

North Mid Sussex County Local Committee

17 June 2015 – At a meeting of the Committee held at 7.00pm at West Hoathly Primary School.

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

Election of Chairman

1. Mrs Field was elected as Chairman of the North Mid Sussex County Local Committee for the 2015-16 municipal year.

Declaration of Interests

2. Mr. O'Brien declared a personal interest in Agenda Item No. 9 Community Initiative Fund application 710/SMS Bluebird Community Transport as West Sussex County Council Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport.

Minutes

3. Resolved – that the minutes of the meeting held on 18 March 2015 be approved as a correct record and that they be signed by the Chairman.

Urgent Matters

4. There were no urgent matters.

Progress Statement

5. Richard Speller, Highways Area Manager for Mid Sussex, introduced the Progress Statement (copy attached to the signed minutes). Mr Speller advised that the Highways Service had recently restructured and as a result there were now six area teams covering the county, co-terminus with the District and Borough Councils. The Mid Sussex team comprised six officers with Mr Speller as the single point of contact for all services. He encouraged residents to report highways issues via the Highways@westsussex.gov.uk email address or via the 'Love West Sussex' website: Love.westsussex.gov.uk.

6. Resolved – The Committee noted the progress statement.

'Talk with us' – Open Forum

7. The Chairman invited questions and comments on items not on the agenda.

8. The following issues were raised and responses made:-

- An East Grinstead resident requested an update on the East Grinstead Car Parking Review. The Chairman advised that an update on the Parking Review would be provided at the Committee's next meeting in September.

- A Turner's Hill Parish Councillor raised concerns about a water leak on the B2110 near Vowels Lane, Kingscote, East Grinstead and reported a hole in the road outside The Ark in Mount Lane, Turners Hill. The Highways Area Manager agreed to follow up both issues and to report back to the Committee.

Prevention and Wellbeing Grants 2015-16

9. The Committee considered a report by the Executive Director Care, Wellbeing & Education and Director of Public Health and Social Care Commissioning (copy appended to the signed minutes). The report set out the prevention & wellbeing commissioning objectives for 2015 along with the Prevention and Wellbeing Grant applications received for 2015-16. It also identified how the grants were spent in 2014/15. Grants are awarded annually on merit in relation to the application and awarding criteria. The criteria reflect countywide and service area objectives, as well as specific local needs.

10. The Chairman introduced the report and advised that the Committee members had met previously to consider the applications in detail, but confirmed that no decisions had been made prior to the CLC meeting. She advised that the Committee had £9,939.00 in funding to allocate in 2015-16 and had received applications totalling £16,743.12.

11. The Committee considered the grant applications for 2015-16 as set out in Appendix B and approved those that it considered most appropriate to the local needs of the community.

12. Resolved -

(a) That the following awards are made:-

- TB20 – Age UK East Grinstead and District, £5,000.00
- TB05 – Bluebird Community Transport, £1,500.00
- DR001 – Cruse West Sussex, £360.00
- TB26 – Jubilee Community Church, £1,000.00
- NL004 – Lifecentre, £150.00
- TB01 – SASBAH, £250.00
- JP032 – St Peters House Project, £179.00 part-funded due to limited resources.
- JB001 – St Catherine's Hospice, £1,000.00
- TB11 – Turners Hill Day Centre (The Circle Club), £500.00 part-funded to cover insurance costs.

(b) That the following applications are declined:

- TB14 – Cancervive, 476.28 as the Committee considered this was a duplication of the services already provided by other organisations in the CLC area and members felt it was important to support existing services.
- TB28 – Cuckfield Lawn Tennis Club, £2,000.00 as the Committee considered that the application was not appropriate for the Prevention and Wellbeing Fund and there were tennis clubs

within the CLC area.

- TB30 – Ditchling Museum of Art and Craft, £250.00 as the Committee considered that the application was not appropriate for the Prevention and Wellbeing Fund and the project was not benefitting residents in the CLC area.
- TB08 – East Grinstead Mental Health Association, £700.00 as the Committee considered the application was more appropriate for the Community Initiative Fund.
- TB10 – Meridian Archery Club, £1,200.00 as the Committee considered the application appeared to be more about the club than reaching new people. Members also had concerns about the timescale of the project as planning permission was still awaited for the indoor shooting range.
- TL006 – PBC Foundation, £56.84 as the Committee considered the application was not appropriate for the Prevention and Wellbeing Grant process and should be dealt with on a countywide basis.

Community Initiative Funding

13. 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.

14. The Chairman advised that the Committee had funds of £22,000.00 for allocation during the 2015-16 financial year and had received, for consideration, applications totalling £4,635.00. She advised that there were a number of funding streams available to people via the County Council and that a question would be raised at the next meeting of the County Council at the end of the month.

15. The Committee debated the respective merits of the projects for which funding was sought.

16. Resolved –

(a) The following applications are approved:-

- 710/NMS – Bluebird Community Transport, £885.00 to upgrade IT software.
- 727/NMS – Parochial Church Council of St John The Evangelist, £2,250.00 to purchase crockery, cutlery and glasses for St John's Community Hall and Worth Parish Council offices.

(b) The following application is declined:

- 715/NMS – East Grinstead Project (Dance in the High Street), £1,500.00. The Committee considered it was difficult to measure

the community benefit of a one day event and that £1,500.00 did not represent good value for money. They also agreed that the CIF should not be supporting an individual.

Appointment of Authority Governors

17. The Committee had before it a list of the current vacancies for Local Authority Governors in the North Mid Sussex CLC area (copy appended to the signed minutes). The Chairman briefly explained the role of School Governors and encouraged people to express their interest by completing the online form or contacting Governor Services for further information.

18. Resolved – That under the 2012 Regulations the Committee approves the following nomination:-

Reappointment: -

- Mrs T Hughes to West Hoathly CP School for a four year term.

Date of Next Meeting

19. The Chairman confirmed that the next meeting of the Committee would be held on Wednesday 23 September 2015 at 7.00pm in East Grinstead Library. The meeting will focus on support and services for older people.

The meeting closed at 8.17pm.

Chairman