

Worthing County Local Committee

25 January 2012 – At a meeting of the Committee held at 7.00 pm in the Georgian Room, Chatsworth Hotel, 17-23 The Steyne, Worthing.

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

Apologies for absence were received from Mr Livermore.

Chairman's Welcome

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

Declarations of Interest

77. In accordance with the Code of Conduct, Mr Doyle declared a personal interest in agenda item 8, Appointment of Authority School Governors, as one of the applicants was known to him.

78. In accordance with the Code of Conduct Mr Waight declared a personal interest in agenda item 6, Worthing CLC Infrastructure Plan Priorities, as Chairman of Sussex Police Authority. See also minute 90.

Minutes

79. Resolved – That the minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 19 October 2011 be approved as a correct record and that they be signed by the Chairman.

Progress Statement

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

81. Mrs Richards expressed her disappointment that the implementation of the Controlled Parking Zone had been delayed until May/June 2012. She requested that a press release be issued in all the Worthing papers informing residents of the delay.

Worthing CLC Infrastructure Plan Priorities

82. Members have been considering a wide range of community issues and have been asked to highlight their local highways and transport improvement priorities in the Worthing County Local Committee area Infrastructure Plan. The Committee had before it a report by the Director of Communities and Infrastructure (copy appended to signed minutes) that highlighted the priorities and recommended that they be approved in order to establish the Infrastructure Plan for the County Local Committee area. A number of key issues were highlighted:

- Mr Waight requested that speaking to Network Rail about their signalling, particularly at the Tarring Road Level Crossing, formed part of the 'Options Appraisal'.

- It was suggested that rephasing the traffic signals east to west at the Tarring Road crossing would help ease congestion.
- The Marine Ward Neighbourhood panel would like to see the sea front cycle route extended past George V Avenue to the Yacht Club as the dismount point.
- There was support for 20s Plenty going to consultation to establish whether there was significant public support for it but it was questioned whether any funding would be sought from the Emergency Services so it wasn't solely funded from section 106 monies as this would leave very little for future projects.
- The consultation needed to give members of the public the chance to comment for and against the scheme and clear criteria needed to set for acceptance or rejection of the 20s Plenty scheme.
- Ian Pollard, Chief Inspector – Adur & Worthing, from Sussex Police, informed the meeting that Sussex Police would formally respond to the consultation but that they would support properly targeted 20mph zones but would not support a blanket 20mph speed limit.

83. Resolved:- that the Worthing County Local Committee approve the highways and transport improvement priorities set out below to establish the Infrastructure Plan for the committee area:

- Provision of 20` s Plenty Scheme, subject to the outcome of public consultation.
- Junction Improvement – A259 Brighton Road/ Brougham Road (to improve access).
- Options Appraisal Studies to investigate:
 - a) Measures aimed at reducing congestion at railway level crossings: i). Tarring Road/ South Street/ Little Pembrooks ii). South Farm Road.
 - b) Provision of a new vehicular access, between Broadwater Road and Ivy Arch Road to improve access to Ivy Arch Road Industrial Estate.
 - c) Heavy Goods Vehicle movements and highlight potential proposals to introduce restrictions on Dale Road, Meadow Road, Thesiger, Benedict Drive, Brookdean Road and Archibald Road
- Traffic Calming Measures on Durrington Hill.
- Pedestrian/ Street Scene Enhancements:
 - a) Montague Street (West), junction with Crescent Road.
 - b) Warwick Street, The Steyne/ Steyne Gardens (including pedestrian phasing on existing pedestrian crossing facilities).
- School Safety Zones – The Laurels and Hawthorns First Schools

Talk with Us Open Forum

84. A resident questioned whether anything could be done at the east end of Buckingham Avenue where there was a problem with large and noisy commercial vehicles being parked and bump started. Mr Baldwin responded that any vehicles over 7.5 tonnes should not be parked on the highway over night but if they were below this limit, unless they were causing an obstruction, there was nothing that could be done.

85. A member of the public expressed concern about the number of cars for sale parked on the highway as they were often parked on verges and on residential streets. Mr Baldwin replied that this was a Borough Council issue but that a scheme to deal with roadside vehicle sales was currently being piloted by Arun District Council in conjunction with the County Council.

86. Mr Rice raised the issue of large lorries being parked overnight on King Edward Avenue and queried whether these could be moved on? Mr Baldwin informed him that these vehicles were contravening their Operators' license by not parking in designated areas.

Appointment of Local Authority School Governors

87. 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.

88. Resolved - That the following appointments be approved:

Appointments:

- i. Mr C Tomlinson to St Mary's Catholic Primary for a 4 year term
- ii. Ms M Vaughan to Chesswood Middle School for a 3 year term

Re-Appointments:

- i. Mrs J Gilbert to Bramber First School for a 4 year term

Community Initiative Funding

89. 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.

90. Mr Doyle declared a personal interest in application #1769, Worthing Sea Scouts, as his wife is a volunteer and his son is a scout.

91. Resolved –

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

1646/W Mick's Garage, £2,000, to assist with mini-bus hire for the community group. A higher contribution has been approved to enable the group to plan for future sustainability. As this is the group's second award, funds are conditional on no further applications being submitted. £1,700 had been requested.

1763/W Worthing Islamic & Social Welfare Society, £1,000, towards the Worthing Mosque Open Day 2012. The funding is conditional on the applicant exploring the use of WSCC's print service in order to reduce publicity and distribution costs. £1,250 had been requested.

1764/W EXACT £1,000, start-up funding for a service-user led drug and alcohol rehabilitation project. A higher contribution has been awarded for start-up costs in recognition of the project's value. £750 had been requested.

1765/W Worthing Active Older People's Newsletter, £5,000, towards start-up costs for a regular borough-wide information and support newsletter.

1766/W Worthing Youth Council, £500, to cover a funding shortfall for the upcoming Youth election.

1767/W 2nd Goring Scouts, £416, to cover annual volunteer subscription fees.

1768/W Selden Ward Neighbourhood Panel, £250, for the purchase of a cycle rack for a local shopping parade.

1769/W 8th Worthing Sea Scouts, £2,271.55, towards the galley refurbishment project. This represents a higher contribution in view of the high overall project cost, and the CLC's previous support of a similar project. £1,000 had been requested. £1,000 had been requested.

(ii) The following application was declined owing to the limited community benefit of the project:

1770/W Rowlands Singers, £2,000, to cover professional musician fees for the Easter Concerts.

Date of Next Meeting

92. The Committee noted that the next meeting would take place on Wednesday 25 April 2012 from 7pm at Chatsmore High School, Goring Street, Worthing.

The meeting ended at 8pm

Chairman