

South Chichester County Local Committee

10 July 2012 – At a meeting of the Committee held at 7.00pm, in Committee Room 3, County Hall, Chichester.

Present: Louise Goldsmith, Member for Chichester West; Mike Hall (Chairman), Member for Chichester North; Peter Jones, Member for Selsey; Pieter Montyn, Member for The Witterings; Andrew Smith, Member for Chichester East and Margaret Whitehead (Vice Chairman), Member for Chichester South.

Welcome and Introductions

14. The Chairman noted apologies from Mark Dunn, Member for Bourne and introduced Suzanne Thompson, Democratic Services, Dan Sanders, Principal Community Officer, Mike Elkington, Strategic Planning Manager, Seth Gottesman, Voluntary Sector Liaison and Development Manager.

Declaration of Interests

15. Mr Hall declared an interest in a Community Initiative Funding application at Item 10 from Cancerwise as a regular volunteer to the charity.

Minutes

16. Resolved that: with the amendment of minute 9 bullet point 4 to read: 'A representative of Tangmere Parish Council questioned the progress of a proposed cycle way in the Blenheim Park area' the minutes of the meeting held on 22 May 2012 were approved as a correct record and that they be signed by the Chairman.

Urgent Matters

17. There were no urgent matters.

Progress Report

18. The Committee noted the report. The Principal Committee Safety Officer gave a further verbal update on the items indicated. The Committee noted that:

- A petition had been received on 20 April regarding parking in Bosham. Increased parking restriction enforcement patrols and an assessment of emergency vehicle accessibility of Moreton Road and the Holdens had been requested. The Principal Community Officer had met with the local residents' association, the community had agreed to clear leaves on double yellow lines and with local member approval a traffic regulation order (TRO) may be added to the CLCs list for prioritisation at a later meeting.
- A petition had been received on 24 April regarding a speed limit reduction in Forestside. A speed survey had been requested and the Principal Community Safety Officer will visit if requested by the petitioner. With the support of the local member this TRO will be added to the CLCs list for prioritisation a later meeting.

- A petition had been received on 22 May regarding a speed limit reduction in Westhampnett. Speed loops had been put down on Stane Street and a local traffic engineer had visited the location. With local member approval a TRO may be added to the CLCs list for prioritisation at a later meeting.
- A petition had been received on 22 May requesting a speed limit reduction in West Broyle, extension of double yellow lines and improved visibility at a junction. The Principal Community Officer had contacted the petitioner and offered a site meeting.
- The Committee had been informed that a petition was being created by Sidlesham residents. A site meeting had been offered. With local member approval a TRO may be added to the CLCs list for prioritisation at a later meeting.
- Correspondence had been received requesting an improvement of the visibility splay at the B2178 crossroads. A Community Highway Officer had arranged for more cutting back of vegetation to increase visibility. Further improvements were being discussed with the Parish Council.
- Improvements to a pathway behind Bracklesham Barn: The Principal Community Officer was working with the Better Communities team to progress path improvements. S106 monies had been identified and information was being gathered to progress scheme.

Mrs Goldsmith reported that a request for a traffic regulation order for the Funtington section of the B2179 would be forthcoming to the Committee. The Chairman highlighted that a consultation on a review to the Controlled Parking Zone would commence on 16 July and the results come to the November meeting of the Committee.

Waste Local Plan

19. The Principal Community Officer, Mike Elkington introduced a report by the Director of Communities and Infrastructure (copy appended to the signed minutes). The report concerned the preparation of the West Sussex Local Waste Plan. The Committee's view was sought on the allocation of the Bognor Road Fuel Depot site in the draft West Sussex Waste Local Plan and the 'development principles' that have been established for the site. Residents raised questions relating to possible contamination of the water table and the height of the structure.

20. The Committee view to be forwarded to the Deputy Leader was:

- That it was concerned regarding vehicular access to the site and the possible increase in traffic congestion; and that
- to note the potential for increased flooding events.

Prevention and Well Being Grants

21. The Voluntary Sector Liaison and Development Manager, Seth Gottesman introduced this report by the Executive Director, Public Health, Wellbeing and Safeguarding, copy appended to the signed minutes. The Committee noted that the bids received for the grants far outweighed the sum available for allocation and awarded funding as it considered appropriate to the needs of the local community.

22. Resolved:

- i) that the following awards were made:

SG1	£ 400	4SIGHT
DN3	2128	Age Concern Southbourne
DN1	460	Boxgrove Over 60s Lunch Club
DN2	1500	Chichester Stroke Club
SG4	765	Cruse West Sussex Area
DN12	2321	EXTEND
DN8	350	FIRST
DN1	300	Friday Tea & Chat
DN6	500	Lavant Friendly Club
SG5	1000	Lifecentre
DN1	500	Parklands Thursday Club
SG7	300	SASBAH
DN4	2128	Selsey & District Carers
DN9	4255	Selsey Time Bank
DN1	2500	Time Aside
	£19407	

ii) the Committee declined funding for the following organisations as it considered the bids to be outside the funding criteria:

SG3	Bognor Regis Community Group
DN13	Bourne Community College
DN5	Chichester Counselling Services
DN7	Chichester Malayali Association
SG10	Disability Awareness UK
SG6	Pallant House Gallery
SG8	United Response

iii). the Committee was concerned to ensure that the allocation of monies did not disadvantage Age Concern in particular and invited it to apply to the Committee for funding within the criteria of the Community Initiative Fund

iv). the Committee agreed to merge the remainder of its PIF fund with its CIF fund.

Infrastructure Plan Update

23. The Principal Community Safety Officer outlined this report concerning the Committee plans for future infrastructure works. The Chairman requested the mention of '20s Plenty' altered to read '20mph speed limits'. The Committee noted that the stakeholders meeting held in respect of Bus Stop Improvements had been attended by the City Partnership, Stagecoach and Access. In respect of the New Footway – B2145, Mr Sanders was to meet with the advising consultants and the town council on 11 July. A meeting was also to be held regarding footway improvements in Clay Lane. It was hoped that the cycle link – Winterbourne Road to Graylingwell could be undertaken sooner than the indicated date. Mr Sanders invited concerned residents to give him their details so that he could update them outside the meeting.

24. Residents noted that this update pertained to items designed in years 12/13 to be implemented in years 13/14 and questioned where they could see a similar report for the current year. Mr Sanders explained that this was a new process recently implemented so no earlier documents were available. Mrs Goldsmith questioned progress on improvements at Orchard Street Road. Mr Sanders undertook to take details on this and report back outside the meeting. Mr Smith questioned works at the Walnut Tree roundabout in Runcton. Mr Sanders undertook to update Mr Smith outside the meeting. Mr Montyn asked to be kept updated on developments regarding flooding issues at College Lane.

talk with us (Open Forum)

25. The Chairman invited questions and comments from residents, responses included:

- Representatives from Selsey Town Council requested that further parking and waiting restrictions in Selsey High Street be added to a TRO for Hillfield that was currently being processed. *While it was concerned not to push other TROs down the priority list, the Committee agreed to consider the requested additions and asked that a report for this purpose come to its November meeting.*
- A representative from Tangmere Parish Council highlighted continued difficulties in obtaining assurances regarding sustainable transport developments at Blenheim Park. *Mr Sanders undertook to put Parish Councillor in direct touch with the County Council's legal team.*
- Questions regarding the County Council's plans for infrastructure, as the authority responsible for the road system and drainage, in the light of continued housing development in and around the City. *It was explained that the County Council was fully aware of such concerns and of the importance of monitoring the cumulative effect of such development, it was further emphasised that all planned developments must satisfy current planning criteria and it was not a 'free for all'.*
- A request that the stakeholder group for Bus Stop Improvements also consider 'how' the buses move around. *It was explained that this was a matter for Stagecoach.*
- A report that following cutting clumps of wet grass were being left behind and blocking gutters. *It was acknowledged that current weather conditions were resulting in a poor quality of cut as contractors were not able to sufficiently clear the channels with blowers as they are requested to do following grass cutting.*
- Comment that the new phase of work at the New Park Community Centre had gone very well and was due to complete and it was hoped the new building would be in use within a month. Application for a Big Society award had been made in order to enable the completion of the project.
- A question regarding the closure of the cycle path in Fishbourne. *It was explained that there had been some security issues regarding the Emperor Way permissive path through the Roman Palace which may result in its closure or rerouting. A public meeting was to be held on 18 July at the Palace and residents urged to make representation.*

Community Initiative Funding

26. The Committee considered a report by the Head of Legal and Democratic Services (copy appended to the signed minutes) which set out six bids for Community Initiative Funding. The Committee debated the respective merits of the projects for which monies were sought.

27. Resolved that;

i) the following awards were made:

1893/SC The Chichester Society, Requested £400, to commission a restorative survey for murals by a specialist company. Awarded £400

1894/SC Sidlesham Parish Council, Requested £554, for a Jubilee village sign. Awarded £554 from the Committee's Parish Initiative Fund

1895/SC Cancerwise, Requested £2,361, towards itemised equipment costs and fundraising materials. Awarded £2,361

1897/SC Chichester Bowmen, Requested £2,500, towards archery equipment and a pop-up gazebo. Awarded £2,500

1899/SC Lavant Community Shop, Requested £3,240, towards itemised early-stage costs for the community shop project. Awarded £3,240.

ii) The Committee declined funding for **1891/SC** Arun & Chichester Citizens' Advice Bureau as it felt it sufficiently supported by its annual grant from West Sussex County Council.

iii). The Committee agreed to merge the remainder of its PIF fund with its CIF fund.

Appointment of Authority School Governors

28. The Committee considered a report by the Director of Learning (copy appended to the signed minutes). The Chairman emphasised the importance of the school governor role and drew attention to the vacancies at schools listed in Appendix A, inviting anyone present with an interest in becoming a governor to contact him. The Committee reappointed authority one school governor.

29. The Chairman congratulated St Anthony's School on its recent success in the National Consumer Challenge Championships.

30. Resolved that:

Mr J O'Brennan be reappointed as an Authority Governor to the Federation of St Anthony's and Littlegreen Schools for a four year term.

Partnership Projects

31. The Committee received a presentation from Fred Allen, Chairman of the Selsey Community Plan Steering Group, copy appended to the signed minutes.

Mr Allen emphasised the importance to the Group of retaining its community membership and not becoming absorbed into any council group. The Committee considered how best it could support the Group and undertook to focus on developing the role of the County Councillor in the community generally and invited the Steering Group to return to the Committee with reports at a later date.

Date of Next Meeting

32. The Chairman informed all that the next meeting would be held on 06 November 2012 in Committee Room 3 at County Hall.

33. The meeting closed at 9.00 pm

Chairman