Billinton Drive/ Matthews Drive, Maidenbower (suggestion to remove one or more priority chicanes, the first being the measure closest to Three Bridges Station).
- Traffic Management Scheme – Church Road, Worth (details to be determined).
- Pedestrian Crossing Facility – Turners Hill Road, Worth, to improve access between Crabbet Park and Worth.
- Cycle Path – Worth Park Avenue, Pound Hill - from the Balcombe Road/Worth Park Avenue roundabout, south-west along Worth Park Avenue to Station Hill and Haslett Avenue accessing Three Bridges Station.

### **Proposal for Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) in Furnace Parade, Furnace Green**

106. The Committee considered a report by the Director of Communities and Infrastructure on a TRO for Furnace Parade (copy appended to the signed minutes).

107. George Chisenga introduced the report and advised that Crawley Borough Council was rejuvenating Furnace Parade and car park and a TRO was required to facilitate this scheme.

108. Resolved – That having considered objections raised and officer responses, the Head of Legal and Democratic Services is authorized to make a TRO under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 on the proposals as advertised.

## **Proposals for residents' parking controls and review of waiting restrictions in Pound Hill**

109. The Committee considered a report by the Director of Communities and Infrastructure and the Divisional Manager Transport on proposals to introduce residents' parking controls and review existing waiting restrictions (copy appended to the signed minutes).

110. Miles Davy, CPZ Lead Professional, introduced the report and advised that a key concern of residents was commuter parking. If Members agreed, a formal consultation would be carried out over a three-week period and a further report would be brought back to the Committee in May.

111. Resolved – That having considered the responses to the informal consultation the Head of Legal and Democratic Services is authorized to formally advertise modified proposals to:

- (1) introduce a CPZ in Pound Hill;
- (2) extend waiting restrictions in Cobbett Close, Milton Mount Avenue, St Mary's Drive and Worth Park Avenue;
- (3) subject to there being no objections after a formal advertisement, bring the TRO into operation.

## **Community Initiative Fund**

112. The Committee considered a report by the Head of Legal and Democratic Services on the Community Initiative Fund (copy appended to the signed minutes).

### **Application 1693/EC – Crawley Community Transport**

113. Crawley Community Transport had requested £444.00 towards staff uniform costs. The application had been deferred at the last meeting for further information about the financial position of the organisation. The Chief Executive of Crawley Community Transport advised that under Charity Commission regulations the organisation had to keep three to six months' revenue in reserves. The Committee thanked him for the additional information and agreed to allocate £444.00.

### **Application 1733/EC – 4SIGHT**

114. 4SIGHT had requested £222.00 towards design and printing costs for LEARN4SIGHT packs. The Committee agreed to allocate £222.00.

### **Application 1751/EC – Crawley Wellbeing**

115. Crawley Wellbeing had requested £1,111.00 towards the one-off Tilgate Park Run. The Committee agreed to allocate £1,111.00.

## **Application 1754/EC – Crawley Festival**

116. Crawley Festival had requested £2,666.00 towards creative and educational workshops by local community groups as part of the 2012 Festival. The Committee agreed to allocate £2,666.00.

117. Resolved - That the East Crawley County Local Committee allocates the following funding: -

- (1) £444.00 to Crawley Community Transport
- (2) £222.00 to 4SIGHT
- (3) £1,111.00 to Crawley Wellbeing
- (4) £2,666.00 to Crawley Festival.

## **Appointment of Authority Governors**

118. The Committee considered a report by the Director of Learning on the appointment of Authority Governors (copy appended to the signed minutes).

119. Resolved – That

- (1) Mr A Livingstone is appointed to Pound Hill Infants School for a four-year term.
- (2) Mr L Hammond is re-appointed to Maidenbower Infants School for a four-year term.

## **'talk with us' - Open Forum**

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

121. Action being taken by the County Council to support the Borough Council to prevent anti-social parking on verges. Mr Lanzer described the Borough Council's 'Provide, Prevent and Enforce' action plan. He reported that the Borough Council was working with the County Council's TRO Team to accelerate the time taken to complete the TRO process. A survey had been carried out Borough-wide on those verges most at risk, and he asked for further feedback from residents to ensure all problem areas were known about.

122. Miles Davy advised that there were DfT plans to increase the powers of enforcement for local authorities. The new powers were complex and the County Council was waiting for further clarification about signage.

123. Date for implementing the CPZ extension in Three Bridges. Miles Davy advised that working processes required by the new Maintenance Contract had resulted in delays. The new Contract would provide a better service in the long term and the 'back office' issues were being addressed. Miles Davy apologized for the delay and hoped to have a date for the implementation of the CPZ within the next two weeks.

124. Dangerous and uneven footway at Whistler Close, Tilgate. Mr Crow reported that the pathway had been inspected and a job raised for those slabs which were at 'intervention level' to be repaired. George Chisenga advised that he would look

into the possibility of having a warning sign put up until the remedial work was carried out.

125. Re-location of the Citizens' Advice Bureau (CAB). Mr Lanzer reported that Crawley Borough Council was awaiting the results of a CAB restructure. Pending the outcome of the restructure the Borough Council would liaise with possible landowners.

126. Hours of working for Civil Parking Enforcement Officers. Miles Davy advised that Enforcement Officers should work until 7.30pm but he would clarify this with the Borough Council.

### **Date of Next Meeting**

127. 23 May 2012 at 7pm in Crawley Library.

### **Chairman**

The meeting closed at 8.45 pm.