

Unconfirmed minutes subject to approval/amendment at the next meeting of the
North Mid Sussex County Local Committee

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5 December 2012 – At a meeting of the Committee held at 7.00pm at The Glen Vue Centre, East Grinstead.

Present: Bill Acraman, Member for Worth Forest; Liz Bennett, Member for East Grinstead Meridian; Heidi Brunsdon, Member for Imberdown and John O'Brien, Member for East Grinstead South and Ashurst Wood (Chairman).

Apologies were received from: Christine Field, Member for Lindfield and High Weald.

Chairman's Welcome

47. John O'Brien welcomed all to the meeting and noted apologies from the Chairman Christine Field, Member for Lindfield and High Weald.

Declaration of Interests

48. No interests were declared.

Minutes

49. Resolved - that the minutes of the meeting held on 5 September 2012 were approved as a correct record and that they be signed by the Chairman.

Appointment of Authority Governors

51. The Committee considered a report by the Director of Learning (copy appended to signed minutes) that set out proposed nominations to school governing bodies and the criteria for their appointment. Members of the Committee urged local people to consider applying for governorships at North Mid Sussex schools.

52. It was noted that Ms Hetherton was no longer the Head of Imberhorne School as stated on the appendix and that Mr J. Ford had now taken over the Headship of the School.

53. The Committee noted that the application from Mr J D Lowe to Fairway Infant School had been withdrawn following the publication of the report.

54. Resolved - That the following appointments be approved: -

- Mrs C Crofts to Imberhorne School for a 4 year term.
- Mrs K A Bagnall to Fairway Infant School for a 4 year term.

'talk with us' – Open Forum

54. The Chairman invited questions and comments on items not on the agenda. The following issues were raised and responses made:

- John Downe, Chairman of West Hoathly Parish Council, posed two questions to the Committee relating to traffic and highways. He asked the CLC to

explain its role in relation to highways across the county and whether the CLC had a role in progressing area-wide initiatives. John O'Brien advised that the CLC had an influence over area-wide highways initiatives and that individual members brought local issues to the CLC meetings for consideration. Heidi Brunsdon advised that there was a Strategic Transport Plan and that an item on the Infrastructure Plan priorities for the CLC area would be considered at the next meeting in March when the CLC would be invited to agree which local highways improvement initiatives it would like to see taken forward as a priority. George Chisenga, Team Manager (Gatwick Diamond), Community and Economic Development, confirmed that Robert Rhodes-Kubiak, Principal Community Officer for the North and Central Mid Sussex areas, would be working with individual members to look at the lists of community issues put forward by individuals, community groups and town and parish councils to determine if they were genuine community issues and would therefore be considered by the CLC.

- A representative of Worth Parish Council asked about the availability of Section 106 funding for the upgrading of the footway and cycleway to join up to the Worth Way. Members advised that the Parish Council would need to make an application to the County Council who would then apply to Mid Sussex District Council as the planning authority. The Chairman suggested contacting Sustrans, a charity promoting smarter travel choices.
- The same representative raised concerns about a gully on the B2110 East Street in Turners Hill which had recently been repaired but was now breaking up again. Members advised that this and similar highways maintenance issues could now be reported through the new Application 'Love West Sussex'. Members of the audience expressed concerns that the follow up from the new system was inadequate. John O'Brien advised that it was managed by the contractor Balfour Beatty and that the County Council was aware that there were some issues which it was working with the contractor to resolve. George Chisenga agreed to provide a map showing the location of gullies in the area to enable more accurate reporting.
- An East Grinstead resident and CVS representative referred to the new lighting in Blackwell Hollow and asked whether the County Council would be taking the opportunity to improve the lighting at the junction with Cranston Road. Liz Bennett advised that Blackwell Hollow was a concern. She had not yet seen plans/proposed locations of the lights but confirmed that she was also looking at options for improving safety along the road.
- The same resident also asked whether the CLC would agree to the East Grinstead town twinning signs, that had been taken down, being put back up. John O'Brien advised that the Town Council was doing a lot of work to rationalise and improve the signage across the town and that the CLC would work closely with them as required.
- A resident of Hurst Farm Road in East Grinstead asked whether the timescale for the implementation of the Controlled Parking Zone (CPZ) was known. John O'Brien advised that it was likely to be in the New Year.
- Another resident asked about the availability and purchasing of residents vouchers and whether all residents would receive a letter inviting them to apply for a permit(s). Heidi Brunsdon advised that residents would need to contact Mid Sussex District Council as the authority responsible for issuing permits. John O'Brien agreed to get back to the residents to confirm the process.
- Residents also asked how the CPZ would be enforced e.g. across driveways. John O'Brien suggested that the residents email him with their specific

questions and that he would liaise with the Parking Strategy Team to provide answers.

Date of Next Meeting

54. The Chairman confirmed that the next meeting would be held on 13 March 2013 at The Copthorne Jubilee Pavilion, Copthorne Bank, Copthorne, West Sussex, RH10 3JQ.

55. The meeting closed at 7.38 pm

Chairman