

North Chichester County Local Committee

20 June 2017 – At a meeting of the Committee held at 7.00pm at Rogate Village Hall, North Street, Petersfield, GU31 5BH.

Present: David Bradford (Member for Rother Valley), Janet Duncton (Member for Petworth), Kate O'Kelly (Member for Midhurst) and Viral Parikh (Member for Bourne).

In attendance: Adam Chisnall (Democratic Services Officer), Peter Lawrence (Principal Community Officer) and Chris Dye (Area Highways Manager).

Welcome and Introductions

1. Mr Chisnall opened the meeting and the Members and Officers introduced themselves.

Election of Chairman and Vice Chairman

2. Resolved – That:

- Mrs Janet Duncton is elected as Chairman of the North Chichester County Local Committee for the 2017/18 municipal year.
- Dr Kate O'Kelly is elected as Vice-Chairman of the North Chichester County Local Committee for the 2017/18 municipal year.

Terms of Reference

3. The Committee noted its Terms of Reference.

Declaration of Interests

4. Janet Duncton declared a personal interest for Community Initiative Funding application 26/NC as a member of the Community Association.

Minutes

5. A Rogate Parish Council Councillor who had been in the audience at the 16 March meeting spoke about the presentation that had been received regarding the planned improvements to Rogate.

6. The Councillor informed the Committee that the presented works had been curtailed from the original request due to funding and so the County Council had not been able to support the whole project. The project had therefore been split into two phases. The presented plans represented phase one, which covered the village improvements. Phase two was for the east of the village and it was hoped that the County Council would support this phase also. Phase two had been agreed in principle, but no funding had been allocated.

7. Resolved – that the minutes of the meeting held on 16 March 2017 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

Progress Statement

8. The Committee considered the progress report on matters arising from the previous meeting (copy appended to the signed minutes).
9. Mr Chisnall introduced the report which gave updates on issues raised at the 16 March meeting.
10. Resolved – That the Committee notes the progress statement.

Appointments to Outside Body

11. The Committee considered a report by the Director of Law and Assurance (copy appended to the signed minutes).
12. Resolved – That:
 - The Committee appoints Dr Kate O'Kelly to the Wey and Arun Canal Trust until the end of the Council term (May 2021).

Community Initiative Funding

13. The Committee considered a report by the Director of Law and Assurance (copy appended to the signed minutes).
14. A resident from Sutton Village Hall gave feedback on their experience with a previous Community Initiative Funding application and how the grant had been used.
15. Resolved – That the North Chichester County Local Committee considers the Community Initiative Funding applications as set out in Appendix A and that the following awards are made:
 - 15/NC - Lodsworth Village Hall, £1,875.00, towards the replacement of Tables, crockery and chairs.
 - 26/NC - Petworth and District Community Association, £2,000.00, towards the purchase of new marquee.
 - 28/NC - Sutton Village Hall, £1,875.00, towards the restoration of the hall floor.

Nominations for Local Authority Governors to Maintained Schools and Academy Governing Bodies

16. The Committee considered a report by the Executive Director Children, Adults, Families, Health & Education (copy appended to the signed minutes).

17. Resolved – that the Committee approves the following nominations for appointment under the 2012 Regulations:

- Mrs Elizabeth Evans to Loxwood Primary School for a four year term

Talk With Us (Open Forum)

18. The Chairman introduced the item and advised that the open forum was an opportunity for comments and questions to be raised on items not already on the agenda, and over which the County Council has jurisdiction. The following issues were raised and responses made.

- A resident requested an update into cycle way progress. - *Mr Chris Dye, Area Highway Manager, explained that many schemes had been earmarked, but lack of funding was an issue. The Chairman proposed a future agenda item to look into the subject.*
- A resident raised an issue relating to speeding motorcycles on the A272. The resident had been in contact with the Highways department and also the Police to investigate a Community Speedwatch scheme. - *The resident was advised to approach their local Parish Council to gain support for more volunteers to set up a group. - The Chairman proposed a future agenda item to look into Speed Watch initiatives.*
- A resident from South Harting raised concerns on the volume of traffic entering the village and requested a traffic survey. - *Mr Dye explained that surveys carried a cost and that spend needed to be carefully considered. Mr Dye agreed to look up historical surveys that had taken place.*
- A resident raised queries on the Love West Sussex website regarding anonymous reporting and the resources required to run the service. – *The Committee felt Love West Sussex was a useful tool for the public to report issues, but noted that anonymous reporting could be an issue. The Committee resolved to investigate the anonymity of reporting and the resource impact of running Love West Sussex.*
- A resident raised concerns on bridleway damage and maintenance in Graffham. – *The Chairman read out a statement from the Principal Rights of Way Officer which explained that all public rights of way were inspected on a 15 month cycle. Issues were then assessed and prioritised accordingly. It was confirmed that works were due this year on Graffham Bridleway 981 which would benefit local users. The Chairman agreed to pass on the concerns to the Rights of Way department.*

Date of Next Meeting

19. The Committee noted that its next scheduled meeting would take place on Tuesday 14 November 2017 at a venue to be confirmed.

20. The meeting closed at 8.13pm

Chairman