

South Chichester County Local Committee

31 October 2017 – At a meeting of the Committee held at 7.00pm in Committee Room 3, County Hall Chichester.

Present: Jamie Fitzjohn (Member for Chichester South), Louise Goldsmith (Member for Chichester West), Jeremy Hunt (Member for Chichester North), Pieter Montyn (Member for The Witterings), Simon Oakley (Member for Chichester East), Viral Parikh (Member for Bourne) and Carol Purnell (Member for Selsey).

In attendance: Adam Chisnall (Democratic Services Officer), Peter Lawrence (Principal Community Officer), Chris Dye (Area Highways Manager) Sue Furlong (Principal Community Officer), Martin Funnell (Assistant Head of Resilience and Emergencies) and Nick Burrell (Senior Advisor),

Welcome and Introductions

34. The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting. Members and Officers introduced themselves.

35. The Chairman informed the attendees of the County Council's current programme to highlight the need for more people to consider adoption and fostering.

36. Ms Goldsmith gave support to the process and explained that training would be provided for those who wanted to become involved in the programme.

Declaration of Interests

37. The Chairman introduced a new format for declarations of interest for the agenda which would include relevant declarations for Members.

38. Mr Hunt requested that the Goodwood Aerodrome Consultative Committee and the Goodwood Motor Circuit Consultative Committee be added for him on future agendas.

Minutes

39. Resolved – that the minutes of the meeting held on 27 June 2017 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

Progress Statement

40. The Committee considered the progress report on matters arising from previous meetings (copy appended to the signed minutes).

41. Mr Chisnall introduced the report which gave updates on issues raised at the 27 June meeting.

42. Mr Fitzjohn gave an update on the Hornet Traffic Signals, explaining that the change in use of Unicorn House meant that the traffic signals were not required in the new location. The signals would be moved back to their original location and separated from the Market Avenue traffic signals.

43. Resolved – That the Committee notes the progress statement.

Prioritisation of Traffic Regulation Orders 2017/18

44. The Committee considered a report by the Director of Highways and Transport and Head of Highways Operations (copy appended to the signed minutes).

45. Mr Dye introduced the report and explained that the committee were asked to process the two highest scoring Traffic Regulation Orders (TROs) as outlined in Appendix A. Mr Dye also explained that the original description of the Chichester No Cycling TRO had mentioned West Street, which should have been East Street. This had been amended on the County Council website.

46. Mr Oakley reported that Chichester City Council were in support of the Chichester No Cycling TRO as it would bring the restrictions in line with the Monday to Saturday precinct restrictions.

47. Resolved – That the South Chichester County Local Committee agrees to progress the two highest scoring TROs:

- North Street/East Street, Chichester – No Cycling
- Lumley Road, Broyle – Waiting Restrictions

Community Highway Schemes – Update October 2017

48. The Committee considered an information report by the Director of Highways and Transport (copy appended to the signed minutes).

49. The Committee made comments including those that follow.

- Queried the delay reported with the implementation of the Westhampnett cycle scheme. – *Mr Dye explained that there had been complexities with the implementation that had led to delays. Mr Dye resolved to look into the scheme and give members clarity on the progress.*
- Asked the importance of community support for the schemes. – *Mr Dye explained that community and parish involvement was very important. Consultation was a key factor in helping to create appropriate designs.*

50. Resolved – That the South Chichester County Local Committee notes the report.

Operation Watershed & What If - building stronger communities

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

52. Miss Furlong and Mr Funnell gave a presentation to the Committee outlining the work of Operation Watershed and What If (copy appended to the signed minutes).

53. The Committee made comments including those that follow.

- Commented that the work of the Operation Watershed had been a success due to the work of the public.
- Queried if the funding for Operation Watershed was likely to continue. – *Mr Hunt (Cabinet Member for Finance and Resources) reported that the budget was currently being worked on and that the plan was for the fund to continue.*
- Asked if the What If programme would be going to schools to help young people get involved. – *Mr Funnell explained that it was difficult to take the programme to schools as it did not fit into the national curriculum. There were pilots in Horsham and Crawley which were looking to offer extra curriculum sessions.*
- Queried the help vulnerable residents received from utility companies. – *Mr Funnell explained the Vulnerable Peoples Register which ensured that vulnerable people received priority service if there was a utility disruption.*

54. The Chairman allowed the public to ask any questions they had:

- A Parish Council representative asked if there was a charge for salt bin provision. – *Miss Furlong explained that there was an annual contract with Parish Clerks for this. Parishes would be asked in May if they required salt and if they respond before September the provision would be given. Requests outside of this would be chargeable.*

55. The Committee welcomed the presentation and encouraged Parishes to get involved with the What If programme.

South Chichester CLC A27 Working Group

56. The Committee considered a report by the Executive Director of Economy, Infrastructure and Environment (copy appended to the signed minutes).

57. Mr Burrell introduced the report and explained that the establishment of a working group would provide advice for the selection of consultants and then the direction the consultants take to develop options for improvements to the A27 at Chichester. The establishment of the group would also create a formal commitment to working with the build a better A27 community groups in the process.

58. The Committee made comments including those that follow.

- Sought clarity on whether the facilitator would be the same person to report back to the Build a Better A27 community group. – *Mr Burrell recommended that this should be the same person.*
- Queried who would have voting rights on the committee. – *Mr Burrell confirmed that voting would be done by the West Sussex County Council and Chichester District Council representatives.*

59. The Committee considered the appointment of a Working Group Chairman. Mrs Purnell proposed Ms Goldsmith to be the Chairman, Mr Fitzjohn seconded this proposal. The committee agreed to the proposal.

60. Resolved – That the South Chichester County Local Committee:

- a) Agrees to the establishment of the A27 South Chichester CLC Working Group.
- b) Approves the draft terms of reference for the Working Group, as clarified in Minute 58.
- c) Appoints all the South Chichester County Local Committee Members as representatives.
- d) Appoints Ms Goldsmith as the Working Group Chairman.

Talk With Us (Open Forum)

61. The Chairman introduced the item and advised that the open forum was an opportunity for comments and questions to be raised on items not already on the agenda, and over which the County Council has jurisdiction. The following issues were raised and responses made.

- A resident expressed concern at the parking on King George Gardens and the impact on Broyle Road. - *The resident had submitted a TRO request and Chris Dye agreed to liaise with the resident on this.*
- A member of Westhampnett Parish Council discussed the Gypsy and Traveller Transit site and a request for the Parish Council to take responsibility for elements of the site which would be a large impact on the Parish Council. There was also a problem with the out of hours support. - *Jeremy Hunt agreed to discuss with the relevant Cabinet Member to resolve this issue.*
- A member of Boxgrove Parish Council commented on parking in Westhampnett by Rolls Royce employees. - *Jeremy Hunt was due to have a meeting with Rolls Royce and would raise the issue. It was highlighted that Rolls Royce employees were encouraged to use public transport where possible e.g. a senior worker was only allowed to use his own car 4 times a week.*
- A resident discussed the consultation for the Road Space Audit and how it had been very long and not user friendly. Other residents found the consultation ok to use, but felt it was too detailed. - *The Committee members explained that the consultation was a complex issue and that hard copies had been made available in Libraries. Lessons would be learnt on the feedback received.*
- A resident queried the membership of the Build A Better A27 group and that there was not a published list of attendees to show how all groups were represented. - *Mr Burrell would speak to the represented groups and ask if they were happy for individual names to be published. The previously discussed working group would be providing feedback on process via the County Local Committee. Ms Goldsmith expressed the importance of networking and explained that Highways England had total control of the progressed schemes, with the Secretary of State making the ultimate decision.*
- A resident asked who was responsible for gritting Stockbridge Road footway. - *Mr Fitzjohn resolved to look into this.*
- A resident raised concerns on the air pollution/ traffic on Orchard Street. - *Ms Goldsmith confirmed that Cabinet had recently discussed air quality and Orchard Street had been specifically mentioned. Air Quality remained an important topic. Work was progressing, for example the County Council car fleet needed to be more eco-friendly. Graphs did show that air quality for Orchard Street had improved.*

Community Initiative Funding

62. The Committee considered a report by the Director of Law and Assurance (copy appended to the signed minutes).

63. Resolved – That the South Chichester County Local Committee considers the Community Initiative Funding applications as set out in Appendix A and allocates the funding as follows:

That the following grants are awarded:

- 55/SC - Youth Dream Selsey, £2,000 towards funding staff oversight and training.
- 60/SC - Chichester Camera Club, £1800 towards a new projector.
- 61/SC - Lifecentre, £1500 towards Office equipment.
- 63/SC - CYE Sailing, £2450 towards 2017/18 Fleet Renewal.

That the following applications are deferred:

- 44/SC - Chichester Community Development Trust, application towards professional fees, surveys, information stations and tools. The Committee would like to know if Section 106 funding has been identified.
- 49/SC - Boxgrove Traffic Calming Group, application for the purchase of a Speed Indicator Device. The Committee deferred this application as it was not clear who would own the device. Also, a representative from Boxgrove Parish was in the audience and was not aware of the application.

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

64. The Committee considered a report by the Executive Director Children, Adults, Families, Health & Education (copy appended to the signed minutes).

65. The vacancy list was highlighted to the public. A Chichester District Council member expressed interest in becoming a Governor for West Dean School. Mr Hunt resolved to speak to the school.

66. Resolved – that the Committee approves the following nominations under the 2012 Regulations:

Nominations for Reappointment:

- Mrs Rose Savage to Boxgrove C.E. Primary School for a four year term.
- Mr Greg Ockwell to Chichester Nursery School for a four year term.

- Mrs Mary Veltom to Westbourne Primary School for a four year term.

Nominations for Appointment:

- Mrs Heather Cheesman to Parklands Community Primary School for a four year term.

Appointment to Outside Bodies – Manhood Peninsula Partnership

67. The Committee considered a report by the Director of Law and Assurance (copy appended to the signed minutes).

68. Resolved – That the South Chichester County Local Committee appoints Mrs Carol Purnell to the Manhood Peninsula Partnership until the end of the Council term (May 2021).

Date of Next Meeting

69. The Committee noted that its next scheduled meeting would take place on 20 February 2018 in Committee Room 3 at County Hall, Chichester.

70. The meeting closed at 8.58pm

Chairman