

Worthing County Local Committee

2nd February 2011 – At a meeting of the Committee held at 7.00 pm in St Paul's, 55b Chapel Road, Worthing.

Present: Mrs Richards (Chairman), Mr Rice, Mr Rogers, Mr Smytherman, Mr Stevens, Mrs Waight and Mr Waight.

Apologies for absence were received from Mr Livermore.

Chairman's Welcome

88. The Chairman welcomed members and the public to the meeting.

Declarations of Interest

89. In accordance with the Code of Conduct Mr Smytherman declared a personal interest in agenda item 5ii, Controlled Parking Zone (CPZ) review, as a night manager at the Chatsworth Hotel that was located within the CPZ.

Minutes

90. Mr Rogers requested that minute 84 be amended to indicate that the furniture received from County Stores was scrap.

91. Resolved – That, subject to the above amendment, the minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 20th October 2010 be approved as a correct record and that they be signed by the Chairman.

Urgent Matters

92. The Chairman informed the meeting that an additional CIF application had been received from the Durrington Festival and this would be considered under agenda item 8.

Chairman's Update

93. The Chairman gave a number of updates including those that follow:

- The possibility of a bus stop relocation in Salvington Road to ease congestion had been raised by Mrs Waight at the last meeting but there were costs involved. Stagecoach had agreed to trial a new timetable and this was proving to be a great success.
- Several issues had been raised at the Meet & Greet event at the new Tesco's in Durrington including parking on grass verges and the Lancing Sea Front Cycle track. The relevant residents had received a response.

Highways and Transport Matters

Bruce Avenue

94. A resident of Bruce Avenue had requested that an assessment be carried out on his road for some form of traffic management. The resulting scores were

relatively low and whilst the County Council would like to carry out a scheme it was not a priority at this time. The request had however been added to the Traffic Regulation Order priority list which would be considered by the Committee at a future meeting.

Worthing Controlled Parking Zone Review (CPZ)

95. Chris Barrett, Parking Contracts Manager, provided an update to the meeting about the CPZ review and the forthcoming public consultation. Key points included:

- Public exhibitions of the plans had been arranged to give residents and businesses the chance to discuss these proposals in detail. Worthing Library had been booked on Tuesday 22nd March 2011, 1pm – 7pm, for the western CPZ proposals, Worthing Cricket Club (Broadwater Road) on Wednesday 23rd March 2011, 1pm – 7pm for the northern CPZ proposals, and East Worthing Community Centre on Thursday 24th March 2011, 1pm – 7pm for the eastern CPZ proposals. All the proposals could be discussed on Saturday 26th March 2011 at Worthing Library between 10am and 4pm.
- 17,000 consultation letters had been sent out in May 2010, with a 29% response rate in the existing zones.
- The plans on display were only proposals at this stage and were up for discussion and comments from residents and businesses would be gratefully received.
- Letters with a reply slip and plans would be sent to residents in early March.
- All the comments received during the consultation period would be reported back to the CLC at their next meeting on 27th April 2011.

96. Residents were invited to ask questions. Many of the issues were very specific. The more general key issues and responses are noted below:

- The cost of permits in outer zones. The first permit would cost approximately £20 per annum with any additional permits costing approximately £40. Visitor's permits would be available for purchase and would work out at 30 pence per day.
- Residents of Devonport Road were keen to be included in the CPZ as they currently fell just outside the proposed extension. Mrs Richards as the local member was very supportive of this request.
- If residents had access to an off-road parking space they could apply for a permit but this would be limited to one per household although it was acknowledged that the policy needed reviewing.
- Would there be sufficient enforcement? Money from the sale of permits contributes towards enforcement. The CPZ would be reviewed within six months of implementation and if it was considered that more enforcement was needed it would be looked at again.

Rugby Road and Mill Road Traffic Regulation Order

97. The Committee considered a report by the Director Communities and Infrastructure (copy appended to the signed minutes). The report outlined plans to implement parking restrictions at various junctions to improve visibility and assist traffic movements. The report sought the Committee's approval to authorise the Head of Legal and Democratic Services to make the Traffic Regulation Order under the Road Traffic Act 1984, to give effect to the proposal as advertised.

98. Resolved: - That the Head of Legal and Democratic Services be authorised to make the Traffic Regulation Order under the Road Traffic Act 1984, to give effect to the proposal as advertised and set out in section 3 of this report.

Talk with Us Open Forum

99. A resident asked how he would go about submitting an application for Community Initiative Funding on behalf of the '20s Plenty Campaign' and when he would need to do this. Mr Doyle agreed to contact the resident to discuss.

100. A Worthing Borough Councillor asked the Committee to support Oakgrove College's request to place an Oak Tree sculpture which they had made onto the roundabout at Centenary House. The college had completed all the required steps bar one. Mr Candy, Highway Manager, informed the meeting that Highways were happy to accommodate the sculpture but that there was a question of indemnities. Mr Candy agreed to follow this up.

101. A resident asked whether budget cuts would affect repair of potholes caused by the severe weather before Christmas. Mr Candy replied that this years budget was unaffected and immediate dangers would continue to be repaired.

Appointment of Local Authority School Governors

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

103. Resolved -

(1) That the following appointments be approved:

- i) Mr G Regnante to Goring First for a 4 year term.
- ii) Mrs S Withnell to Durrington First and Middle School Federation for a 4 year term subject to the federation being approved.
- iii) Mr G Harbinson to Durrington First and Middle School Federation for a 4 year term subject to the federation being approved.
- iv) Mr J Daughtrey to Durrington First and Middle School Federation for a 4 year term subject to the federation being approved.
- v) Mr A Fort to Durrington First and Middle School Federation for a 4 year term subject to the federation being approved.
- vi) Mrs E Cook to Oak Grove College for a 4 year term.
- vii) Mr A Bartram to Laurels First for a **3** year term.

(2) That the following re-appointment be approved:

- i) Mr Flynn to Thomas A Becket First for a 3 year term

(3) That the following application be deferred pending further information:

- i) Mr M Earl to Orchards Middle for a 4 year term

Community Initiative Funding

104. The Committee had before it a report by the Head of Legal and Democratic Services (copy appended to the signed minutes). The report sought decisions from the Committee on the applications received under the CIF scheme.

105. In accordance with the Code of Conduct Mr Rice declared a personal interest as a member of Worthing Borough Council who were named as an applicant although it was noted that this application had come from the Gaisford Neighbourhood Panel and Worthing Borough Council were acting as somewhere to 'park' the money.

106. Resolved -

(1) That Community Initiative Funding be allocated as follows:

(i) The following applications and amount be approved:

#1393/W, Acorn House, £862.46, for the purchase of a laptop and projector to enhance capacity to communicate services and increase office management efficiencies.

#1492/W Tiny Tots Playgroup/ New Life Church, £250.00, to provide new toys for the playgroup

#1493/W Worthing Borough Council (Gaisford Neighbourhood Panel), £1,000.00, towards materials and professional expertise for an urban art project at the Ivy Arch Tunnel. The Committee recommended that match funding be sought from the Worthing Community Chest. £2,000 had been requested.

#1494/W Liaise Debt Counselling/ River of Life Church, £750, for the purchase of equipment for the Liaise debt counselling service.

#1495/W Worthing Open Homes, £2,500.00, towards the 2011 Worthing Open Homes Event.

#1496/W Worthing Excelsior Cycling Club, £200.00, for the purchase of 24 safety control jackets. £192 had been requested but the Committee gave the extra £8 for the purchase of a reserve jacket.

#1497/W Cortis Avenue Wildlife Sanctuary, £3,600.00, towards the purchase of secure storage for tools and equipment.

#1498/W Diverse Cultures Football Club, £2,000.00, to provide a second football kit and other costs. These funds are to be drawn from the £5,000 set aside for youth projects.

#1499/W Neighbourhood Watch/ Selden Ward, up to £1,000 for the purchase and installation of neighbourhood watch signs. The money will be allocated once total project costs are known.

#1501/W Worthing Community Partnership, £1,000.00, for the purchase of a digital camera, roll-up show panel and advertising paperwork.

#1512/W KESTRO (Worthing Stroke Club), £600.00, towards the AGM Lunch and a group outing.

#1516/W, Worthing Heritage Alliance, £3,382.81, for the purchase of itemised equipment and other start-up costs.

#1524/W, Worthing High School, £350.00, towards sponsorship of an Eco conference for all schools across Adur and East Worthing

#1527/W Durrington Festival, £1,600, towards the purchase of a marquee for use at the festival.

- (ii) The following application be deferred pending further information and a breakdown of costs:

1526/W Clifton Road Friendship Group, £1,000.00, towards printing and support worker costs for group expansion.

- (iii) The following applications be declined:

#1500/W TS Vanguard Sea Cadets, £5,000.00, towards the costs of providing new toilet facilities. The Committee had previously awarded £2,500 towards the kitchen refurbishment project and felt unable to give any more funding to this project.

#1525/W Chippingdale Cricket Club, £5,000.00, towards the construction of a two-bay cricket net, security caging and an artificial match wicket. The Committee have already supported two cricket clubs in the area and therefore felt unable to prioritise this application at this time.

Date of Next Meeting

107. The Committee noted that the next meeting would take place on Wednesday 27th April 2011 from 7pm in the Maybridge Keystone Centre, Raleigh Way, Goring-by-Sea.

The meeting ended at 8.20pm

Chairman