

## **Worthing County Local Committee**

19<sup>th</sup> October 2011 – At a meeting of the Committee held at 7.00 pm at Worthing High School, South Farm Road, Worthing.

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

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

### **Chairman's Welcome**

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

### **Declarations of Interest**

52. In accordance with the Code of Conduct, Mr Waight declared a personal interest in agenda item 5i) Southdownview Road, Dominion Road and adjoining roads and Beaumont Road - Changes to Parking Restrictions, as a member of Sussex Police Authority.

53. In accordance with the Code of Conduct, Mr Smytherman declared a personal interest in agenda item 8, Community Initiative Funding, as a trustee of Worthing and Arun Mind.

54. In accordance with the Code of Conduct, Mr Waight, Mrs Waight, Mr Rice, Mr Rogers and Mr Smytherman declared a personal interest in agenda item 8, Community Initiative Funding, as members of Worthing Borough Council.

### **Minutes**

55. Resolved – That the minutes of the special Adults' Services Grants meeting of the Committee held on 5<sup>th</sup> July 2011 be approved as a correct record and that they be signed by the Chairman.

56. Resolved – That the minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 6<sup>th</sup> July 2011 be approved as a correct record and that they be signed by the Chairman.

57. With reference to minute 43 of the meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> July 2011, a resident requested that a County Council officer attend a meeting involving local campaigners to discuss the effect of bus subsidies reductions in Worthing. The Chairman agreed to consider whether an officer could attend the next committee meeting.

58. With reference to minutes 41 – 42 of the meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> July 2011, the Chairman was asked to confirm when the Controlled Parking Zone (CPZ) for Worthing would be implemented. The Chairman agreed to ask an officer to provide an update to the resident.

## Chairman's Update

59. The Chairman gave updates on the enforcement of a disabled bay in Pavillion Road, Pavement Parking, Infrastructure Planning and 20s Plenty for Worthing. A number of issues were highlighted.

a). Enforcement of a Disabled Bay in Pavillion Road

- The Chairman reported that a traffic regulation order (TRO) would be required to enforce the disabled bay. A full list of TROs would be assessed at the next meeting of the Committee and the priority order would be agreed,
- Mr Rice reported that he had discussed the matter with the Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport, who could consider an alternative way forward. The Chairman would ask officers to discuss with the Cabinet Member.

b). Pavement Parking

- The Chairman reported that the County Council as Highway Authority did not have powers regarding vehicles parking on pavements unless they contravened parking restrictions. The Police however could take action if a vehicle was parked in a way which prevented pedestrians being able to pass without using the carriageway or if they witnessed a vehicle driving on a footway,
- People with concerns were asked to contact their Police Neighbourhood Panel. If parking on pavements was a top priority in the Panel area, action would be considered.

c). Infrastructure Planning

- The public were urged to contact their local Members with their comments on highways and transport infrastructure priorities for Worthing, as the Infrastructure Plan and priorities would be discussed and agreed at the next meeting.

d). 20s Plenty for Worthing

- The Chairman reported on the 3 options and expected costs should a 20mph zone for Worthing be agreed. The Committee were currently considering highways and transport priorities for Worthing, which would be presented for approval with the Infrastructure Plan at the next meeting. The Committee had agreed to consider 20s Plenty as part of this process, and should it be identified as a priority, a report would be presented to the CLC in 2012,
- It was reported that should 20s Plenty be included in the Infrastructure Plan there would be a public consultation to determine public support and the Committee would receive a report detailing the full costs,
- The Infrastructure Plan was a rolling process and would be considered annually by the Committee,
- Should a 20mph zone be agreed, it could take approximately 2 years to implement,
- The Committee could be allocated an additional TRO to implement a 20 mph zone,
- The County Council's policy regarding 20 mph zones had changed following a Motion to Council in 2011.

### **Southdownview Road, Dominion Road and adjoining roads and Beaumont Road – Changes to Parking Restrictions**

60. The Committee had before it a report by the Director of Communities and Infrastructure (copy appended to signed minutes). A number of key issues were raised:

- It was noted that there was a typing error in the report; Southdownview was one word and not two. This is important to note as the TRO process needed to work within a precise legal framework,
- Mr Rice, the local Member, reported that parking had been a problem in Beaumont Road and Southdownview Road for some time, and he had considered the views made by local residents. Mr Rice had therefore discussed an alternative with officers that would retain approximately 9 parking spaces available in Southdownview Road. He also requested that restrictions should not apply on bank holidays. He tabled a drawing which was circulated amongst Members which showed the suggested amendment,
- EDF Energy, which was located close by, did have a travel plan, a car share scheme and a number of other measures to help prevent their employees parking on residential streets.

61. The Committee considered the amendment to the recommendation put forward by Mr Rice and the advice of officers, and agreed to support the recommended as amended.

62. Resolved - having considered that the resulting benefits to the community outweigh the objections raised, Worthing CLC authorise the Head of Legal and Democratic Services to make the Traffic Regulation Order as advertised under the Road Traffic Act 1984, subject to the retention of approximately 9 spaces on Southdownview Road and a relaxation of the daytime prohibition such that Bank Holidays are excluded.

### **Proposed Gap Closures in The Boulevard, Worthing**

63. The Committee had before it a report by the Director of Communities and Infrastructure (copy appended to signed minutes). A number of issues were raised:

- The proposal had been reviewed following the public consultation, objections received, the reductions in accidents and the withdrawal of support by the local member. The Committee was now asked to consider withdrawing the TRO from the priority list,
- It was felt that if the gaps were closed, more vehicles would use the roundabouts on the road, which had a higher accident rate. Double yellow lines were requested to help improve visibility,
- Should this TRO be refused, the Committee could not re-use it for another purpose or gain an additional TRO,
- Accident data should be considered, but it was felt that this should not be the only criteria for the proposed gap closures.

64. The Committee felt that it was not able to take a decision on the matter and were advised that should it wish to consider supporting the gap closures, a new report to a future meeting would be required.

65. Resolved - to defer a decision on this matter and a new report to a future meeting is requested proposing that the gaps be closed.

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

66. A resident questioned the result of road safety works in Lyndhurst Road. The Chairman requested that a written response be sent to the resident.

67. A resident asked when Shaftsbury Road would be tarmaced and was informed it would be in this financial year.

68. A resident expressed concern in the withdrawal of some bus services following a reduction in subsidies by the County Council. It was suggested that the resident continue discussions with Stagecoach and share concerns with the Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport, who was responsible for the County Council's decisions regarding bus subsidies. The Chairman would consider inviting the Cabinet Member to a future meeting.

69. A resident asked for an update on the position of local theatres and was informed it was a matter for Worthing Borough Council rather than the County Council. The resident was asked to contact the Borough Council for further information.

70. A resident ask the Committee to note that public support must be demonstrated in order for 20s Plenty to proceed. It was reported that should the Committee agree to 20s Plenty being included as a priority in the Infrastructure Plan, a public consultation would be carried out to determine public support. A resident questioned whether the Committee would consider applications for Community Initiative Funding against 20s Plenty. The Chairman reported that the Committee would consider all applications that met the criteria and the public could contact their local member if they were interested in submitting an application.

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

71. 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.

72. Resolved - That the following appointments be approved:

Appointments:

- i) Mrs P Curren to Springfield First School for a 4 year term.
- ii) Mrs T Willmore to St Andrew's CE High School for Boys for a 4 year term.

### **Community Initiative Funding**

73. 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.

74. Resolved –

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

1656/W Blueprint 22, £2,500, towards a 12-week intensive mentoring/support course.

1672/W May House, £800, for play-area enhancements.

1682/W Creative Waves Community Arts, £1,925, costs towards a local arts project for Worthing Pier.

1687/W Worthing Swimathon 2012, £600, one-off costs towards staging the 2012 event.

1692/W St Paul's War Memorial, £1,500, towards restoration costs.

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

1691/W Guildbourne IT Workshop, £2,497.45, for the purchase of computers and a printer.

1693/W Homefield Skate Park, £550, costs towards one-off 'Skatepark Day'.

(ii) The following applications were declined:

1582/W St Richards CofE Church, £5,000, towards the installation of a disabled toilet, as other dedicated funds for disabled facilities are available and would be more appropriate for this application

1662/W Voice for Disability, £4,952, towards two interns over a six-month period as this is more appropriate for the Member's Big Society fund – the local member to progress this option on behalf of the applicant.

(iii) The following application was deferred until the next meeting:

1646/W Mick's Garage, £1,700, to assist with mini-bus hire for the community group as the CLC has previously awarded the applicant funds for a similar purpose (2010/11 pantomime trip).

### **Date of Next Meeting**

75. The Committee noted that the next meeting would take place on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2012 from 7pm at Durrington High School, The Boulevard, Worthing, BN13 1JX.

The meeting ended at 8.35pm

Chairman