

Unconfirmed minutes for comments/approval at the next meeting of the South  
Chichester CLC

### **South Chichester County Local Committee**

22 September 2015 – At a meeting of the Committee held at 7.00pm in Committee Room 3, County Hall, Chichester.

Present: Margaret Evans (Chairman and Chichester South), Louise Goldsmith (Chichester West), Jeremy Hunt (Vice-Chairman and Chichester North), Sandra James (Bourne) and Bernard Smith (Selsey).

Apologies: Pieter Montyn (The Witterings) and Simon Oakley (Chichester East).

### **Welcome and Introductions**

24. The Chairman welcomed members of the public to the meeting and invited all those present to stand for a minute's silence in respect of those who lost their lives in the Shoreham Airshow Crash.

25. The Chairman took the opportunity to highlight that Pay and Display Machines would replace parking vouchers in Chichester City Centre from the middle to late October. Any vouchers already purchased would be honoured and motorists could continue to use them. The tariff would not change and remain at £1.40 per hour. When an exact date was available details would be made available via the South Chichester CLC Facebook page as well as signage in the affected streets.

### **Declaration of Interests**

26. In relation to Agenda Item No. 7 (b), Community Initiative Funding, the Chairman declared a personal interest as she was the Chichester City Councillor representative for the Oxmarket Centre of Arts, which was one of the applicants.

### **Minutes**

27. Resolved – that the minutes of the meeting held on 16 June 2015 be approved as a correct record and that they be signed by the Chairman.

### **Urgent Matters**

28. There were no urgent matters.

### **talk with us (Open Forum)**

29. The Chairman invited questions and comments from residents in attendance which included:

- Mrs Carol Purnell, a Chichester District Councillor, stated that there was confusion in regard to the use of Section 106 funding for Academy Schools, as a recent Section 106 agreement in Selsey stated that education contributions were to be used in East Wittering and therefore it was asked if Academy Schools were unable to receive Section 106 funding. *Mr Hunt, as Cabinet Member for Education and Skills, undertook to find out and respond to Mrs Purnell.*

- Mr Geoff Keech representing Funtington Parish Council stated his Council's disappointment that bags of highway salt would be charged at £80 per bag and that Vehicle Activated Signs would be subject to a £300 a year maintenance charge. Mr Keech requested that Parish Councils be given more reasonable notice of changes in future. *Ms Goldsmith, as the local member, undertook to pursue the Parish Council's comments.*
- Mr Potter, a Chichester District Councillor representing Boxgrove informed the committee that two years ago his wife had had a car accident at the junction of New Road and Stane Street at Halnaker. At that time he had asked the County Council to add another 'Give Way' sign further away from the junction on New Road so giving more warning of the junction ahead. It would mean putting the sign on Goodwood Estate land and there was no objection from the Goodwood Estate land agent. The request was turned down by the County Council as it was considered that there was not enough room at the alternative location to erect the post. It was asked that this request be revisited. In addition, there had also been white posts placed on the left hand turning to Halnaker from Petworth, all but one had been knocked over and not replaced. It was asked that these be replaced. *Mr Hunt, as the local member, informed the committee that he had worked with County Council officers on the safety of that particular junction and an audit had deemed it safe. Mr Hunt undertook to speak to officers regarding replacement of the knocked down posts.* Mr Potter then highlighted the use of advertising signs at the junction. *Mr Hunt indicated that this was CDC planning issue however; as it was highway land he would look at it.*
- Mr Tony Morris, a Chichester resident, wished to raise his concerns over Hampshire Fire and Rescue Service's review and the impact it would have on the area. Mr Morris stated that West Sussex County Council paid Hampshire to provide vehicles in the CLC area and that seven out of nine vehicles could be removed along the border and replaced with, in his opinion, inferior vehicles. Ms Goldsmith informed the meeting that as an authority we did not comment on other authorities consultations highlighting that she was aware of cooperation and it was for all authorities to give each other mutual aid. Ms Goldsmith concluded that Mr Morris needed to respond to Hampshire and that his recent letter to councillors had been forwarded to West Sussex's Chief Fire Officer. Ms James stated that the consultation was the County Council's business and that the Emsworth vehicle came out to fires in her division of Bourne. Ms James asked that Sean Ruth, the Chief Fire Officer respond to her questions and to Mr Morris. Ms James also requested that a link to the Hampshire Fire and Rescue Service consultation be added to the West Sussex County Council website, as lives would be affected on the west edge of West Sussex. Ms Goldsmith responded that this was a joint issue, as parts of her division could also be affected and that every member had a concern when it came to keeping residents safe. She urged residents to respond to the Hampshire Fire and Rescue Service consultation, if they had a concern, through the Hampshire website.
- Mr Hitchcock, representing Westbourne Parish Council, in regard to the previous discussion highlighted that many people were unaware of the proposals and supported calls for West Sussex County Council to provide a link to the Hampshire Fire and Rescue Service consultation on its website. Mr Hitchcock then asked, regarding Westbourne's 20mph area, if after the first year of implementation, if speeds were monitored and they have not been reduced would alternative measures be taken? In addition, Mr

Hitchcock asked if the 30mph speed limit on Monks Hill could be moved back to before a tight bend, as a children's play park and car park were currently in a 60mph limit. Ms James, as the local member, stated that she was aware of the issue. The Chairman concluded that the CLC would be looking at further Traffic Regulation Orders at a future meeting.

- Mr Trevor Tupper, a Chichester resident, enquired on progress of a footpath from the end of Whyke Road to the new footbridge across the A27. The Chairman, as local member, informed the meeting that progress had been made with a cycle way on the other side of the A27 but not for a footpath on the west side as it was too narrow. Mr Tupper suggested an alternative could be a better signpost on Dalloway Road so that people would not walk to the end of the Whyke Road. The Chairman concluded that she was aware of the issue and was looking into it.

### **Progress Statement**

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

### **Community Initiative Funding**

31. The Chairman invited previously successful Community Initiative Fund applicants to provide feedback on how the funding had helped them. The committee heard from Mr Mike Nicholls, representing the Selsey Seals and Selsey Community Forum; Mr John Hutter representing Chichester City and Portfield United Football Club; Mr Tim Towers, Chidham and Hambrook Film Club and Mr Tony Wiener representing Sports Dream (copies of all presentations are appended to the signed minutes). Ms Julie Budge representing My Sister's House informed the meeting that the organisation had two apprentices, who were using the sewing machines the CLC had bought, to up-cycle donated clothing. On 8 November there would be a VIP evening ahead of a two day pop up shop selling clothing which had been created from donated materials. Profits would maintain the up-cycling unit and raise funds for the women's centre. Ms Goldsmith commented that the feedback had really shown that CIF could help people help themselves and that a small amount of money had created each amazing story. She thanked the organisations for the work they were doing.

32. 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 Chairman confirmed that applications 726/SC – from the Oxmarket Centre of Arts; and 735/SC – from the Chichester Ship Canal Trust which were deferred at the last meeting, had now both been withdrawn by the applicants. The Committee debated the respective merits of the projects for which funding was sought.

33. Resolved that the following awards be made -

- **768/SC** - Chichester Camera Club, £1,000.00, to purchase a defibrillator.
- **776/SC** - Boxgrove St Blaise Centre, £350.00 to purchase flowers, shrubs and other plants to create a flowerbed by the St Blaise Centre.

- **784/SC** – Lavant Memorial Hall, £514.20, for works required to provide an external defibrillator.

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

34. The Committee considered a report by the Executive Director Care, Wellbeing and Education (copy appended to the signed minutes). Mr Hunt informed the meeting that he had spoken to each Headteacher, as both nominations were for schools in his division and they welcomed each nomination.

35. The Chairman took the opportunity to highlight the number of good and outstanding OFSTED ratings which schools in the South Chichester CLC area had received over the past six months. The Chichester High School for Girls was recently rated as Outstanding by OFSTED and Bosham Primary, Fishbourne C of E Primary, Sidlesham Primary and St Richard's RC Primary had all been rated as Good. The Chairman wished to highlight that Sidlesham Primary had previously been rated as inadequate so deserved additional praise.

36. Resolved – that the South Chichester County Local Committee agreed the following:

- Nomination for appointment of Mr J O'Brennan to St Anthony's School for a four year term; and
- Nomination for reappointment of Miss C Rickard to Lavant CEP School for a four year term (current term of office ends on 13 November 2015).

### **Date of Next Meeting**

37. The Chairman reported that the next meeting would be held on 5 January 2016 in Committee Room 3 at County Hall, Chichester.

The meeting closed at 8.06pm

**Chairman**