

Unconfirmed minutes, subject to approval/amendment at the next meeting of the South Mid Sussex County Local Committee

### **South Mid Sussex County Local Committee**

1 December 2015 – At a meeting of the Committee held at 7pm, Downlands Community School, Hassocks, West Sussex.

Present: Mrs Jones (Burgess Hill East), Mr Griffiths (Chairman), (Hurstpierpoint and Bolney) and Mr Petch (Hassocks and Victoria).

In attendance: Nick Burrell (Senior Advisor), Rachel Allan (Democratic Services Officer), Richard Speller (Highways Area Manager) and Gulu Sibanda (Principal Community Officer).

Apologies for absence were received from Mr Barrett-Miles (Burgess Hill Town).

### **Welcome**

49. The Chairman welcomed members of the public (estimated 50 people) to the meeting and explained the remit of the South Mid Sussex County Local Committee and introduced the Committee and officers.

### **Declarations of Interest**

50. There were no declarations of interest.

### **Minutes**

51. Resolved – that the minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 30 September 2015 be approved as a correct record and that they be signed by the Chairman.

### **Urgent Matters**

52. There were no urgent matters.

### **Progress Statement**

53. Richard Speller (Highways Area Manager) introduced a statement of progress following the September 2015 Committee meeting.

54. He advised the Committee that the resurfacing work in Leyland Road, Burgess Hill would be completed in early 2016. He added that he had been to visit, along with the local member Mrs Anne Jones, the overgrown hedges along the land adjoining Junction Road, Burgess Hill and would be visiting the landowner to discuss a way forward.

55. In regards to Wivelsfield Station, Richard Speller (Highways Area Manager) had met with local residents to discuss next steps, and would keep the Committee updated on this issue.

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56. It was agreed that an update on traffic regulation orders would be added to the Progress Statement.

57. The Committee reviewed the Community Issues list and removed items that had been marked as completed.

58. The Committee received an oral presentation from Fred Mallidett concerning Operation Watershed. Operation Watershed was a commitment to invest in highway drainage and environmental improvements in areas of the county worst affected by floods.

59. The Committee noted the progress statement.

### **Talk With Us Community Forum**

60. The Chairman invited questions and comments from members of the public:

- Residents expressed concern about a number of Highways issues including:
  - Keymer parking and road safety: Residents expressed concern, specifically around the danger concerning speeding vehicles and the need for traffic calming measures in Keymer. Richard Speller (Highways Area Manager) explained that a consultation meeting had been held with the Council and Parish Council in June 2015 to discuss the options identified. He added that the next stage would require the preferred option to be formally reviewed by Stage 1 Road Safety Audit and that the scheme option layout may be revised subject to Road Safety Auditor's comment. A public consultation exercise will be considered in 2016/17. Whilst funding for schemes of this nature is currently being reviewed, we are unable to confirm when the scheme will be delivered but regular updates will be given at CLC's meetings. *Contact Details for all members of the public had been gathered, and regular updates would be provided via email and the South Mid Sussex CLC facebook page (Rachel Allan, Democratic Services Officer to action).*
  - Jane Baker, a resident, informed residents and the Committee of the Hassocks Police Panel Meeting on Thursday 17th at 7pm at the United Reform Church in Hassocks. *Rachel Allan, Democratic Services officer to make attendees aware of this meeting.*
  - A resident requested further information regarding whether there were current road weight restrictions in place in Keymer. *(Richard Speller, Highways Area Manager to report back)*
  - A resident expressed concern about road safety around Kings Way, Burgess Hill, specifically in light of the new development. *(Richard Speller, Highways Area Manager, to update at next meeting).*

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### **Community Initiative Funding**

61. The Committee heard feedback from previous successful Community Initiative Funding Applicants which included Bolney Vounteers, Beacon District Guides and Signposts (Mid Sussex).

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

63. The Committee debated the respective merits of the projects for which funding was sought.

64. Resolved –

(a) That the following applications are approved:-

- **818/SMS** - Bolney Volunteers, £2,212.00, towards the cost of enhanced maintenance equipment.
- **831/SMS** - Poynings Youth Club, £2,844.00, towards the cost of a concrete table tennis table and mats

(b) The following application was deferred:

- **828/SMS** – St John's PCC, £7,500.00 for a new kitchen installation in order that the local member could be present at the meeting to support the application.

### **Authority School Governors**

65. The Chairman reminded the Committee that, as of 1 September 2015, the procedures concerning governor appointment had changed and County Local Committees may now only nominate an eligible person as a local authority governor but it was for the governing body to decide if this nominee had the skills necessary to contribute to the effective governance and success of the school.

66. The Chairman drew the meeting's attention to the governor vacancies at Birchwood Grove CP School and Hassocks Infant School.

### **Date of Next Meeting**

67. The Chairman reported that the next meeting of the Committee would be held at 7pm on Tuesday 8 March 2016 at a venue to be advised.

The meeting closed at 8.15 pm.

Chairman