

## **Worthing County Local Committee**

25 April 2012 – At a meeting of the Committee held at 7.00 pm at Chatsmore High School, Goring Street, Worthing.

Present: Mr Doyle, Mr Livermore, Mr Rice, Mr Rogers, Mr Smytherman (Chairman) and Mr Stevens.

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

### **Chairman's Welcome**

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

### **Declarations of Interest**

2. In accordance with the Code of Conduct, Mr Smytherman and Mr Rice declared personal interests as members of Worthing Borough Council.

### **Minutes**

3. Resolved – That the minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 25 January 2012 be approved as a correct record and that they be signed by the Chairman.

### **Progress Statement**

4. The Committee noted the report that provided updates on issues raised at previous meetings.

### **Adults' Services Prevention and Wellbeing Grants**

5. The Chairman introduced a report by the Executive Director Public Health, Wellbeing and Safeguarding (copy appended to the signed minutes).

6. Resolved: -

- (i) That the following applications be approved:

DR26 - Alzheimer's Society, £1,000  
DR15 – Blueprint 22, £3,004  
SG4 – Cruse West Sussex Area, £740  
DR24 – Dial a Ride Southern Services, £5,000  
SG5 – Lifecentre, £700  
DR21 – New Life Church, £5,000  
SG7 – SASBAH, £900  
DR4 – Worthing Churches Homeless Project, £3,500

- (ii) The following applications were declined:

SG1 – 4SIGHT, £325, as this was a countywide application there was no guarantee that the money would be spent in Worthing and the Committee were not convinced that there was a need for the services

offered as Worthing was adequately supported by the Society for the Blind.

DR7 – Worthing Homes, £5,000 as this is a running cost to pay for a tutor and is not a new project.

- (iii) The Committee also agreed to recommend to the Cabinet Member for Health and Adults' Services that any underspend is offered up for small groups to apply for as had been done in previous years and asked the Cabinet Member to ensure, where possible, that any underspend from Worthing is used in Worthing.

### **Talk with Us Open Forum**

7. A Worthing Borough Councillor (WBC) asked when the extension to the Controlled Parking Zone (CPZ) was going to be implemented? Jen Bradbury, Coastal Team Manager, informed the meeting that the CPZ was still expected to be implemented in the summer. The order had been placed with Balfour Beatty and there was an approximate 16 week lead in period before the works would commence. The delays had largely been due to the time taken to check the statutory apparatus under the footway where new signs would be located. This, and the other measures taking place with the existing CPZ, had taken more officer time than had been anticipated.

8. The Borough Councillor also questioned why there was a seeming reluctance on the part of WSCC Trading Standards to prosecute for trading in illicit alcohol and asked the Committee to support his call for a more robust approach. The Chairman undertook to write to the Cabinet Member for Public Protection to request a briefing note on WSCC's approach that would be shared with the Borough Councillor.

9. A resident informed the meeting that a single yellow line had been painted on the south side Northcourt Road in November 2011 to improve the traffic flow westbound but was not enforceable as to date no sign had been erected so people were still parking on it. Mr Rice, the local member, added that neither the yellow lines nor the School Safety Zone (SSZ) had been completed. Jen Bradbury explained that the job had been raised with Balfour Beatty in October 2011 but at that time there was still some uncertainty about how jobs should be raised in the new contract. The decision was ultimately to batch jobs together, which was finally done in March 2012, but there was now an issue over the cost of the batched jobs and a cost agreement was yet to be reached. The Committee agreed to write to the Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport about the Northcourt Road issue.

10. A member of the public queried when the consultation on the '20s Plenty' scheme was likely to happen and what the process would be. The Chairman responded that the consultation would come forward in 2013/14 and the Committee would be involved in designing the process. The Committee wanted the consultation to be as broad and wide ranging as possible. Once the consultation had been completed the Committee would then recommend to the Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport on whether to proceed with implementation.

11. The Leader of WBC expressed concern that the Grand Avenue/Boundary Road TRO that had been agreed, as the CLC's top priority did not include the

Rowlands Road junction and queried what progress had been made. The Chairman informed the meeting that there was a large back log of TROs but reassured the meeting that this was being progressed. He agreed to find out whether Rowlands Road could be included in this order and report back.

12. The Leader of WBC also explained to the meeting that there was a bus stop in Grand Avenue located on one side of his drive and a bus shelter located on the other. He had been in contact with the relevant department who had agreed to move the bus stop sign onto the shelter as the stop and shelter being separate was causing confusion and putting passengers at risk. The Committee agreed to investigate and report back.

13. The Leader of WBC also informed the meeting that residents in Grand Avenue had leaflets posted through their doors several months ago by the street lighting contractor informing them that the lights were to be replaced within four weeks but the works had not started. The residents had now been told that the works would be carried out in September. The Committee agreed to ensure that the Street Lighting schedule be made available to the public, as there had been several delays.

### **Appointment of Local Authority School Governors**

14. The Committee considered a report by the Director of Learning (copy appended to the signed minutes) that set out proposed nominations to school governing bodies and the criteria for their appointment.

15. Resolved - That the following appointment and reappointments be approved:

Appointments:

- i. Mr Jarman to English Martyrs Catholic Primary School for a 4 year term

Re-Appointments:

- i. Mrs D Loydell to West Park C of E First and Middle School for a 4 year term
- ii. Mrs K Henwood to Bramber First School for a 4 year term

### **Community Initiative Funding**

16. 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.

17. Resolved –

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

**1834/W** Worthing and District Scope, £1,032.50, for the purchase of sensory equipment

**1835/W** Durrington Sea Scouts, £2,000, for the purchase of a 'bell boat'

**1836/W** Worthing High School Association, £2,000 – with an additional recommendation that the school seeks contributions from the groups who will advertise on the board, towards an eco-friendly notice board with solar panels

**1837/W** Tarring Short Mat Bowls Club, £1,750, replacement bowling mats.

**1838/W** West Durrington Phoenix Youth Group, £1,000, costs towards a summer fun day for the 12-16 age group.

**1839/W** Tarring Fun Day, £250, costs towards a community dog show event

**1841/W** Gaisford Ward Neighbourhood Panel, £3,000 – conditional that all bikes are from the Worthing area and that at least one session is provided at the newly installed cycle racks in Ham Road, costs towards a bike security marking project.

**1842/W** Whole of Worthing Shakespeare Festival, £5,000, towards costs for staging an outdoor Shakespeare Festival for local schoolchildren.

**1843/W** Dragonflies, £575, various costs towards participating in the 'Dance Challenge' competition

**1845/W** Selden Kids in Play, £1,000, planning, consultation and publicity costs for the start-up group.

**1849/W** St Mary's Broadwater, £253.44 for the purchase of 12 safety mats.

(ii) That the following application be declined:

**1846/W** East Worthing Community Centre, £590, for the purchase of a community notice board as funding is retrospective and therefore outside of the eligibility criteria.

(iii) That the following application be deferred to give the Committee more time to consider the quotes for the work because they were received very late:

**1840/W** Women's Aid, £5,000, towards replacement windows for the refuge.

### **Date of Next Meeting**

18. The Committee noted that the next meeting would take place on Wednesday 27 June 2012 from 7pm at the St. Paul's Centre, Chapel Road, Worthing.

The meeting ended at 8.05pm

Chairman

