

South Chichester County Local Committee

21 February 2012 – At a meeting of the Committee held at 7.00pm at The Selsey Centre, Manor Road, Selsey, PO20 0SE.

Present: Ms. Goldsmith, Mr M.N. Hall (Chairman), Mr Jones, Mr Montyn, Mr A.R.H. Smith and Mrs Whitehead (Vice Chairman).

Chairman's Welcome

81. The Chairman welcomed the public and representatives from the District, Town and Parish Councils to the meeting.

Apologies

82. Apologies had been received from Mr T.M.E. Dunn.

Declarations of Interest

83. None.

Minutes

84. Resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 1 November 2011 be approved as a correct record and that they be signed by the Chairman.

Urgent Matters

85. There were no urgent matters.

Part II Matters

86. There were no requests for any items to be brought into Part II.

Chairman's Update and Progress Statement

87. The Committee considered the Progress Statement (agenda item 6, copy appended to the signed minutes). The Chairman provided an update on '20's Plenty for Chichester' and congratulated Chichester Nursery School, which had been found to be outstanding following a recent Ofsted inspection.

Proposed Bus Infrastructure Improvements – Chichester City Centre

88. The Committee considered an information report (agenda item 7) from the Director of Communities and Infrastructure (copy appended to the signed minutes) regarding proposed bus infrastructure improvements in Chichester City Centre. The Principal Community Safety Officer introduced the report and explained that the Committee were being asked to note the report and use the findings to inform their discussions in respect of the identification of infrastructure plan priorities, which was the next item on the agenda.

89. Resolved that the Committee note the report.

South Chichester County Local Committee area Infrastructure Plan

90. The Committee considered a report (agenda item 8) from the Director of Communities and Infrastructure (copy appended to the signed minutes) regarding proposed local highway and transport improvement priorities in the South Chichester County Local Committee area. The Principal Community Safety Officer introduced the report and explained that the report reflected priorities highlighted by the Committee Members. The Committee were asked to approve the highways and transport priorities as set out in Appendix A to establish the Infrastructure Plan for the committee area.

91. Regarding the proposed Infrastructure Plan priorities, the Committee Members commented that they were pleased that footway improvement in Blackboy Lane / Clay Lane was a proposed priority as this responded to local requests. In addition a one-way traffic route (north-bound only) was not considered to be a priority for College Lane and should be removed from the list.

92. On the items highlighted for future Infrastructure Plan prioritisation and/or to be progressed in other ways, the Committee Members supported the implementation of a BDP study of Chichester's pedestrian precinct, but it was felt that more than maintenance was needed. The Committee requested further information on this issue.

93. The Chairman invited comments on the proposed priorities from the public in attendance. The following comments were made:

- Following a recent serious accident outside Rumboldswyke Infants School the implementation of a school safety zone / safer route to school should be a top priority for the area. The School had started a petition and also requested a school crossing patroller and a pelican crossing (or similar). In response Mr Montyn, in his capacity as the County Council's Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport, reported that the School would be re-assessed shortly to look at traffic, parking and development in the area and the need for a school crossing patroller. Mr Montyn would ask County Council officers to discuss issues in greater detail with the School and would keep the School informed of developments. The Committee expressed their sympathy to those who had witnessed or been involved in the accident, and reported that the implementation of the proposed Infrastructure Plan priority to provide a safety zone / safer route to school would be a top priority for South Chichester,
- Request that Westbourne be included in the introduction of 20's Plenty within the various settlements across the South Chichester area, subject to public consultation. The Chairman confirmed Westbourne was included,
- Regarding parking in Westbourne, further information was requested on how additional parking could be provided as there was not felt there was any additional space for parking in the village,
- The Chichester Conservation Area Advisory Committee (CCAAC) requested to be consulted on proposed bus stop improvements in Chichester City Centre. The Chairman reported he would ask County Council officers to consult CCAAC should a consultation take place,
- Further information was requested to determine whether a School Safety Zone at Jessie Younghusband Primary School was necessary.

94. Resolved that the Committee approve the highways and transport improvement priorities set out in appendix A to establish the Infrastructure Plan for the committee area, subject to the removal of consideration of a one-way traffic route (north bound only) for Traffic Management Improvements on College Lane and at its junction with Spitalfield Lane. In addition, implementation a school safety zone / safer route to school at Rumboldswyke Infants School would be a top priority for South Chichester.

Talk with Us Open Forum

95. The Chairman invited questions from members of the public. Questions were asked to which responses were given, including those set out below:

- A number of issues in Selsey were highlighted by Selsey Town Council including faded yellow lines, particularly in the High Street, which made it difficult to enforce parking restrictions and the poor condition of roads. County Council Officers had met with the Town Council and identified issues, but action had not yet taken place. Mr Montyn, in his capacity as Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport, reported he would look into the issues and report back to the Town Council,
- The Chairman asked the Principal Community Safety Officer to respond in writing to a resident who asked when Whyke Road would be re-surfaced,
- In response to a question regarding drainage issues on the Whyke Road/Bognor Regis A27 roundabout Mr Montyn, in his capacity as the Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport, reported that he had discussed this and a number of other A27 issues with the Highways Agency who were responsible,
- In response to a question about the whereabouts of the CASPAR device funded by the parishes of the Manhood Peninsular, the Chairman asked the Principal Community Safety Officer to respond to Oving Town Council in writing,
- In response to questions about missing white lines and give way signs on Basin Road, the Chairman asked the Principal Community Safety Officer to respond to the resident concerned in writing,
- In response to questions regarding the recent fatalities of people crossing the A27 Mr Montyn, in his capacity as the Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport, expressed his deepest sympathy for those concerned and reported that he had discussed the matter with the Highways Agency and Chichester District Council. Some immediate actions would be taken, such as the provision of florescent jackets, warning signs for drivers and those crossing the road, and the distribution of leaflets and maps in various languages. Mr Montyn would continue to lobby the Highways Agency for action. Due to the police investigation, the Committee were not able to comment on specific details of the accidents,
- In response to a question about missing road markings on Forest Road, the TRO process and a request for a lower speed limit, the Chairman asked the Principal Community Safety Officer to respond to the resident concerned in writing.

Community Initiative Funding

96. The Committee considered a report (agenda item 10) by the Head of Legal and Democratic Services (copy appended to the signed minutes) concerning applications received under the Community and Parish Initiative Funding schemes.

97. Resolved –

- (i). The following applications and amounts to the Community Initiative Fund be approved:

1694/SC Action for Deafness/ Deafplus, £1,500.00 towards advertising costs for the Outreach Volunteer project (£1,949 had been requested).

1709/SC The Selsey Society, £379.00 for the purchase of ediscope projector. (£379.95 had been requested)

1712/SC NTC TS Sturdy, £1,500, for the purchase of kit for the band. (£2,500 had been requested)

1776/SC Compton Parish Recreation Ground Committee, £1,200.00 match-funding for replacement synthetic surface and netting for the recreation ground. (£1,223 had been requested)

1777/SC 4SIGHT, £250, towards production costs for LEARN4SIGHT educational packs.

1779/SC Chichester Harbour & Selsey Sea Cadets, £1,500, towards the purchase of boats and boat equipment. (£2,500 had been requested)

- (ii) The following applications the Community Initiative Fund be deferred until the next meeting:

1708/SC Sports Dream, £2,000, part-funding for the erection of recreation ground lighting

Appointment of Local Authority Governors

98. The Committee considered a report (agenda items 11) by the Director of Learning (copy appended to the signed minutes).

99. Resolved – That Local Authority Governors be appointed as follows:

- (i) That the following appointments be approved:

Mr A Davey to Bosham Primary for a **3** year term
Mrs Hope-Lang to Singleton Primary for a **2** year Term

- (ii) That the following re-appointments be approved:

Mrs Dyton to Fordwater School for a 4 year term
Mr R Fortin to Bourne Community College for a 4 year term.

Date of Next Meeting

100. The Committee noted that its next scheduled meeting would take place on Tuesday 22 May 2012 in Committee Room 3 at County Hall in Chichester.

The meeting ended at 8.10pm

CHAIRMAN