

Unconfirmed minutes – to be confirmed at the next meeting of the CLC

Worthing County Local Committee

14 September 2016 – At a meeting of the Committee held at 7.00pm, at Bohunt School, Worthing.

Present: Mr High (Worthing West) (Chairman), Mrs Hall (Durrington and Salvington), Mr Oakley (Worthing East), Mr J Rogers (Cissbury) (Vice Chairman) and Mr R Rogers (Northbrook), Mr Smytherman (Tarring), Mr Turner (Broadwater) and Mr Waight (Goring).

Apologies: Mr Cloake (Worthing Pier).

Chairman's Welcome

27. The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and invited Members and Officers to introduce themselves. He thanked the Headteacher of Bohunt School for the tour that had been arranged, and stated that the school was something that all of Worthing could be proud of.

28. The Chairman drew the audience's attention to the 'safer in our hands' campaign in response to plans by the Sussex Police and Crime Commissioner's office to look at taking over West Sussex Fire and Rescue Service. He advised that West Sussex County Council (WSSCC) believed that West Sussex Fire and Rescue Service should remain under the control of the County Council where it sat at the heart of the authority's Communities and Public Protection Directorate, fully integrated with all services.

29. The member for Tarring drew member's attention to Worthing Mental Health Week, being launched on World Mental Health day (10th October 2016).

Declarations of Interest

30. In accordance with the register of interests, the following declaration of personal interests were made:

- Mr Smytherman in respect of item 8 (Application 1058/W) as he was part of the event.
- Mr R Rogers in respect of item 8 (Application 1062/W) as his wife was a member of Worthing Lions.
- Mr Smytherman in respect of item 8 (Application 1062/W) as he was part of the event.

Minutes

31. Resolved – That the minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 8 June 2016 be approved as a correct record and that they be signed by the Chairman.

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Urgent Matters

32. The Chairman asked the Committee to consider funding for a speed indicator device under Item 8, Community Initiative Funding.

33. The member for Cissbury drew the Committee's attention to the traffic problems that had occurred as a result of the closure of Poulters Lane. He expressed concern that he had not been consulted as the local member, but advised that he had attended a meeting with the contractors to identify means that could be put in place to minimise disruption. Members added that additional problems could be caused by the lights at the Grove Lodge roundabout being switched back on, the Highways Area Manager agreed to examine whether the Grove Lodge traffic lights could be switched off whilst the works in Poulters Lane were ongoing.

Progress Statement

34. The Committee noted the progress statement (copy attached to the signed minutes). The following additional information was provided:

- Integrated Works Programme: Ham Road, Worthing had gone through the first round and was awaiting the result of the second round of analysis.
- Durrington Hill: Traffic figures had been collated which indicate that the scheme had been successful.
- East Worthing CPZ: The member for East Worthing advised that he had received many comments from residents in support of the scheme that had now been implemented.
- Sea Lane: The overgrown shrubbery had now been cleared.

35. Resolved – That Progress Statement be noted.

Prioritisation of Traffic Regulations Orders 2016/17

36. The Committee considered the Report by the Director of Highways and Transport and Head of Highways Operations that recommended that it agreed to progress the three highest scoring TRO priority from the list attached at Appendix A, subject to any adjustments made at the meeting and agreed to review any existing incomplete requests at the next round of CLC's.

37. The Highways Area Manager advised the Committee that in March 2016 a new process for the proposal and prioritisation of Traffic Regulation Orders (TROs) by County Local Committees (CLCs) had been implemented. The new process aimed to be clear, transparent and sustainable and aligned with County Council Policy and the future West Sussex operating model. The new process concerned non-complex TRO proposals. More complex TROs would be considered for progression as a highways improvement scheme and so fall outside the new process.

38. The Highways Area Manager advised that only one TRO application was available for decision by members at this meeting, but that if other applications were received these would be brought to the Committee's next meeting.

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39. Resolved – that the Committee agrees to progress the one highest scoring TRO priority from the list attached at Appendix A, that being:
Offington Avenue, Worthing- Double yellow lines.

“Talk With Us” Open Forum

40. The Chairman advised that the open forum was an opportunity for comments and questions to be raised on items not already on the agenda. The following issues were raised and responses made:

- A member of the public asked how residents could get a CPZ for Pembury Road. It was explained that the Cabinet Member for Highways was currently looking at a more holistic way to control parking, as CPZs tended to displace parking to other areas, therefore members cannot consider current requests for CPZs at present in Worthing. The Highways Area Manager agreed to engage with the Parking Strategy Team on this issue.
- Titnore Lane: A resident was concerned about the number of HGVs using this road. The Highways Area Manager explained that there was a high number of vehicle movements on this road, and was not convinced that the removal of HGVs from this road would solve the traffic problems. He advised that he would check that signage on the eastbound side of the A27 was not directing traffic down this road. Members advised that there were initial plans for a footpath on this road, the Highways Area Manager agreed to progress this matter and report back to the next meeting of the Committee.
- A member of the public requested that the Council replace the cones that had been knocked over on Offington Avenue, the Highways Area Manager agreed to arrange for this to be fixed. She also asked whether the placement of the temporary bus stops on Offington Avenue could be examined as they were dangerously positioned. The Highways Area Manager agreed to engage Stagecoach buses on this issue.
- Discussions were held regarding the A27 consultation. The Committee felt that it was essential that any current discussions on the A27 ensured that the traffic lights at Grove Lodge and Lyons Farm were taken into consideration. Specifically, it felt that congestion had eased when the traffic lights had been switched off at Grove Lodge, and that other options for pedestrian safety (such as a footbridge or pedestrian crossing) could be implemented to allow the lights to be permanently switched off, but to ensure the safety of pedestrians. The Chairman agreed to write to Cllr Tom Wye, who would be able to raise these concerns at the A27 Steering Group on behalf of the CLC.

Community Initiative Funding

41. The Chairman invited previously successful Community Initiative Fund (CIF) applicants to provide feedback on how the funding had helped their organisations.

- The Jean Butterworth Dance School thanked the Committee for funding towards costumes and track suits for attendance at the JBS dance world cup. The group came third in the competition and were congratulated by the Committee.

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42. The Highways Area Manager explained that the Committee could purchase a speed indicator device from CIF monies, jointly with Adur CLC at a cost of £1926 per CLC.

43. The Committee considered a report on Community Initiative Funding by the Director of Law, Assurance and Strategy (copy appended to the signed minutes).

44. Resolved: -

(a) The following awards were made:

Speed Indicator Device: £1926 from CIF monies.

1026/W - Findon Valley Residents' Association, £1,650.00, to provide building materials for a bus shelter.

1051/W - Kamelia Kids, £1,981.75, for an Eco Friendly Notice Board.

1058/W - Green Dreams Community Food and Greenspaces Festival (VAW) £2,775.00, towards marketing, publicity and displays

1062/W - Tide of Light, £2700.00 towards funding the Tide of Light and Fireworks Festival, media marketing insurance etc. The Committee part funded this application, it could not fund the insurance element of the application.

(b) The following application was declined:

1043/W- Conn Artists Theatre Company, £1,000.00, to provide start-up costs and purchase a performing rights license. The Committee felt that they were unsure that this application had a significant enough benefit to Worthing residents.

(c) The following applications were deferred:

1040/W- Worthing Community in Rhythm, £2,400.00, to purchase instrument stands, PA equipment, microphones, and amplifiers. The Committee asked for more information on the engagement the group has with community groups, storage of equipment and attendance at local events.

1063/W - Life Centre, £1,432.00, towards providing remote access server, installation costs, and 3 Lenovo computers. £1,432.00 also requested from South Chichester. The Committee required more evidence on how this application specifically benefitted Worthing residents.

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Nominations of Authority School Governors

45. The Chairman advised that there were no nominations to consider, but that there were vacancies in the Worthing area.

Date of Next Meeting

46. The next meeting of the Committee would take place on Wednesday 30 November 2016 in a venue to be advised.

The meeting closed at 8.41pm

Chairman