

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

## **South Chichester County Local Committee**

22 March 2016 – 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) Pieter Montyn (The Witterings), Simon Oakley (Chichester East) and Bernard Smith (Selsey).

Apologies: None.

### **Welcome and Introductions**

56. The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked Members to introduce themselves.

### **Declaration of Interests**

57. No interests were declared.

### **Minutes**

58. Resolved – that the minutes of the meeting held on 5 January 2016 be approved as a correct record and that they be signed by the Chairman.

### **Urgent Matters**

59. There were no urgent matters.

### **Talk With Us (Open Forum)**

60. The Chairman invited comments from those in attendance, which included:

- A local resident raised his concerns about the rail service between Chichester and Brighton, highlighting that it was becoming increasingly overloaded. During a general discussion the following points were made:
  - Minimum service levels would have been detailed in the original franchise agreement that cannot be varied without Dept of Transport approval; and
  - The County Council had commented on this and other rail transport issues when responding to Network Rail's draft Sussex Area Route Study. Details can be found here: [http://www2.westsussex.gov.uk/ds/edd/ht/ht21\\_14-15.pdf](http://www2.westsussex.gov.uk/ds/edd/ht/ht21_14-15.pdf)
- Mr Tony Morris, a Chichester resident, raised his concern that the review by Hampshire Fire and Rescue Service's may impact on service cover in West Sussex, and asked why an undertaking given at the last meeting that the County Council *would not comment on other authorities consultations* had not been adhered to. Louise Goldsmith undertook to arrange to have a written response provided;

- A local resident asked if the Committee had any views on Highways England decision not to pursue a Northern by-pass and if the County Council would be seeking to recover any costs that it may have occurred due to this u-turn. In response, Members highlighted that the Council had not incurred any additional costs other than those that might be expected in undertaking its responsibilities. The resident also asked that air quality was taken into consideration during the consultation;
- A Selsey Town Councillor asked what would happen with the s106 money due to come to WSCC for the improvement (widening) of Ferry Bend on the B2145 and how can Selsey Town Council be involved in this process. A similar question was raised about traffic calming measures in Earnley. Jonathan Ullmer (Highways) explained that s106 process is currently being looked at therefore he undertook to arrange for a full answer to be provided at a later date;
- Westbourne Parish Councillors reported that they were surprised that a number of dropped curbs had been installed without any prior notification, commenting that the Council would have liked to have been able to make suggestions about the resurfacing materials. It was agreed that in future the relevant Parish Council would be informed about works in their parishes; and
- Confirmation was given that planning permission had been granted for Phase 2 of Barnfield Retails Park development and that a potential pedestrian crossing on the B2145 was included in the Committees Integrated Work Programme.

### **Progress Statement**

61. The Committee received a report that provided updates on matters arising from previous meetings of the Committee (copy appended to the signed minutes).
62. Resolved – that the Committee notes the Progress Statement.

### **Traffic Regulation Order Update**

63. The Committee received a report from the Director of Highways and Transport (copy appended to the signed minutes).
64. Jonathan Ullmer (Head of Highways Operations) introduced the report explaining that:
  - The Traffic Regulations Orders prioritised in 2014 pending further investigation had now been assessed and five South Chichester CLC TRO's have passed assessment, these being: -
    - East Wittering, Parking on Longland Road
    - West Wittering, Parking on Pond Road
    - Southbourne, Parking on Lumley Road/Pagham Close
    - Fishbourne, Parking on Mill Lane
    - Chidham and Hambrook, speed limit on Drift Lane
  - The remaining pending South Chichester CLC TROs did not pass assessment and Joel Sykes (Highways Manager) has offered to meet with the Parishes

concerned to explain why, Members are welcome to attend these meetings too;

- The new system of submitting Traffic Regulation Orders (TROs) requests is operational and requests can now be submitted via an on-line form <https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/traffic-regulation-orders/about-tros/apply-for-a-traffic-regulation-order/#> .
- If the application has the local Member support it **will** go forward for initial assessment to determine if it meets the assessment criteria, supports County policy and is feasible. The initial assessments will be completed within 20 days of receipt;
- Any application that fails the initial assessment will be rejected; and
- Applications that pass the initial assessment will be scored and ranked and the CLC will be asked to select two of these to prioritise for implementation in 2017/18.

65. Resolved – that Committee notes the report.

### **Community Initiative Funding**

66. The Committee considered a report by the Head of Law, Assurance and Strategy (copy appended to the signed minutes) that detailed applications for Community Initiative Funding.

67. Resolved - that the following awards be made -

(a) The following awards were made:

- 898/SC - Lavant Valley Allotment Association, £1800 to remove a hedge and replace it with a fence;
- 914/SC – Youth Dream Selsey, £2500 towards building a path to the Bridge Youth Centre. The Committee asked for confirmation that the landowner was content for the pathway to be built;
- 935/SC – Festival of Chichester, £1800 towards the publicity costs of the festival. Members asked that publications be branded with the “Supported by South Chichester CLC” logo;
- 945/SC – Contact 88, £2500 towards the costs of reglazing and replacement of a door. The award is made subject to Contact 88 securing any required planning permission(s); and
- The Committee agreed to make a donation of £2000 to Chichester Food bank and to roll-over any residual monies into the CLC’s Community Initiative Fund for 2016/17.

(b) The following application be declined:

- The Cat and Rabbit Rescue Centre, £500 towards the costs of a subsidised neutering scheme. The Committee recognised the good work the group does but felt that the scheme should be funded from the organisations significant reserves.

68. The Chairman explained that any residual monies in the fund would added to Committees allocation for the 2016/17 Financial Year

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

69. The Committee considered a report by the Executive Director Care, Wellbeing and Education (copy appended to the signed minutes).

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

(a) Nominate for re-appointment Mr Fowler-Watt for a four year term to Bourne Community College; and

(b) Defer considering the application relating to Mrs J Wilkinson until the June Committee meeting pending further information.

### **Date of Next Meeting**

71. The Chairman reported that the next meeting would be held on 14 June 2016 in Committee Room 3 at County Hall, Chichester.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm

**Chairman**