

Worthing County Local Committee

6th July 2011 – At a meeting of the Committee held at 7.00 pm at Thomas ‘A’ Becket First School, Pelham Road, Worthing.

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

Apologies for absence were received from Mr Livermore, Mrs Waight and Mr Waight.

Chairman’s Welcome

32. The Chairman welcomed members and the public to the meeting. The Chairman informed the meeting that bus subsidies were not on the agenda but issues could be raised under agenda item 8, ‘talk with us’ open forum and any comments would be forwarded to the cross party member bus working group ahead of their meeting on 11 July ahead of the decision being taken on 18 July.

Declarations of Interest

33. There were no declarations of interest.

Minutes

34. Resolved – That the minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 27th April 2011 be approved as a correct record and that they be signed by the Chairman.

35. Mr Rice informed the meeting that Glendale Theatre Arts School, who had been awarded funding at the previous meeting, had come second in the world dance competition.

Chairman’s Update

36. The Chairman gave an update on the request for Traffic Lights at Steyne Gardens. A number of issues were highlighted:

- A scheme to refurbish the site and add a new control strategy would cost approximately £40,000. There was currently £13,209 of section 106 funding that could potentially be used to fund the scheme leaving a shortfall of approximately £26,800.
- At peak times the junction was currently over saturated and therefore the introduction of a pedestrian facility would introduce additional delays to vehicles and may generate public complaints.
- The Committee could make this scheme one of their priorities for the Worthing area through the Infrastructure Planning process that would take place in the autumn.

West Sussex Waste Plan

37. The Committee had before it a report by the Strategic Planning Manager (copy appended to signed minutes). A number of key issues were raised:

- Reference was made in the report to a built waste facility and an inert recycling facility but the inert recycling facility was not mentioned in reference to decoy farm.
- There needed to be sufficient and meaningful consultation with the public about the waste site, as previous consultations had not been done well.
- Issues of transport would need to be carefully considered.
- There needed to be good communication with officers at Worthing Borough Council.

20s Plenty for Worthing

38. The Committee had before it a briefing note by the Director of Communities and Infrastructure (copy appended to signed minutes). The briefing note set out the possible costs and implications of implementing '20s Plenty' in Worthing. A number of issues were raised:

- The briefing note only addressed the costs of the scheme for a small part of the Borough and the Committee requested that an estimate of the costs for the entire Borough be worked up.
- The scheme would have to be funded out of section 106 monies, as there was no funding available from the Highways budget. It was estimated that there was £600,000 to £700,000 of section 106 available in Worthing that could possibly be used to fund the scheme.
- The Committee requested that funds allocated to School Safety Zones (SSZ) in the area be reallocated to this scheme, as the SSZs would no longer be necessary. They also asked whether the Goring Sea Front Cycle route could be moved off road so that the road did not need to be subjected to a 20 mile per hour speed limit.
- The Infrastructure Planning process would allow members and communities to prioritise schemes in the area and 20s Plenty could be progressed via this process, expected to come to the CLC in the Autumn.

39. Mr Rice proposed that the Committee recommend that officers work up plans to implement 20s Plenty Borough wide and begin a formal consultation as soon as practical.

40. The Committee agreed the recommendation proposed by Mr Rice.

Worthing Controlled Parking Zone Review (CPZ)

41. The Committee considered a report by the Director of Communities and Infrastructure (copy appended to the signed minutes). The report outlined proposals to introduce a CPZ in two separate areas of the town and minor amendments to roads within the existing CPZ. The report asked the Committee to consider the responses to the formal consultation and authorise the Head of Legal and Democratic Services to bring the Traffic Regulation Order into operation as advertised. The following key points were raised:

- 64 formal representations had been received; 56 objected, 5 supported and 3 were neutral, all were outlined in appendix B of the report.
- 15 objections had been received from residents in King Edward Road who felt it would stop residents and visitors parking across driveways. There were ten objections from Navarino Road residents who mirrored the concerns of the King Edward Road residents. 5 of the objections were from staff at Worthing Hospital.

- Officers had noted the objections but were recommending that the proposals be approved with the following modifications:
 1. TQ1402SWN - downgrade proposed loading bay in Crescent Road from goods vehicles to all vehicles
 2. TQ1403SEN - revert proposed disabled bay in Newlands Road to residents only bay
 3. TQ1403SES - Revert proposed disabled bay in Stanley Road to residents only
 4. TQ1403SWN - Change location of proposed disabled bay in Southcourt Road
 5. TQ1502NEN - Remove parking bay and replace with a single yellow line in Church Walk, east of Gannon Road, so that it matches what is on the ground
 6. TQ1502NWN - Downgrade proposed double yellow lines at both ends of Providence Terrace to a single yellow line
 7. TQ1503SWS - Downgrade proposed double yellow lines at both ends of Providence Terrace to a single yellow line
- There was a possibility that non-residents permits could be made available to hospital staff and local businesses if there was spare capacity in a zone after residents had applied.
- The scheme would be closely monitored by officers and would be reviewed in six to nine months.
- There was a possibility that some mitigating measures could be put in place: single yellow lines across driveways could be relaxed so that they are only enforced if the resident asks, to sell non-resident parking permits to staff at the hospital where spare capacity exists in a zone, as the hospital parking problem was not going to go away, and the idea that a permit guarantees you a parking space in that zone but not in a particular road.
- The long-term intention would be to run parking bays across driveways rather than single yellow lines, in line with the other CPZs in the County, but there was a risk that residents would object to paying for a permit when they previously parked for free.
- It was suggested that an agreement be reached with the enforcement officers about the loading bay outside the Ardington Hotel because guests had been ticketed while unloading their cars.

42. Resolved – that the Worthing County Local Committee having considered the responses to the formal consultation authorises the Head of Legal and Democratic Services to bring the Traffic Regulation Order into operation subject to the following modifications:

TQ1402SWN - downgrade proposed loading bay in Crescent Road from goods vehicles to all vehicles

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Talk with Us Open Forum

43. A resident informed the Committee that he, and many residents, were very concerned about the possible reduction in bus subsidies in Worthing which could leave many residents unable to get to the hospital. Mr Rice, a member of the cross party bus working group, commended the resident for his work and agreed to feed his comments back to the group. He also informed the meeting that just because some routes would lose subsidies it didn't necessarily mean the route would be lost.

44. A resident asked the Committee to lobby the Highways Agency as soon as possible for better pedestrian access arrangements to the proposed Worthing College site north of the A27 by underpass or bridge near the roundabout at Grove Lodge.

45. A resident expressed their concern about the budget cuts in Adults' Services and asked whether the small grants the Committee had considered at their special meeting would help people with moderate needs. Mrs Richards, as Chairman of the Adults' Services Select Committee, informed the resident that they had voted against the cuts and that the small grants were awarded to community organisations and groups that helped a variety of people. The Committee encouraged all residents to take an interest in what was happening in Councils at the moment.

Appointment of Local Authority School Governors

46. 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.

47. Resolved - That the following appointments be approved:

Appointments:

- i) Ms J Wilson to Chesswood Middle School for a 3 year term
- ii) Mrs J Aldous to Chesswood Middle School for a 3 year term
- iii) Cllr N Fisher to Thomas A' Becket First School for a 3 year term

Re-appointments:

- i) Mrs A Warren to Downsbrook Middle School for a 3 year term
- ii) Mr B Glickman to Downsbrook Middle School for a 3 year term
- iii) Mr JM Fox to The Laurels CF School for a 3 year term
- iv) Mrs H Ellwood to Chesswood Middle School for a 3 year term
- v) Reverend Hill to Whytemead First School for a 4 year term
- vi) Mrs S James to Lyndhurst First School for a 4 year term

Community Initiative Funding

48. 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.

49. Resolved –

(i) That the following Community Initiative Funding applications be approved:

1581/W East Worthing Community Centre, £2,240, for the purchase of curtains for the Centre. £3,500 had been requested.

1638/W Cortis Avenue Wildlife Sanctuary, £1,000, for the purchase of tools and ancillary equipment. Additional funds were granted to ensure an adequate supply of tools for the project on the understanding that the CLC will not commit further CIF to the project. £750 had been requested.

1639/W Twenties Plenty, £1,200, towards promotional materials and publicity for the campaign. Additional funds granted to ensure an adequate supply of promotional materials but the funding is not to be used for the purchase of a speed gun, and is intended solely for promotional materials. £1,140 had been requested.

1640/W Heene Short Mat Bowls Club, £1,500, for the purchase of a new mat and required accessories.

1641/W Tarring Picnic in the Park 2011, £500, towards the costs of the 2011 one-off community event.

1642/W Findon Valley Free Church Pre-School, £1,200, for various items of educational and play equipment.

1645/W Broadwater Community Association, £1,250, for the purchase of a community noticeboard.

(ii) That the following applications were deferred pending further information:

1582/W – St Richards C of E Church - £5,000 towards the installation of a disabled toilet.

1643/W Mardale Road Resident, £500, for the removal of a crab-apple tree in Mardale Road.

1646/W – Micks Garage – £1,700 to assist with mini-bus hire for the community group.

(iii) That the following applications were declined:

1628/W – Worthing Shopmobility - £3,596 towards the purchase of a larger-user power chair because it was not submitted via the agreed Worthing CLC CIF process

1644/W – Jean Butterworth School of Dancing - £5,000 towards costs for a dance competition in France because the project had already been completed prior to this meeting.

Date of Next Meeting

50. The Committee noted that the next meeting would take place on Wednesday 19th October 2011 from 7pm at a venue to be confirmed.

The meeting ended at 9.16pm

Chairman