

East Crawley County Local Committee

12 September 2016 – 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) (Chairman), 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

20. The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and each County Councillor and Officer introduced themselves.

21. The Chairman drew the Committee's attention to the 'Safer In Our Hands' campaign in response to plans by the Sussex Police and Crime Commissioner's office to look at taking over West Sussex Fire and Rescue Service. He advised that West Sussex County Council (WSCC) believed that West Sussex Fire and Rescue Service should remain under the control of the County Council where it sat at the heart of the authority's Communities and Public Protection Directorate, fully integrated with all services. He encouraged Members and the public to take an information card and sign the petition on the WSCC website.

Declaration of Interests

22. No interests were declared.

Minutes

23. Resolved - that the minutes of the meeting held on 18 May 2016 be confirmed as a correct record and that they be signed by the Chairman.

Progress Statement

24. The Committee received and noted a progress report on matters relating to East Crawley (copy appended to the signed minutes). Comments were made including the following:

- It was reported that the lighting columns near the site of the chicane removal in Station Hill had still not been moved. Brian Lambarth agreed to follow this up.
- Regarding Three Bridges Station it was noted that the possibility of an eastern access was still being discussed with Network Rail.

Changes to County Local Committees

25. Mr Bob Lanzer, Cabinet Member for Corporate Relations, introduced the previously circulated report that detailed proposed changes to County Local Committees. Mr Lanzer stated that the proposals are to deliver a Democratic Services savings target of £378,000 for 2016/18 as part of West Sussex County Council's two-year savings programme. It had been proposed that savings of £165,400 came out of the County Local Committees budget over the next two years. For Crawley the proposal included combining the East and West Crawley County Local Committees and reducing the number of meetings from 4 to 3 per year. The proposals also included a reduction of the Community Initiative Fund by £1,000 per Member this year and a further £1,000 per Member next year.

26. Mr Lanzer stated that feedback had been sought from Members and partners and the proposals and feedback were considered by the Governance Committee earlier that day, which gave its full support. The next step would be for Full Council to consider the proposals in October.

27. Mr Lanzer stated that the benefits of the proposals for Crawley would include CIF applicants and officers only having to attend one meeting. He also stated that Crawley is one town and having one Committee focusing on the whole town would be more inclusive. Some concern was raised by members of the public about fewer meetings and less community funding. However it was noted that issues such as potholes should not wait until a CLC meeting and should be reported as they occur. Members also stated that they do meet residents outside of CLC meetings to discuss issues.

Priorities for Traffic Regulation Orders

28. The Committee considered a report by the Executive Director of Residents Services and Director of Highways and Transport (copy appended to the signed minutes), which sought a decision from the Committee.

29. Resolved: that the East Crawley County Local Committee agreed to progress the highest scoring TRO priority from the list attached at Appendix A. Due to the location and nature of the schemes on the list the following will be progressed as one TRO:

PARK WAY - Waiting Restrictions

MARVELL CLOSE - Waiting Restrictions

MILTON MOUNT AVENUE - Waiting Restrictions

HERRICK CLOSE - Waiting Restrictions

GRATTONS DRIVE - Waiting Restrictions.

Community Initiative Funding

30. The Committee considered a report by the Director of Law, Assurance and Strategy (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.

31. Resolved - that the Committee allocated funding as follows:

1025/EC – The Ekta Group, £500.00, to be used specifically towards subsidising day trips. It was suggested that the Group apply to the new small grants scheme for venue hire. It was also suggested that any future applications should show evidence of a wider and more diverse membership.

1030/EC - CAMEO Club, £276.00, towards the Santa Special Christmas Lunch Cruise.

1039/EC – The Posh Club, £1,050.00, to be used specifically towards the new sound system.

1047/EC - Ifield Community Youth Service Ltd, £1,600.00, towards heating and rain awnings for the Sound on the Street mobile recording studio.

Nominations to School and Academy Governing Bodies

32. The Committee noted the Authority School Governor vacancies.

'Talk with Us' – Open Forum

33. The following matters affecting Crawley residents were raised.

- A TRO to restrict parking on Saturdays near the shops and bank in Three Bridges Road was approved in February and a resident asked how long it would take to implement the signage. Brian Lambarth confirmed that works are in progress and that he would expect it to be completed within the next 5 weeks.
- It was confirmed that West Sussex Highways crews work all year and responses to pot holes are responded to in the same way all year round. Residents are encouraged to report potholes as they appear via the website or the Love West Sussex App and not wait until CLC meetings.

Date of Next Meeting

34. The Chairman reminded the Committee that the date of the next meeting was Wednesday 23 November 2016 at Crawley Library.

The meeting closed at 7.43pm.

Chairman