

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

Worthing County Local Committee

8 June 2016 – At a meeting of the Committee held at 7.00pm, in St. Andrews CE High School for Boys, Sackville Road, Worthing.

Present: Mr High (Worthing West) (Chairman), Mr Cloake (Worthing Pier), Mrs Hall (Durrington and Salvington), Mr Oakley (Worthing East), Mr J Rogers (Cissbury) (Vice Chairman) and Mr R Rogers (Northbrook), Mr Smytherman (Tarring), Mr Turner (Broadwater) and Mr Waight (Goring).

Apologies: None

Election of Chairman

1. Mr High was elected Chairman of Worthing County Local Committee for the 2016/17 municipal year.
2. Mr John Rogers was elected Vice-Chairman of Worthing County Local Committee for the 2016/17 municipal year.
3. Mr High, Mr John Rogers and Mr Smytherman were confirmed as members of the Worthing County Local Committee Community Initiative Funding Sub Group for the 2016/17 municipal year.

Chairman's Welcome

4. The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and invited Members and Officers to introduce themselves.
5. The Chairman presented a leaflet to the Committee and members of the public which set out the West Sussex joint commitment to over 84000 family and friends carers 2015-20. He explained that if carers were concerned about their caring roles and responsibilities, they should contact their GP or Carers Support West Sussex, details of which were in the leaflet.

Declarations of Interest

6. In accordance with the register of interests, the following declaration of personal interest was made:
 - Mr Smytherman in respect of item 7 (Worthing Town Centre Parking Controls) as a member of the Worthing Town Centre Initiative.

Minutes

7. Resolved – That the minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 9 March 2016 be approved as a correct record and that they be signed by the Chairman.

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Urgent Matters

8. The Chairman advised that a request had been made by a previous successful CIF applicant, Findon Valley Residents Association who had been granted funding for the materials to build a bus shelter. One of the quotes that had been submitted with the application had a fault, which meant the organisation was short of the funding to complete the project, and asked the Committee if it could grant the shortfall of £293.

9. Resolved – That the Worthing County Local Committee award an additional £293 to Findon Valley Residents Association for the completion of the bus shelter build.

Progress Statement

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

- The Chairman advised that, in relation to Titnore Lane, it should read that this would now have to be assessed through the IWP process if requested.
- Durrington Hill: The Highways Area Manager explained that works had been substantially completed in Durrington Hill in January 2016. Speed and flow data counts were being programmed and were expected to be undertaken around the end of July 2016. He confirmed that a full update would be brought to the next meeting of the Committee.
- The Highways Area Manager confirmed that no points would be allocated to P1 "People" within the Detailed Assessment Form for traffic regulation orders, as per the policy.
- The CPZ Lead Professional advised that works on the East Worthing CPZ were confirmed to start on 20th June 2016. He added that residents had received letters advising them of the changes. The member for Worthing East added that he had received requests for other parts of this area to be declassified. He was working with residents on this, and would bring an update on this to the next meeting of the Committee.
- The Chairman gave an update concerning the works on Montague Street.

11. Resolved – That Progress Statement be noted.

Worthing Town Centre Parking Controls

12. The CPZ Lead Professional took the Committee through the Report. He explained that the Worthing Controlled Parking Zone (CPZ) had been in operation since 1996 with amendments being brought forward when found to be appropriate. These had sought to improve parking opportunities in the town centre where it was safe to do so and address concerns that arose from vehicles being displaced to park in roads immediately bordering the CPZ. In response to comments received by local members, stakeholders and residents a commitment was made to undertake a review that focused on the scope to improve the parking opportunities within the town centre both during the day and overnight for residents. The first phase of that review which considered the parking controls in the town centre zones A, B & C was implemented in

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13. The CPZ Lead Professional explained to members that the significant proportion of the representations received from residents in Pembury Close opposed the introduction of the proposed parking controls on the basis that the loss of amenity to residents arising from the opportunity to park on street outweighed the impact to amenity and safety arising from the indiscriminate parking observed in the Close. The proposals had been revisited in the light of those representations and on balance it was recommended to withdraw the suggested controls from the proposed amendments to the parking order.

14. He added that proposals had been formally advertised recently, with a view to partly amending the existing parking controls in place on a number of roads to improve parking opportunities within those zones together with some minor amendments to the Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) both within zones A and B and beyond the CPZ. This report detailed those proposals; explained the formal consultation undertaken; summarised and responded to representations received during the consultation period and sought approval to implement the proposed amendments. He clarified that if approved, these changes will be monitored as part of an annual review programme.

15. Members and the public raised a number of points, including those that follow.

- The CPZ Lead Professional confirmed that the new scheme, if approved, will be monitored.
- Members expressed concern of the impact of the new crossing on Broadwater Road. The CPZ Lead Professional confirmed he would liaise with the school transport safety team regarding this issue.
- A member of the public felt that the traffic in Cambridge Road was greater than reported.
- A concern was raised regarding the issuing in non-resident parking permit. The CPZ Lead Professional advised that the Council was currently reviewing its policy on non-residents parking permits.
- Members of the public hoped that there may be opportunity for other areas to be considered in the future for plans.
- The CPZ Lead Professional advised that the Council was currently looking at its approaches to parking management, with a pilot in Chichester. He added that he would keep the Committee fully briefed on this issue.
- In regards to Pembury Road, the CPZ Lead Professional agreed to meet with residents on this issue.
- Members advised that parking was an issue across the country, and welcomed the Council's work to look at its approaches to parking management.
- Members encouraged the public to contact officers and members to report problems with parking in Worthing.

16. Resolved: - That having considered the responses to the formal consultation the Worthing County Local Committee authorise the Director of Law Assurance and Strategy to bring the Traffic Regulation Order into operation as advertised but with the exception of the proposed restrictions in Pembury Close.

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Goring, Marine Drive Prohibition of Motor Caravans

17. The Highways Area Manager took the Committee through the Report. He explained that in recent years Marine Drive and Marine Crescent had been used for long term parking by increasing numbers of motor caravans. Based on information provided by local residents and the fact that the area was promoted on several "Wild Camping" websites, it was believed on balance of probability that these long staying motor caravans were being used for camping on the highway. He added that this long term parking by motor caravans restricted the ability of other visitors to find suitable parking when visiting the area for recreation. He advised that in order to provide a sustainable solution to this issue it was proposed to introduce (where there are no existing restrictions) a restriction prohibiting motor caravans from waiting between 10pm and 9am as detailed in Section 3. A formal consultation had taken place to which there were 33 objections and 68 communications of support. He clarified that the level of objections was 33, rather than the 32 detailed in the report as one objection had been received which had not been counted.

18. Members and the public raised a number of points, including those that follow.

- Residents thanked the Committee for their work in bringing this issue to a decision.
- The Highways Area Manager confirmed the length of the proposed TRO.
- Members advised residents to contact local members if enforcement was required.
- Residents expressed concern that campervans may move into other streets, the Highways Area Manager confirmed that ticketing would occur if this happened.
- Members clarified that they were not opposed the campervans in the area, just longer term parking and that this was a good solution to the problems in the area.
- Members questioned whether the level of enforcement required for this was available, as they had received comments from the public that other areas of Worthing had a lack of enforcement. The Highways Area Manager confirmed that enforcement was available, and the timings of these restrictions complemented the timings of other TROs in Worthing.
- It was confirmed that, if agreed, the restriction would be in place in around two months time.

19. Resolved:- That the Worthing County Local Committee, having considered the communications of objection and support as well as the Officers response, authorises the Director of Law, Assurance and Strategy to make the Order for the restrictions in the Worthing area as advertised.

"Talk With Us" Open Forum

20. 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:

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- Overgrown Shrubbery: The Ilex Conservation Group requested that at the top end of Sea Lane, whether the overgrown shrubs and beds could be removed and grassed over. The Highways Area Manager agreed to look into this.
- The Highways Area Manager advised that residents could check the progress of the works on the Broadwater Street crossing by visiting the Council's website at <http://westsussex.cdmf.info/public/map.htm>, but confirmed that it would certainly be completed in time for September 2016.
- Members encouraged the public to response to the consultation regarding waste disposal.

Community Initiative Funding

21. The Chairman invited previously successful Community Initiative Fund (CIF) applicants to provide feedback on how the funding had helped their organisations.

- Matt Dumbleton from CircusSeen, thanked the Committee for funding to purchase circus equipment including a trapeze rig.

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

23. Resolved: -

(a) The following awards were made:

957/W- Mencap Worthing, £2,500.00, towards costs for changing internal access to toilets.

958/W- Worthing 50+ Rifle and Pistol Club, £527.00, to purchase IT equipment.

969/W- Reaching Families, £297.38, towards providing a new Lex Mark printer and toner.

990/W - Kids Run Free, £1,720.00, for start-up costs and marketing.

993/W – Worthing Gymnastics Club, £2,500.00, to purchase 2 landing mats and 3 safety mats.

994/W – Durrington Community Cycle Project, £800.00, towards publicity costs and to purchase a gazebo.

(b) The following application was declined:

968/W- Our Lady of Sion School, £1,278.00, for the purchase of a defibrillator. The Committee felt that as the defibrillator was not publically available at all times, they could not support the application.

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Nominations of Authority School Governors

24. 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.

25. Resolved –That the Committee approves the following nomination under the 2012 Regulations: -

(1) Re-appointments:

- Mr J Thompson to Davison C of E School for a four year term.

Date of Next Meeting

26. The next meeting of the Committee would take place on Wednesday 14 September 2016 at the Bohunt School, Queen Street, Worthing. Members were reminded that there would be a tour of the school preceding the meeting, at a time to be confirmed.

The meeting closed at 8.35pm

Chairman