

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

12 January 2012 – At a meeting of the Committee held at 7pm in the Schering Suite, Downlands Community School, Dale Avenue, Hassocks.

Present: Mr P Griffiths, Mrs H Ross (Chairman), Dr. C Wilsdon.

Apologies for absence were received from Mrs S Knight.

### **Chairman's Welcome**

70. The Chairman introduced the Committee and Officers and welcomed all to the meeting.

### **Declarations of Interest**

71. There were no declarations of interest.

### **Minutes**

72. Resolved – that the minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 27 September 2011 be approved as a correct record and that they be signed by the Chairman.

### **Progress Statement**

73. The Committee noted the report that provided updates on issues raised at previous meetings.

### **Talk with Us Open Forum**

74. A member of the public questioned why the 33, 40 and 40X bus services did not stop at the bus stop or garage in Pyecombe. The Committee agreed to report back to the member of the public.

75. Another member of the public questioned why the 40X stopped in Pyecombe when it was going north but not when it was going south. The Committee agreed to find out and report back.

### **Potential Changes to Supported Bus Services**

76. The Committee encouraged members of the public to respond to the bus user survey that was open until 17 January 2012.

77. Mr Griffiths arrived at this point and informed the meeting that he was pressing for solutions on capacity for school bus services.

### **Junction Road, Burgess Hill – Proposed Traffic Regulation Order**

78. The Committee had before it a report by the Director of Communities and Infrastructure (copy appended to signed minutes). The report sought the Committee's approval to authorise the Head of Legal and Democratic Services to make the order as advertised and amended as set out in paragraph 3.5 of the

report, having considered that the resulting benefits to the Community outweigh the concerns raised. The following key issues were discussed:

- A meeting had been held with the concerned residents following the deferral at the last meeting and their queries and issues had been resolved.
- The key issues were congestion and inconsiderate parking of parents dropping off and picking up their children from school.
- The introduction of the double yellow lines at junctions would improve visibility and reduce congestion
- There were other issues surrounding the school but these were outside the scope of the TRO and were being investigated. These included removing the island outside the school to create a 'drop off' zone.

79. Resolved:- that the South Mid Sussex County Local Committee, having considered that the resulting benefits to the Community outweigh the concerns raised, authorised the Head of Legal and Democratic Services to make the order as advertised and amended as set out in paragraph 3.5 of the report.

### **South Mid Sussex Infrastructure Plan**

80. Members have been considering a wide range of community issues and have been asked to highlight their local highways and transport improvement priorities in the South Mid Sussex County Local Committee area Infrastructure Plan. The Committee had before it a report by the Director of Communities and Infrastructure (copy appended to signed minutes) that highlighted the priorities and recommended that they be approved in order to establish the Infrastructure Plan for the County Local Committee area. A number of key issues were highlighted:

- The CLC members would like to see the wider infrastructure plan that included schools and libraries.
- Officers were still talking to the utility companies about the St Wilfrid's Bridge.

81. Resolved:- that the South Mid Sussex County Local Committee approve the highways and transport improvement priorities set out below to establish the Infrastructure Plan for the committee area:

- Replacement pedestrian and cycle bridge over railway line between St. Wilfreds Close and Cants Lane.
- Village Enhancements – High Street (B2116), Hurstpierpoint.
- Queen Elizabeth Avenue Boulevard Project – supporting measures including cycling facilities (only on the South Side), coordinated with new street lighting, carriageway resurfacing and tree planting.
- Public Right of Way Improvements – footpath 12BH between Folders Lane and Thatchers Close, Burgess Hill.
- Creation of a ramp/sloping footpath at the steps by Burnside on the Victoria Park industrial estate, Burgess Hill.
- Safer Routes to Schools Project at Manor Field School, Burgess Hill.

- School Safety Zone at Birchwood Grove/ Newick House Schools, Burgess Hill.
- Introduction of Pedestrian Crossing Phase - Stone Pound Crossroads, Hassocks (additional pedestrian phases in particular to serve the Keymer Road/ Eastern arm).

### Community Initiative Funding

82. The Committee received an update from 'Speak Up' about their 'Thumbs Up' Campaign which the Committee had previously awarded £1,000 of Community Initiative Funding. A number of key points were raised:

- Speak Up was a group for people with learning disabilities run by people with learning disabilities
- The 'Thumbs Up' campaign asked shops and services to sign up to a ten point pledge to improve their understanding of people with learning difficulties needs to allow them to make use of their community services. A training DVD and window sticker were provided to the organisations.
- 70 organisations had been contacted and 27 had signed up including all the Mid Sussex Libraries and Leisure Centres, Burgess Hill Town Council and Mid Sussex District Council.
- Organisations in Worthing, Chichester and Bognor Regis had contacted them to try and extend the scheme.
- Members of the group would be carrying out a mystery shopping exercise to see whether staff had watched the DVD and the first 'Thumbs Up' award would be given to the organisation judged the best in March.

83. The Chairman introduced the report by the Head of Legal and Democratic Services (copy appended to the signed minutes).

84. Resolved

i) That the following CIF applications be approved:

**1661/SMS** Hassocks Boxing Club, £1,000, towards the purchase of replacement kit and equipment

**1702/SMS** 4Sight, £166, towards design and print costs for LEARN4SIGHT educational packs

**1726/SMS** Fulking Parish Council, £200, for the purchase of a community notice-board.

**1738/SMS**, Hassocks Community Association, £2,500, to enhance accessibility and safety of kitchen facilities.

**1739/SMS**, Mid Sussex Diversity Forum, £600, towards venue hire for the one-off 2012 diversity event.

**1748/SMS**, Sayers Common Community Shop Ltd, £2,000, towards the purchase of chiller/freezer cabinets.

## **Authority School Governors**

85. The Committee considered a report by the Director of Learning (copy appended to signed minutes) that set out proposed nominations to school governing bodies and the criteria for their appointment.

86. Resolved - That the following Authority School Governor appointments be approved:

### Appointments:

- i) Mrs S Ng to Birchwood Grove School for a 4 year term
- ii) Mrs A Watts to Southway Junior School for a 4 year term
- iii) Mr M Cornish to Manor Field Community Primary School for a 4 year term

### Re-appointments:

- i) Ms SC Crowther to Out of School Learning Service- Central Area for a 4 year term.

## **Date of Next Meeting**

87. It was noted that the next meeting of the Committee would take place on Tuesday 17 April 2012 at Twineham C of E Primary School, Church Lane, Twineham.

The meeting closed at 8.10pm.

Chairman