

West Crawley County Local Committee

1 July 2015 – At a meeting of the Committee held at 7.00pm, in the Longley Exhibition Room, Crawley Library, Crawley.

Present: Mr Oxlade - Chairman (Member for Bewbush and Ifield West), Mr Jones (Member for Southgate and Crawley Central), Mrs Mullins (Member for Gossops Green and Ifield East), Mrs Smith (Member for Langley Green & West Green) and Mr Quinn (Member for Broadfield)

In attendance: Monique Smart (Democratic Services Officers)

Election of Chairman

1. Mr Oxlade was elected Chairman of the West Crawley County Local Committee (CLC) for the 2015/2016 municipal year.

Welcome and Introductions

2. The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Declaration of Interests

3. In accordance with the Members' Code of Conduct, the following personal interests were declared:

- Mrs Smith declared a personal interest as a Member of the Alzheimer's Society.
- Mr Jones declared an interest as the Cabinet Member for Community Engagement at Crawley Borough Council involved with grant funding.

Minutes

4. Resolved - that the minutes of the meeting held on 17 March 2015 be confirmed as a correct record and that they be signed by the Chairman.

Progress Report.

5. The Committee received and noted a progress report on matters relating to West Crawley (copy appended to the signed minutes).

6. Issues in relation to the Progress Report and attached Infrastructure Priorities (IP) and Community Issues List (CIL) raised by the Committee and residents included:

- Mrs Smith confirmed that she had not received the further information requested at the last meeting in relation to item 5 on the IP list – Improvement Scheme to reduce congestion and improve vehicular access in Ifield Drive and Ifield Avenue. Mrs Smith requested that a site visit with

Highways Officer be arranged. Monique Smart agreed to pass this request to Brian Lambarth, Highways Manager.

- Mrs Smith also referred to item 18 on the CIL and asked that Brian Lambarth, Highways Manager, confirm which crossing will be upgraded.
- Mrs Smith stated she would like to see item 1 on the CIL progressed, as it was requested in October 2013. Mr Quinn stated that a number of items on the CIL were not being progressed due to lack of funds. Members requested that officers look closely at whether any Section 106 money was available.
- Regarding speeding in Gossop's Drive, Mrs Mullins asked if small square surface humps could be considered to complete the unfinished traffic calming measures. Mrs Mullins stated that was becoming an ever more urgent issue due to the 'rat run' nature of this road.

7. Members also requested some additional items to be looked into with the intention of adding them to the CIL if appropriate. They included:

- Mrs Mullins asked if officers could look at Rusper Road in Ifield Green. She explained that this was a very narrow road with lots of speed humps and parked cars, so down to a single track. The road is now being used as a 'rat run' by traffic from Ifield West and Kilwood Vale, to access a back way to Gatwick, avoiding the town.
- Highams Hill was becoming a problem area with cars parking on the pavement and lack of enforcement. Members suggested that a joined up approach from West Sussex County Council and Crawley Borough Council was required and asked if officers could look into solutions.
- Mrs Smith raised concern about the No 2 Bus Service being withdrawn. She explained that many residents around Stafford Road are elderly and rely on the service. Mrs Smith had made representation to the bus company.

Prevention and Wellbeing Grants

8. The Committee considered a report by the Executive Director Care, Wellbeing & Education and Director of Public Health and Social Care Commissioning (copy appended to the signed minutes).

9. The report set out the Prevention & Wellbeing commissioning objectives for 2015 along with the Prevention and Wellbeing Grant applications received for 2015-16. It also identified how the grants were spent in 2014-15. Grants are awarded annually on merit in relation to the application and awarding criteria. The criteria reflect countywide and service area objectives, as well as specific local needs.

10. The Committee considered the grant applications for 2015-16 as set out in Appendix B and approved those that it considered most appropriate to the local needs of the community.

11. Resolved that:

(a) The following applications were approved:

JP033 Alzheimer's Society	£500.00
JB012 Arts on Prescription	£250.00
JB009 CAMEO Club	£300.00
TL022 Collected Works Cic	£700.00

JB002	Crawley Community Transport	£1200.00
JB003	Crawley Kashmiri Womens Welfare Association	£1000.00
DR001	Cruse West Sussex Area	£490.00
JB014	EKTA	£250.00
JB020	Headway Hurstwood Park	£1851.52
JP039	Horsham Crawley MS Society	£1000.00
TBH19	IMPACT	£500.00
NL004	Lifecentre	£300.00
TL006	PBC Foundation	£32.48
JB018	Rivers Learning Project Community	£500.00
TB01	SASBAH	£375.00
JB010	St Albans Church	£2400.00
JP032	St Peters House Project	£500.00
JB001	St Catherines Hospice	£1000.00
JB013	The Posh Club	£1250.00

(b) The following applications were declined:

TB04 Cancervive - Although Members considered this a worthy organisation, they felt that what was applied for was not appropriate for the Prevention and Wellbeing Fund. It was suggested it would be better suited to the Community Initiative Fund.

JB016 Crawley Flower Club - Members felt that this would be better suited to the Community Initiative Fund.

TB30 Ditchling Museum of Arts & Crafts - Members felt this was a little remote from the West Crawley CLC area as well as not being appropriate for the Prevention and Wellbeing Fund.

TB11 Turners Hill Day Centre - Members felt this was a little remote from the West Crawley CLC area

JB004 Young Hearts Over 60's Club - Members felt that this would be better suited to the Community Initiative Fund and suggested the organisation contact their local County Councillor for assistance in applying for that.

Community Initiative Funding (CIF)

12. The Committee considered a report by the Director of Law, Assurance and Strategy (copy appended to the signed minutes) which detailed applications for Community Initiative Funding. The Committee debated the respective merits of the projects for which funding was sought.

13. Resolved – That the following awards be made:

696/EC – Beta Futures, £2055, towards the costs of designing, producing and distributing leaflets about the organisation.

698/EC – Air Cadets Organisation, £1250, towards the costs of three highland uniforms.

703/EC – St John's Ambulance, £1505, towards the costs of purchasing a AED and providing first aid training in schools,

717/EC – Circuswurx, £333, to hire a marquee.

746/EC – St Albans Church £1250, to support a Christmas Festival. Members stated that they could not fund the purchase of the mulled wine, a gift hamper or bbq food but offered to assist with getting sponsorship from local companies.

'Talk with Us' – Open Forum

14. The following answers were given in response to a question about matters affecting Crawley residents.

- A representative from West Green commented that parking in Ifield Road was a problem as the parking bays and pinch points are positioned as such that cars find it difficult to pass. At one point there are parking bays on both sides of a bend. It was suggested that some double yellow lines and staggering the parking bays could help. Mrs Smith agreed to do a site visit and follow up with officers if appropriate.

Date of Next Meeting

15. The Chairman informed all that the next meeting would be held on 6 October 2015 at Crawley Library.

The meeting closed at 8.00pm

Chairman