

Worthing County Local Committee

4 September 2013 – At a meeting of the Committee held at 7.00 pm, Heene Community Centre, 122 Heene Road, Worthing.

Present: Mr High (Chairman), Mr Cloake, Mrs Hall, Mr R Oakley, Mr J Rogers, Mr R Rogers, Mr Smytherman (Vice Chairman), Mr Turner and Mr Waight.

Chairman's Welcome

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

Declarations of Interest

30. Mr High, Mr Cloake, Mr R Oakley, Mr Smytherman and Mr Turner declared personal interests as members of Worthing Borough Council.

31. Mr J Rogers declared a personal interest as a member of Worthing Borough Council and the cycling champion attending Worthing Cycle Forum.

Minutes

32. Resolved – That the minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 5 June 2013 be approved as a correct record and that they be signed by the Chairman.

Urgent Matters

33. There were no urgent matters.

Progress Statement

34. The Committee noted the progress statement updating the CLC on issues raised at previous meetings (copy appended to the signed minutes). The following key points were raised:

- Brian Morgan, Principal Community Officer, had contacted the head gardener at Highdown Gardens to see if there was a need/want for a community bus.
- There was a stock of cycle racks at the depot which could be used outside the libraries in the area, although the libraries say they were not needed, but funding would need to be found for installation if there was a demonstrated need.
- The cycle route beside the A24 had been added to the Community Issues List.

Worthing Local Infrastructure Plan

Montague Street

35. The Committee received the report by the Director of Communities Commissioning and the Community and Economic Development Manager (copy appended to the signed minutes). The following key issues were raised during the discussion:

- Concern that to date there had been little/no community engagement.

- The CLC noted that there was an estimated cost of £1m for the scheme but further work was required to determine a more accurate figure and this could increase in line with proposals to be developed. The CLC would be kept informed.
- Funding estimates were to be determined in due course but the CLC were keen to ensure both the Montague Street and 20 mph limit schemes were in the IP for delivery in the future.
- The Committee were supportive of going out to public consultation on the provision of a 20 mile per hour speed (mph) limit for Worthing but were concerned that the £50k quoted for this was significant and requested that costs be kept to a minimum where possible.
- Members requested that money raised from the Worthing Controlled Parking Zone was actually spent in Worthing.
- All section 106 funding that would be used for Montague Street had to be eligible.
- The Montague Street scheme was to upgrade the quality of the street scene using appropriate materials rather a maintenance scheme.
- The '20s Plenty for Worthing' campaign were keen to see the town centre thrive but equally wanted to see safer streets that they felt the scheme would bring.
- The '20s Plenty' campaign also questioned why other sources of funding for the Montague Street were not being explored as they did not feel that this scheme met the criteria for the allocation of S106 funding.
- The Montague Street scheme would go out to consultation for public opinion on the proposed design.
- The report recommendation was to progress to consultation for the 20mph scheme with no money allocated to implementing the scheme and should the results of the consultation be positive the CLC wanted to ensure that the scheme could be progressed without the need to prioritise the delivery of any agreed scheme.

36. Mr Waight proposed a change to the recommendation to include the provision of a 20mph scheme for Worthing should the outcome of the consultation be favourable.

37. Resolved –

- i. That a town-wide consultation on a proposed Worthing 20 mph speed limit scheme in line with Option 2 be progressed. Scheme delivery is 'subject to the outcome of public consultation' but the priority also provides a commitment to identify sufficient resources to progress any agreed scheme.
- ii. That inclusion of the Montague Street TCE scheme within the IP be agreed (section 2.2).

Local Infrastructure Plan

38. The Committee received the report by the Director of Communities Commissioning (copy appended to the signed minutes).

39. Mr Waight suggested that the Montague Place upgrade and redevelopment plan should be prioritised following the decision to approve the inclusion of the Montague Street TCE scheme as it was a link to the sea and could be a natural gateway.

40. Mr Cloake requested that the traffic calming on Tarring Road should be prioritised as it is a dangerous narrow road with a Montessori and pre-school and asked that the possibility of installing a crossing be investigated.

41. Mr John Rogers asked that the Palatine Road to Goring Crossways (A2032 Littlehampton Road) cycling scheme be selected as it was used by students accessing Northbrook College.

42. Mr Robin Rogers requested that the traffic calming scheme on Terringes Avenue be selected as he was very concerned with the safety on this road.

43. Resolved –

1. That the inclusion of the new highways and transport priorities be approved as set out below:

- i. Worthing Pier – Montague Place – upgrade and redevelopment
- ii. Worthing Central/Pier – Traffic Calming on Tarring Road

2. That the current Community Issues List be noted (Appendix A).

3. That schemes in the Community Issues List be progressed if:

(a) there is local member and community support and

(b) either the County Council can deliver such schemes without detriment to the agreed priorities in the Infrastructure Plan (IP) or there is an alternative means of delivering them and where S.106 or alternative funding is available.

4. That progress with the IP priorities and any scheme developed in the Community Issues List be reported to the CLC at least annually.

A24 Findon Road – Proposed Traffic Regulation Order

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

45. Mr John Rogers, the local member, was very supportive of the scheme but had spoken to officers in highways about the possibility of including the access road to Salvington Court Flats.

46. Resolved – that the decision to authorise the Head of Law and Governance to make the Traffic Regulation Order be deferred to allow for further investigation into the inclusion of Salvington Court in the proposal.

‘talk with us’ Open Forum

47. A Borough Councillor questioned why Operation Watershed funds had been spent in Lancing and Midhurst that weren't identified as priorities in the report but not in East Worthing that had been highlighted as a concern. Mr Roger Oakley responded that the East Worthing flooding was a result of a failure of Water Company equipment and West Sussex County Council would not spend money on this.

48. A resident of Buckingham Avenue was concerned about displacement parking in Buckingham Road caused by the CPZ and queried when the consultation would take place and whether roads could be split into zones. Mr Morgan informed the resident that the CPZ consultation would take place shortly and parking surveys would be undertaken in late September/early October. He also let the resident know that it was possible to split roads into different zones.

49. A resident questioned why the cycle path on the promenade stops for 100 yards at George V Avenue before carrying onto the road? Mr High responded that there was a section 106 agreement in place as part of the Erene Avenue development and would now run alongside the access road by the old Baloo's Café.

Appointment of Authority School Governors

50. Members received the report by the Head of Learning (copy appended to the signed minutes) regarding the appointment of Authority School Governors.

51. Resolved -

That:

(a) the following appointments be made:

- (i) Mr D Humphreys to The Orchards Middle School for a 4 year term.
- (ii) Mrs T Cloutt to Downsbrook Middle School for a 3 year term.

(b) the following re-appointments be made:

- (i) Mr M. Winstone to Thomas A'Becket First School for a 3 year term – an error was made in the length of Mr Winstone's term at the last Worthing CLC Meeting, this should have been for 3 years (according to the Instrument for TAB 1st School) and not 4 years.
- (ii) Mrs C Chalmers to Oak Grove College for 4 year term.
- (iii) Mr A Price to Thomas A Beckett Middle School for a 4 year term.
- (iv) Mrs N Fisher to Thomas A Beckett Middle School for a 4 year term.

Appointments to Outside Bodies

52. The Committee received a report by the Head of Law and Governance (copy appended to signed minutes).

53. Resolved - that the following appointments to Outside Bodies be made:

- (i) Mr Paul High to Waves Ahead Strategic Partnership for Adur and Worthing to May 2017.

- (ii) Mr Bob Smytherman to Worthing and Adur Better Place Group (a sub group of the Waves Ahead Strategic Partnership for Adur and Worthing) to May 2017.

Community Initiative Funding

54. The CLC received the report on Community Initiative Funding from the Head of Law and Governance (copy appended to the signed minutes).

55. Resolved - That:

- (a) the following applications be approved:

90/W Worthing Scope, £200, for the purchase of sensory toys for the Saturday Club.

103/W 103/W Buddy's Café, £750, for the purchase of 5 drums on the understanding that the drums were purchased on behalf of WSCC.

107/W Worthing Kids and Dapper Snappers, £500, towards costs of pool hire. This application was submitted without any specific sum being requested. The Committee approved a sum of £500 which would enable continued use for one month by which time it hoped that another sponsor could be found.

- (b) the following application be deferred

106/W Worthing Football Club, £2,000, towards a grass cutter and other items to restore the playing surface as improvements to the playing surface should be carried out in the early summer before the new football season started. This application will be considered by the CLC in May 2014.

- (c) the following applications be declined:

50/W Durrington Parochial Church Council, £4,950, towards upgrade of toilet facilities as the Parochial Church Council has previously received CIF funding for the Church Hall and the CLC does not make repeat grants.

108/W Complement Wellbeing CLC, £1,892, towards venue hire and advertising because a) the majority of the money was for advertising and printing b) similar services were already provided in the County.

110/W Guildbourne IT Workshop, £2475.60, towards new PC's and wheel chair access desks because there were already sufficient numbers of wheelchair accessible desks.

Date of Next Meeting

56. The next meeting would be held on Wednesday 4 December 2013 in the Georgian Room, Chatsworth Hotel, 17 – 23 The Steyne, Worthing.

Chairman

The meeting ended at 9.06pm