

North Mid Sussex County Local Committee

22 January 2014 – At a meeting of the Committee held at 7.00pm at Glen Vue Centre, East Grinstead.

Present: Mr Acraman, Member for Worth Forest; Mrs Bennett, Member for East Grinstead Meridian; Mrs Brunsdon, Member for Imberdown, Mrs Field, Member for Lindfield and High Weald (Chairman) and Mr O'Brien, Member for East Grinstead South and Ashurst Wood.

Welcome

56. The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting.

Declaration of Interests

57. No interests were declared.

Minutes

58. Resolved - that the minutes of the meeting held on 9 October 2013 be approved as a correct record and that they be signed by the Chairman.

Progress Statement

59. The Principal Community Officer provided members with the following updates following the October meeting:

- **West Street, East Grinstead.** Owing to the possibility of a planning application for a local development which, if implemented, would potentially alter the traffic flows in and around West Street, the scheme had been deferred until the potential implications are better understood. An update would be provided at a future meeting.
- **Bus Interchange, East Grinstead railway station.** Outstanding issues had now been resolved and the scheme design completed. Final consultations would take place, where required.
- **Vinols Cross safety improvements, West Hoathly.** Designs were currently being finalised and would include consideration of suggestions provided by the Parish Council. A local public exhibition of the proposals would be held April 2014.
- **Imberhorne Lane area traffic calming; C319 safety improvements in West Hoathly; Turners Hill traffic management.** Project initiation documents had been prepared and project teams, covering design and delivery were being appointment. Updates would be provided at future CLCs as work progressed.
- **Footsteps at East Grinstead railway station leading from station forecourt to upper car park.** An options report had been prepared, however owing to topographical and land ownership issues any scheme would likely be expensive and complex. The Council continued to work with stakeholders to locate funding and develop a proposal.

Urgent Matters

59. None

'talk with us' – Open Forum

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

- A Mid Sussex District Councillor expressed disappointment at the potential closure of the Wallis Centre and emphasized that there was strong local feeling that youth service provision should be maintained. – The Chairman informed the meeting that no decision had yet been taken regarding the Centre and that it would remain open until such time as a decision was taken. She emphasized that the issue was outside of the CLC's remit and that the members were therefore unable to answer any additional questions on this matter. She stated that a stakeholder meeting was being held at 7pm, Tuesday 4 February at the Wallis Centre and suggested that if anyone had concerns regarding the situation they should raise these with their group/service leader to bring to that meeting.
- A local resident queried how alternative providers would be put in place following changes to the Council's youth service provision and emphasized the importance of engaging with local youth groups and services in the community. – The Chairman agreed that these comments be forwarded to the relevant officers to ensure they were considered prior to a decision being taken regarding the Wallis Centre.
- A resident of Crossways Avenue queried the date for the East Grinstead Controlled Parking Zone review. – The Principal Community Officer stated that the review was currently scheduled for March/April and that local residents would be contacted as part of that review.
- The Chairman of Turners Hill Parish Council stated that he had raised a query with the County Council's Highways department in September 2013 and as yet had received no acknowledgement. – The Principal Community Officer undertook to progress this issue outside of the meeting.

40. The Chairman thanked members of the public for their comments and questions and advised that there was also an opportunity to submit written questions to the Committee in advance of the CLC meetings should anyone wish to do so in future.

Traffic Regulation Order Priorities

41. The Committee considered a report by the Director of Communities Commissioning and the Community and Economic Development Manager (copy appended to signed minutes) which provided information on process for adding Traffic Regulation Orders (TROs) to the Infrastructure Plan.

42. The Principal Community Officer introduced the report and explained to members that the schools listed in Appendix A would have individual TRO numbers but would be dealt with in one sweep. He clarified that the locations of proposed TROs outlined in Appendix A referred to strategically targeted areas, rather than the entire road.

42. The Chairman invited comments from the Committee, which included:

- Members agreed that it was essential to ensure that school keep clear marking were enforceable as parent parking was often irresponsible and dangerous.

- Members emphasised the importance of the police and the school in the enforcement of keep clear markings. It was also noted that following the TROs, civil enforcers would be able to issue tickets to offenders. – The Principal Community Officer undertook to feed back the members comments at the stakeholder forums he attended.
- Noted the benefit of providing members of the public with cost estimates for TROs as this aided transparency.
- The Local Member (East Grinstead Meridian) explained that the TRO listed at Appendix B had arisen owing to residents living on the brow of a hill having difficulty entering and exiting their property. Further work would be required for a proposal to be developed.

44. Resolved that North Mid Sussex CLC:

1. Agree the inclusion of a package of TRO priorities within the IP, which appear technically deliverable and have evidence of community support, to be programmed for delivery alongside other IP priorities as set out in Appendix A.
2. Agree that the TRO package of priorities will be reviewed annually and recognise that additional TRO priorities can only be added if funds are identified.
3. Agree to conduct further investigation for Lynton Park Avenue, East Grinstead, prior to considering a TRO solution and any subsequent prioritisation in the IP.

Community Initiative Funding

49. The Committee considered a report by the Head of Legal and Democratic Services (copy appended to the signed minutes). The report concerned the Community Initiative Fund (CIF), a County Local Committee administered fund that provided assistance to local community projects.

51. Resolved –

a) that the Committee approves the following applications and amounts:

153/NMS Friends of Crawley Down Health Centre, £1,000, towards the cost of a laser printer.

188/NMS Community Speedwatch, £2,287.20, for the purchase of a new speed device.

190/NMS All Saints Church, £4,000, towards the Community Hall.

198/NMS Turners Hill Parish Council, £1,767.10, towards the provision of and replacement of community seating.

199/NMS The Blond McIndoe Research Foundation, £2,500, towards statue lighting.

b) That the following application be deferred until the 19 March meeting, pending further local consultation over the proposals.

186/NMS East Grinstead Business Association, towards the cost of a mural.

Appointment of Authority Governors

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

54. Resolved –

That the following appointments be approved: -

- Mrs Joanne Taylor at Crawley Down Village C of E School for a 4 year term.
- Mrs Gwyneth Gwenlan at Estcots Primary School for a 4 year term.
- Mrs Anne Knight to Copthorne CE Junior School for a 4 year term.
- Mr Brian Warrener at Ashurst Wood Primary School for a 4 year term.
- Mr John Durrant at Ashurst Wood Primary School for a 4 year term.

Date of Next Meeting

55. The Chairman confirmed that the next meeting would be held on Wednesday 19 March 2014 at 7pm, Copthorne Jubilee Pavilion, Copthorne Bank.

The meeting closed at 8.45.

Chairman