

Worthing County Local Committee

27th April 2011 – At a meeting of the Committee held at 7.00 pm at the Maybridge Keystone Centre, Raleigh Way, Goring-by-Sea, Worthing.

Present: Mr Doyle, Mr Livermore, Mrs Richards (Chairman), Mr Rice, Mr Rogers, Mr Smytherman, Mr Stevens, 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 declared a personal interest in agenda item 9, Community Initiative Funding as a trustee of Worthing and Arun MIND.

3. In accordance with the Code of Conduct Mr Rogers declared a personal interest in agenda item 9, Community Initiative Funding as a member of the committee of the Maybridge Keystone Club.

Minutes

4. Resolved – That the minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 2nd February 2011 be approved as a correct record and that they be signed by the Chairman.

Election of Chairman

5. Following the decision that County Local Committee's (CLCs) would elect their own Chairman annually the Committee agreed to appoint Mr Smytherman as Chairman and Mrs Waight as Vice-Chairman for the forthcoming year.

6. Mr Smytherman thanked Mrs Richards and Mr Stevens for their hard work as Chairman and Vice-Chairman respectively.

Western Sussex Hospitals Trust – Re-design for Quality

7. Nick Fox, Strategic Director of Strategy and Jill Long, PCT Project Manager, gave a presentation (copy appended to signed minutes) to the Committee about the re-design proposals for Worthing and Southlands hospitals. The following key points were raised:

- The proposals were trying to improve emergency care in Worthing and make sure that acute patients had access to High Dependency Units (HDUs) and Intensive Care Units (ICU).
- There was currently one centre for ophthalmology, which would move to two larger state of the art centres at St Richards and Southlands Hospitals.
- There had been seven public meetings and several smaller meetings during the twelve week consultation that closed on Friday 29th April 2011.
- Southlands Hospital was not closing but it was necessary to move some services, such as Orthopaedic surgery to Worthing Hospital, as there was no access to an HDU or ICU at Southlands.

- The Trust were currently looking at the number of beds across both Worthing and Southlands Hospitals and across the community to be able to use beds more effectively. There would be 38 new beds at Worthing Hospital in February 2012, two new laminar flow operating theatres in March 2012 and 22 extra beds by the end of 2012.
- The Committee questioned whether the Ophthalmology move was actually going to go ahead as it had been proposed four years previously. Nick Fox confirmed that the Strategic Health Authority have earmarked approximately £20 million for the re-design.
- The Committee also questioned how the Trust planned to cope with parking at Worthing Hospital as it was already stretched. Nick Fox felt that moving ophthalmology services out of the hospital would cut the level of parking but accepted that parking was a big problem and the overall aim was to have a multi-storey car park on site in the future.
- The Trust were talking to bus companies about the possibility of running a shuttle service between the hospital sites (if this was viable) and also increasing services between the sites to make it easier for patients. A member of public urged the trust to improve public transport links between the hospitals as patients who were having eye surgery would not be able to drive.
- The Committee were reassured that there would be no change to the current level of provision for emergency mental health services.
- A member of the public questioned what was going to happen to patients waiting for elective surgery between now and March 2012 when the new operating theatres would be available, as the ones at Southlands could not be used for orthopaedic surgeries. The Trust responded that all patients would be given the opportunity to go to St Richards in Chichester for surgery. They recognised that this was not ideal but the theatres in Southlands were not up to standard and this was an unavoidable measure for the time being.

Highways and Transport Matters

Northcourt Road and Area – Proposed Waiting Restrictions

8. The Committee considered a report by the Director of Communities and Infrastructure (copy appended to the signed minutes). The report outlined plans to implement waiting restrictions on various roads to improve road safety and remove traffic congestion. The report sought the Committee's approval to authorise the Head of Legal and Democratic Services to make the Traffic Regulation as advertised and amended in paragraph 3.4 of the report. The following key points were raised:

- The amendment related to reducing the limited waiting time to 8.30am – 6pm Monday to Saturday.
- Residents in Northcourt Road had been campaigning for the scheme for several years and the police supported the proposal as the roads suffered from congestion at peak times.

9. Resolved -

- (i) that the Worthing County Local Committee, having considered that the resulting benefits to the community outweigh the concerns raised, authorises the Head of Legal and Democratic Services to make the order as advertised and amended in paragraph 3.4.

- (ii) That the hours of the proposed daytime restriction on the south side of Northcourt Road be amended as described in Section 3.4 of the report.

Worthing Controlled Parking Zone Review (CPZ)

10. 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 three separate areas of the town. The report asked the Committee to consider the responses to the informal consultation and sought the Committee's approval to authorise the Head of Legal and Democratic Services to advertise the proposals for the northern and part of the eastern zones and, subject to there being no objections, the Traffic Regulation Order be brought into operation. The following key points were raised:

- Following strength of local feeling Ham Road (with the exception of the length of road outside the parade of shops), Ham Close, Ham Way, Oakley Road, Oakley Close and Pages Lane have been dropped from the proposals and would not be formally advertised.
- It was proposed that Devonport Road and the closes off of it would become a stand alone zone
- The proposals for Ivy Arch Road (part of the northern zone) would include shared use limited waiting to facilitate the turnover of parking for businesses.
- It was proposed to drop the proposals for the western area as there was little support for it but Mr Livermore did point out that he had received various comments from residents in Cowper Road. Officers agreed to discuss these with Mr. Livermore in due course.
- It was hoped that the formal consultation would take place between late May to early June with a view to reporting back to the 6th July CLC meeting.
- A resident of Lyndhurst Road which is just outside the CPZ was concerned that he and his son would be unable to park their work vans, which contained valuable tools, near or outside their house should the proposals come into effect. Miles Davy, Principal Transport Planner, agreed to discuss possible options as part of the formal consultation.

11. Resolved – that the Worthing County Local Committee considered the responses to the informal consultation and authorised the Head of Legal and Democratic Services to advertise the proposals for the northern and parts of the eastern zones excluding Ham Road, Ham Close, Ham Way, Oakley Road, Oakley Close and Pages Lane, subject to the amendments mentioned above, and, subject to there being no objections, the Traffic Regulation Order be brought into operation.

Priorities for Traffic Regulation Orders (TROs)

12. The Committee had before it a report by the Director of Communities and Infrastructure (copy appended to signed minutes). The report sought the Committee's input and approval for the list of local TRO priorities. A number of issues were discussed:

- The Committee were able to progress 3 TROs per year.
- Mr Waight asked that two of his TROs at numbers 6 and 20 in the list be swapped so that Chatsmore Crescent, limited waiting restrictions, was placed at number 6 because there was a school in road and lot's of children used the road.

- Mr Rice asked if TRO074 – Garrick Road was being combined with the School Safety Zone that was already being implemented. Barry Candy, Highway Manager, agreed to investigate and report back.
- The Committee asked that the TROs for enforceable disabled bays be combined and that the disabled bay outside the SCOPE Centre on Pavillion road be made enforceable as they were struggling to park their minibus. Mr Candy agreed to investigate.
- The Committee asked that the two TROs for Grand Avenue be combined. Mr Candy agreed to find out if this was legally possible.
- A resident of Church Road asked the Committee whether anything could be done about the problem of pavement parking in the area as they had tried several avenues and nothing had stopped the problem. Mr Candy explained that as the Highway Authority West Sussex County Council was not empowered to carry out enforcement and this was down to the Police. The Committee asked Mr Candy to report back to the next meeting about the press release issued by Norman Baker that would allow local authorities to enforce on issues such as pavement parking. The Committee also agreed to ask Worthing Borough Council (WBC) to make a byelaw that would make it possible for WSCC or WBC to enforce.

13. Resolved – that the priority order for implementing Traffic Regulation Orders within the Worthing CLC area as set out below for the 2011-2012 year be approved:

- 1) TRO110 – A24 Findon Road – Loading bay for shops and disabled parking bay.
- 2) TRO019 – Grand Avenue/Boundary Road – Waiting restrictions at junctions
- 3) TRO020 – Grand Avenue/Tarring Road – Waiting restrictions at junction.

14. The Committee also agreed to approve the following TRO which would be next on the list as a reserve should it be possible to combine TROs 019 & 020 and should TROs 091 and 092 (which are a combined TRO for Chesswood Road/Ashwood Close and Ham Road/Ham Way for waiting restrictions at junctions) be progressed as part of the CPZ review:

TRO028 – Navarino Road/A259 junction – Waiting restrictions at junction.

Talk with Us Open Forum

15. A resident questioned why the Maybridge Keystone Centre had stopped his kick boxing club from using the club as a venue for teaching kickboxing to children when they had signed a contract. Mr Rogers, as vice-chairman of the Maybridge Keystone Management Committee, responded that there had been several issues surrounding this letting. The Chairman of the Maybridge Keystone Management Committee assured the Committee that they had not acted improperly and were now considering legal action so did not feel that it was appropriate to comment any further.

Appointment of Local Authority School Governors

16. 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.

17. Resolved - That the following appointments be approved:

Appointments:

- i) Mr. S Mitchell to Chesswood Middle for a 3 year term
- ii) Mr. J Hutchinson to Field Place First for a 4 year term
- iii) Mr. A Masters to Thomas A' Becket Middle for a 4 year term
- iv) Mr M Earl to Orchard's School for a 4 year term

18. Mr. Nelson had withdrawn his application for the vacancy at Springfield First School.

Community Initiative Funding

19. 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.

20. Resolved - That the following Community Initiative Funding application be approved:

- i) 1492/W, Glendale Theatre Arts School £5,000, to enable 45 dancers to attend a competition in Paris.

21. The Chairman of the CIF sub-group reported to the meeting that due to the 2010/11 CIF under spend not being carried forward to the current financial year, the following applications had been approved via the Urgent Action Procedure based on recommendations from the sub-group:

1526/W, Clifton Road Friendship Group, £1,000

1537/W, Butterflies Breast Cancer Group, £300, towards production and printing of publicity materials. An additional £100 is awarded to widen the community impact of these materials.

1556/W, Worthing & Arun Mind, £3,000, towards two mental health and well-being workshops in Worthing.

1580/W, Tarring Football Project, £1,800, towards professional trainers for training sessions. This project is funded in part through the earmarked youth funds.

1583/W, Maybridge Youth Club, £800, towards boxing and boxercise equipment. This project is funded in part through the earmarked youth funds.

1584/W CircusSeen, £1,000, for the purchase of a hire wire and crash mats.

1586/W Kingfisher Pre-School, £200, for an equipment shed.

1588/W Cura Central Services, £2,186.73, towards workshops for young females at risk of sexual exploitation

1593/W Dial-a-Ride Southern, £1,346, towards the purchase of an accessible vehicle for disabled users.

22. The following applications were deferred pending further information:

1581/W East Worthing Community Centre, £1,500, pending three quotes for the curtains being received by the CLC

1582/W St Richards C of E Church, £5,000, pending three quotes for the works being undertaken

1594/W Broadwater Neighborhood Watch, £1,000, pending the group contacting WSCC Highways to register the scheme, as per standard practice.

23. The following applications were declined:

1576/W, Worthing CVS, £17,500, as this project is outside the funding criteria

1577/W, Worthing CVS, £14,275, as this project is outside the funding criteria

1578/W, Worthing CVS, £18,000, as this project is outside the funding criteria.

1579/W, Broadwater Community Association, £1,000 as this project is for revenue costs and therefore outside of the funding criteria.

1585/W, Worthing On-Line Radio, £1,000, as this project is for running costs and therefore outside of the funding criteria.

1587/W, Worthing 20's Plenty, £1,140 as this project is outside of the funding criteria.

24. Mr. Doyle requested that the Worthing 20's Plenty application be reconsidered. The Committee agreed for this to come to the next meeting as a new application.

25. Mr. Waight requested that all CIF applications be considered by the sub-group before coming to the CLC so that recommendations could be made to the Committee.

Date of Next Meeting

26. The Committee noted that the next meeting would take place on Wednesday 6th July 2011 from 7pm at Thomas A' Beckett First School, Pelham Road, Worthing.

The meeting ended at 8.57pm

Chairman