

Unconfirmed minutes – to be confirmed at the next meeting of the CLC

Worthing County Local Committee

12 June 2017 – At a meeting of the Committee held at 7.00pm, at Worthing Town FC, Palatine Park, Palatine Road, Worthing, West Sussex

Present: Mr P High (Worthing West) (Chairman), Mr N Atkins (Durrington and Salvington), Mr Cloake (Worthing Pier), and Mr S McDonald (Northbrook), Mr Oakley (Worthing East), Mr R Smytherman (Tarring), Mrs E Sparkes (Vice Chairman) (Cissbury), Mr B Turner (Broadwater) and Mr S Waight (Goring).

Election of Chairman

1. Mr High was elected Chairman of Worthing County Local Committee for the 2017/18 municipal year.
2. Mrs Sparkes was elected Vice-Chairman of Worthing County Local Committee for the 2017/18 municipal year.
3. Mr High, Mrs Sparkes and Mr Waight were confirmed as members of the Worthing County Local Committee Community Initiative Funding Sub Group for the 2017/18 municipal year.

Chairman's Welcome

4. The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and invited Members and Officers to introduce themselves.

Declarations of Interest

5. In accordance with the register of interests, the following declaration of personal interest was made:

- Mr High as his son is a member of Worthing Town Football Club.
- Mr Atkins, Mr High, Mr McDonald, Mr Smytherman, Mrs Sparkes, Mr Turner and Mr Waight as members of Worthing Borough Council,

Minutes

6. Resolved – That the minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 8 March 2017 be approved as a correct record and that they be signed by the Chairman.

Progress Statement

7. The Committee noted the progress statement (copy attached to the signed minutes). The following additional information was provided:

- An email had been sent to Highways England regarding the signage issue on Titnore Lane and confirmation that the work would be undertaken was awaited. The Highways Area Manager undertook to seek a response from Highways England.
- The removal of sapling and overgrown shrubs and beds in Sea lane had been done.
- The Highways Area Manager reported that Broadwater Road had been inspected and was deemed to be safe.
- The Member for Worthing Pier thanked the Heene Residents Association and the Highways Area Manager for the tour that he had been provided with around the Heene area in order to consider the signage issues that were causing poor driver behaviour.
- It was noted that the Adur & Worthing Growth Deal had been agreed by the Leaders and Chief Executive Officers of Adur District, Worthing Borough and West Sussex County Councils in March 2017. The deal identified how the Councils would work together over the next five years to deliver agreed growth priorities together with the private sector.
- It was noted that a local resident would shortly be submitting a fully costed plan for a footpath along Titnore Lane, to be supported by the Member for Northbrook.

8. Resolved – That the Progress Statement be noted.

“Talk With Us” Open Forum

9. The Chairman advised that the open forum was an opportunity for comments and questions to be raised on items not already on the agenda. The following issues were raised and responses made:

- A question was submitted in advance concerning cycling on pavements. It was noted that West Sussex County Council did not condone cycling on pavements, and legislation allowed for fixed penalties to be imposed on anti-social cyclists. These were penalties were enforced by the police.
- Questions were raised around pavement parking, parking in general and the lack of parking enforcement officers in Worthing. It was suggested that an incremental increase in parking enforcement officers be considered in order to ensure that a balance was struck between the possible increase in penalties and the number of fines imposed that would lead to a reduction of revenue overall. The Chairman undertook to write a letter to Worthing Borough Council concerning the matter.
- Concerns were raised about the surface of Adur Avenue, and the Highways Area Manager undertook to provide an updated report at the next meeting.

- There was a lengthy discussion on school funding. It was pointed out that West Sussex County Council, as well as local MPs and councillors, were all lobbying national government regarding the matter.
- The width of Bost Hill was raised, and the Highways Area Manager said that as this was a C class road (Non-principle classified road) it meant that when there was an issue on the A24 / A27 the route should provide essential relief. As a result, it would not be prudent to impose more physical width restrictions on the road, which would cause additional congestion when traffic was at its worst. He undertook to give the matter further consideration.
- In reply to a question, the Highways Area Manager said that he was not aware of the cause of the sink hole in Queen's Street, but was glad to hear that it had been dealt with so quickly.
- Electric charging points were raised as an issue, and the Highways Area Manager undertook to find out the costs of placing one on a highway location.

Community Initiative Funding

10. The Committee considered a report on Community Initiative Funding by the Director of Law, Assurance and Strategy (copy appended to the signed minutes).

11. Resolved: -

(a) The following awards were made:

8/W - Sussex Martlets Trampoline Club, £2,000.00, for new equipment

10/W – Worthing Area Community Responder Group, £2,044.00, towards the purchase of a defibrillator and uniforms.

11/W – Chatsmore Catholic High School, £4,500.00, to use student's artwork to create 2 stained glass windows

35/W - Worthing Town Football Club, £2,520.00, towards the purchase of a goal package.

Nominations of Authority School Governors

12. The Committee considered a report by the Executive Director Care, Wellbeing and Education (copy attached to the signed minutes). The report included a list of the current vacancies for Local Authority Governors in the CLC area.

13. Resolved –That the Committee approves the following nominations under the 2012 Regulations: -

(1) Appointments:

- Mr M Deacon to West Park CE Primary School for a four year term.

- Mr R Rogers to Durrington High School for a four year term.
- (2) Re-appointment:
- Mr P White to Downsbrook Primary School for a four year term.

Date of Next Meeting

14. The next meeting of the Committee would take place on 8 November 2017 in a venue to be advised.

The meeting closed at 8.35pm

Chairman