

Unconfirmed Minutes – for confirmation at the next meeting of the
Worthing County Local Committee

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4 December 2013 – At a meeting of the Committee held at 7.00 pm, Chatsworth Hotel, 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

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

Declarations of Interest

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

59. Mr High and Mr Cloake also declared personal interests as they have children in the education system in Worthing.

60. Mr J Rogers also declared a personal interest as a member of Worthing Rotary Club and the cycling champion attending Worthing Cycle Forum.

61. Mr R Rogers declared a personal interest as Chairman of the Keystone Centre and a Governor at Durrington High School.

62. Mr Turner also declared a personal interest as a member of Worthing Rotary Club and as a Governor at Northbrook College.

Minutes

63. Resolved – That the minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 4 September 2013 be approved as a correct record and that they be signed by the Chairman.

Urgent Matters

64. The Chairman informed the meeting that in relation to agenda item 6, Mr Cloake wished to ask the Committee to make recommendations following the recent Children and Young People's Services Select Committee. This will be dealt with under agenda item 6.

65. The Chairman also informed the meeting that an Authority Governor applicant had withdrawn their application but this will be dealt with under agenda item 9.

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Progress Statement

66. 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, reported that the 20's plenty steering group meet for the first time last week. Notes will be made available to the Committee but in summary the first meeting discussed the Terms of Reference and lessons that could be learnt from the Chichester project. Members went on to discuss whether the consultation should include only those living in Worthing, the majority of Members supported this option. Mr Oakley referred to the recent consultation by a local newspaper and questioned if the County Council consultation was needed in addition to that. Mr Morgan noted all the points raised and stated that the next steering group meeting would take place on 19th December 2013.
- Brian Morgan, Principal Community Officer, reported that the Leader and Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport have stated that a review of zones A, B and C of the Worthing Controlled Parking Zone (CPZ) could take place in the future but this would need to be prioritized against other areas of the County.
- Mr Turner informed the meeting that Worthing Borough Council had agreed to a reduction in parking charges to £1 per hour from April 2014. He suggested that the review of zones A,B and C should wait until after this to see if this had any effect on on-street parking. Other Members suggested the review should go ahead sooner.
- The Chairman invited some local residents to speak on the matter of the CPZ. The first spoke on behalf of residents from York Road and Alfred Place who had been campaigning since 2005 for extending hours and to include Sundays and bank holidays. Many residents reported that they could not park when they return home from work in the evening. They requested a review of zones A,B and C as soon as possible. Members agreed that the review of Zone C should be undertaken as a matter of urgency and the time scale should not be open ended but under taken within 3 months. Mr. Oakley amended his proposal to reflect the demand of members and requested that a review of zone c take place within 3 months. Mr Morgan was asked to forward this request to the Parking Strategy Team.

Planning Worthing Schools for the Future

67. The Committee received a report by Director of Communities Commissioning and Head of Capital & Infrastructure (copy appended to the signed minutes).

68. The report highlighted the County Council decision regarding changes to the age of transfer in Worthing and the prescribed consultation process that is now underway. A Cabinet Member Decision Report will be required in January 2014 which will decide on whether to progress to the next stage which is the publication of Statutory Notices. The Committee is asked to support the proposals for

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reorganisation of schools within Worthing, subject to the outcome of the consultation, to enable the Age of Transfer to change, to bring these schools into line with the policy of the County Council.

69. The Chairman welcomed Mr Peter Evans, Cabinet Member for Children- Start of Life. Mr Evans stated that the increase in young families in the area means that the County Council have to plan and with funding available for a new secondary school now was an opportune time to look at the age of transfer in Worthing. As part of the consultation Mr Evans stated that he had attended meetings at each school within the proposed area of change, the last being prior to this meeting this evening. He stated that the feedback from those consultation meetings and tonight would be taken into consideration before moving to the next stage of the process in January 2014 which will decide on whether to progress to the publication of Statutory Notices.

70. The Committee then welcomed Mr Colin James, Head of Capital & Infrastructure, who provided a PowerPoint presentation (copy appended to the signed minutes). Mr James then took questions from the committee and public. The following key points were raised:

- The timing for the proposed change was due to the fact that a funding opportunity for a new secondary school was now available and a site had been identified. This would mean that the places would be available at secondary schools for the increase in numbers as a result of changes to the age of transfer.
- Mr James confirmed that any new school would have to be an academy or a free school and that a number of sponsors had come forward.
- Concern was raised in relation to the proposal for Goring First School to be reduced from a 2 form entry and 1 form entry. Mr Waight stated that this would mean some local people having to walk past Goring School to go to another school.
- Members spoke in favour of the changes to age of transfer as evidence shows that one move is better than more. However they expressed some concern about the review of catchment areas.
- Concern was raised about the lack of playing field at the proposed new secondary school. Mr James stated that the Council was in discussion to use public playing areas.
- Concern was raised that a decision was being rushed due to the pressure to get the funding.

71. Resolved that: The Committee supports in principle the proposals for reorganisation of schools within Worthing, subject to the outcome of the consultation, to enable the Age of Transfer to change, to bring these schools into line with the policy of the County Council.

72. It was also Resolved that: The Committee will have a private meeting with officers early in the new year when the consultation period has concluded to discuss proposed new catchment areas.

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A24 Findon Road – Proposed Traffic Regulation Order

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

74. Mr Morgan explained that this was the same decision that was put before the Committee at the last meeting. At that meeting the Committee deferred the decision asking for additional areas to be included. As the report stated this could not be done without readvertising and consulting.

75. Resolved – that the Committee having considered whether the concerns raised outweigh the benefits to the community, authorised the Head of Law and Governance to make the Traffic Regulation Order as advertised.

'talk with us' Open Forum

76. Residents of roads around Durrington Hill raised concern about the proposed traffic calming for Durrington Hill and the impact this could have on surrounding roads. Residents also stated that the public consultation on this should have been extended beyond residents of Durrington Hill. Mr Morgan responded stating that a public meeting about the proposals was well attended by many local residents and received a lot of support. Mr Morgan has agreed to meet with residents of the surrounding areas and provide them with the consultee report. Members stressed that this was a priority identified by a previous County Councillor but the new Local County Councillor was still in support of the scheme. Therefore it was agreed that the consultation would run its course and Mr Morgan would continue to liaise with local residents.

77. A local resident asked for an update regarding the money for Montague Street improvements. Mr Morgan agreed to look into this and provide a response to the next meeting.

78. A resident of South Farm Road requested that the northern section on the road be surveyed and included as an IP priority due to increase in traffic as a result of Worthing College. Mr Turner and Mr Smytherman stated that this area bordered their divisions and asked the member of the public to liaise with them and Mr Morgan to look at getting it on the community issues list.

Appointment of Authority School Governors

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

80. The Chairman confirmed that following the publication of the report Mr M Norris had withdrawn his application for Lyndhurst First School.

81. Resolved - That:

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(a) the following appointments be made:

- i. Mrs Victoria Ludlow to Durrington High School for a 4 year term.
- ii. Mrs Beth Mayes to Thomas A' Becket First School for a 3 year term.
- iii. Dr Christine Jones to The Laurels First School for a 4 year term.
- iv. Mrs J Ball to Palatine Primary School for a 4 year term.
- v. Mrs R Gordine to Durrington First and Middle School for a 4 year term.
- vi. Miss L Samy to Downsbrook Middle School for a 4 year term.
- vii. Mrs K Burke to Hawthorns First School for a 4 year term.

(b) the following re-appointments be made:

- i. Miss P Peal to Palatine Primary School for a 3 year term.
- ii. Mr Andy Sleight to Springfield First School for a 4 year term.
- iii. Mr Jon Howcroft-Stemp to Field Place First School for a 3 year term.

Community Initiative Funding

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

83. Resolved - That:

(a) the following applications be approved:

127/W Worthing Ladies Stoolball Club, £916, towards the purchase of new equipment. The Committee did not support funds for tracksuits as this would be personal equipment.

144/W Adur and Worthing Playing Out, £1250, towards publicity and a training workshop.

148/W World of Words, £2,000, towards offering all Worthing schools free art and drama workshops.

149/W Worthing Rotary Club, £1,500, towards the costs of Broadwater Winterfest.

167/W Worthing Cycle Forum, £2,500, towards the cost of Roadshow items from Get Cycling

169/W Superstar Arts, £2,705.86, towards purchase of equipment.

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175/W Chanctonbury Community Play Scheme, £367.01, towards upgrading of the older children's club room.

(b) the following application be deferred

143/W Creative Waves Community Arts, £2,500 towards the provision of free workshops. Members requested further information about how the project would be sustainable in the longer term

147/W Maybridge Keystone Club, £2,400 towards the promotion of equality of access to leisure facilities especially for BME individuals. Deferred as the Committee was unclear how this project would involve Black and Minority Ethnic (BME) groups; simply celebrating BME festivals will not necessarily do so. Also there was no breakdown of costs.

(c) the following applications be declined:

126/W Findon Valley Residents Association, £1,500, towards installation of a Community Seat. Declined as it would be placed on private land. Members also stated that this should be funded by the Borough Council.

137/W The Queen Alexandra Hospital Home, £3,750, towards expanding the community volunteering programme. Declined because it is a large organisation and its' budget for the Community Volunteering Project in 2014 is nearly £16,000 so any CIF contribution would be a fairly small charitable donation to the organisation rather than providing much needed support to smaller groups.

Date of Next Meeting

84. The next meeting would be held on Wednesday 5th March 2014 from 7pm at St Andrews CE High School for Boys.

Chairman

The meeting ended at 9.50pm