

South Chichester County Local Committee

16 September 2014 – At a meeting of the Committee held at 7.00pm in Committee Room 3, County Hall, Chichester.

Present: Margaret Evans (Chairman and Chichester South), Jeremy Hunt (Vice Chairman and Chichester North), Sandra James (Bourne), Pieter Montyn (The Witterings), Simon Oakley (Chichester East) and Bernard Smith (Selsey).

Welcome and Introductions

25. Mrs Margaret Evans welcomed members of the public to the meeting.
26. Apologies were received from Louise Goldsmith (Chichester West).

Declaration of Interests

27. Ms James declared a personal interest as a member of Chidham and Hambrook Parish Council. No other interests were declared.

Minutes

28. Resolved - that the minutes of the meeting held on 17 June 2014 were approved as a correct record and that they be signed by the Chairman.
29. The Chairman thanked Denise North, Voluntary Sector Relationship Officer, for her support and advice to the Committee in relation to Prevention and Wellbeing Grants. Denise was due to retire from the County Council.

Urgent Matters

30. The Chairman reported that a late Community Initiative Funding application from Forestside & West Marden Villagers had been received, and would be considered together with the other applications as part of agenda item 9.

Chichester 20mph Speed Limits

31. The Committee received a report (copy appended to the signed minutes) on the outcome of a speed survey following the introduction of a 20mph speed limit in Chichester. In July 2013, West Sussex County Council implemented the extensive area-wide scheme that has introduced signed 20mph limits without traffic calming in Chichester. The scheme covered the majority of residential streets which previously had a 30mph speed limit. Main roads such as 'A' and 'B' classified roads were excluded from the scheme.
32. The Chairman reported that the 20's Plenty for Chichester Group had sent a statement to the Committee Members regarding the results of the speed survey and the Chairman shared key points from the statement with the audience in attendance. This included:
 - The implementation of the 20mph speed limits was welcomed, and the speed survey showed the scheme was having a positive effect in reducing speeds.

- Some behavioural change was still required, such as increasing walking and cycling, which would in turn also help to improve the air quality.
- Some roads, particularly straight roads, still had a high average speed.
- A further year was required in order to monitor any further reduction in speeds and consider if any other options for reducing speeds were needed.
- Speedwatch could help to encourage compliance and residents would continue to be encouraged to be involved.
- The Group would continue to work with local councils, the Police and the community to reduce vehicle speeds.

33. In addition to the report, Tracey Webb, Principal Community Officer, reported that:

- The results of the speed survey were as expected.
- It was too early to consider any further measures. More time, at least a further 2 years, was required to truly see the effect of the scheme and help from the local community in this would be welcomed.

34. The Chairman invited comments from the Committee which included:

- Whether the speed monitoring had taken place at the best times. In response it was reported that the speed surveys had taken place 24 hours a day for 7 – 14 days. The survey results would now be examined in more detail and any issues passed to the police as appropriate.
- The slight reduction in speeds was welcomed, and it was noted there was a reliance on people to self-enforce the new limits and keep their speeds down.
- Florence Road was highlighted in the report, and it was noted it was included on the Community Issues List for South Chichester.
- There was a need for residents to help monitor the maintenance of road surface roundels and report any problems.
- Further monitoring of the speed limits would take place in the future (expected to be in 3 years).
- The speed reduction of 1.7mph was consistent with Department for Transport expectations.
- Questioned whether Norwich Avenue should be Norwich Road, and also queried whether Whyke Road should be included.
- Improved signage was required in Brandy Hole Lane, College Lane and The Broadway.
- Speeding should be reported to the Police as part of Operation Crackdown.
- A request to know the total cost of the scheme, which the Principal Community Officer agreed to send following the meeting.

35. Resolved – that the Committee note the speed survey results and look forward to the results of a further speed survey in the future.

Manhood Peninsula Partnership – Green Links across the Manhood (GLaM) project

36. The Committee considered a report and received a presentation on the GLaM Project (copy appended to the signed minutes) which is aimed at improving the footpath, cycling and bridleway infrastructure on the Manhood Peninsula. The Chairman welcomed Jane Cunningham, Manhood Peninsula Partnership (MPP) Project Officer to the meeting, who reported that:

- MPP wanted to ensure the sustainable development of the Peninsula, improve and promote co-ordination and communication, and provide an opportunity for community participation.
 - It looked at the Peninsula as a whole, and how to link east and west, for visitors and local people.
 - There were 3 routes on the Peninsula, but they currently did not link together, or link the Peninsula with the wider area.
 - The RSPB were working on linking Pagham Harbour with Medmerry (Phase 1) which was due to be completed in 2016/17. The next phase would link Bracklesham and East Wittering and Earnley.
 - The MPP Key Statement was the Policy Statement that supported the project. It aimed to raise awareness to push the project forward to encourage implementation.
 - The Green Links could help to generate income for the local economy.
37. The Chairman invited comments from the Committee which included:
- Would like to see good signage for new and existing routes.
 - The MPP were working with the County Council on the route up to North Mundham.
 - Welcomed the news that the MPP is working with local Parish Councils with regarding to Neighbourhood Plans in particular, and local residents groups, community groups and interest groups.
38. The Chairman thanked Jane Cunningham for attending the meeting.

Progress Statement

39. The Committee noted the report (copy appended to the signed minutes).

talk with us (Open Forum)

40. The Chairman invited questions and comments from residents in attendance which included:
- Carole Purnell, Selsey Town Council – reported that following some road resurfacing in the area, some red road surfaces had not yet been repainted red. The Principal Community Officer agreed to investigate this.
 - Barry Sheers, resident – welcomed the reduction in speeds in the Chichester area as a result of the implementation of the 20mph but questioned whether the police were acting to enforce the limit. The Committee noted any examples of non-compliance could be reported to the Police through Operation Crackdown. It was also reported that the Police guidelines reported such limits should be self-enforcing.

Community Initiative Funding

41. The Committee considered a report by the Head 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.

42. Resolved that -

a) The following awards were made:

395/SC Selsey Community Forum, £1,400 for the purchase of laptops and bedding associated with a sexual health clinic, a mediation service and a homeless shelter.

410/SC Selsey Town Council, £3,000 to purchase projection and sound equipment for the Selsey Cinema Club.

414/SC Voluntary Action Arun and Chichester, £170, towards the purchase of a tablet to help volunteers search the internet for local volunteering opportunities.

419/SC Chichester City and Portfield United Football Club Ltd, £3,000, towards the costs of equipping a physiotherapy room.

437/SC Forestside & West Marden Villagers Defibrillator & CPR Training, £500, towards the cost of an awareness campaign for the defibrillator.

341/SC Selsey Seals Football Club, £1,500, towards the costs of a turn style, lighting, printing machine and play equipment.

358/SC Chichester Community Development Trust, £2000, towards the costs of installing a temporary building at Grayling Park.

b) The following applications were declined:

365/SC Youth Dream Selsey, £2500, towards the costs of a tutor, premises, admin and academic support for 12 young people wishing to enter training or employment as the application was outside the remit of the CIF scheme.

Appointments and Nominations to School and Academy Governing Bodies

43. The Committee considered a report by the Director of Communities Commissioning (copy appended to the signed minutes).

44. Resolved – that the South Chichester County Local Committee make the following appointment:

Appointments and Reappointments under the 2007 Regulations

Southborne Junior School: Appoint Mrs McKenna-Aspell for a four year term.

Date of Next Meeting

45. The Chairman reported that the next meeting would be held on 2 December 2014 in Committee Room 3 at County Hall, Chichester.

The meeting closed at 8.34pm

Chairman