

Unconfirmed minutes – subject to approval/amendment at the next meeting of the West Crawley County Local Committee

West Crawley County Local Committee

7th April 2011 - At a meeting of the Committee held at 7.00 p.m. in the Longley Exhibition Room at Crawley Library, Southgate Avenue, Crawley.

Present:

Mr Quirk-Member for Broadfield (Chairman), Dr Bloom-Member for Southgate & Crawley Central, Mr Blake-Member for Gossops Green and Ifield East, Mr Oxlade - Member for Bewbush & Ifield West and Mrs Brenda Smith-Member for Langley Green & West Green.

Declarations of Interests

1. Mr Oxlade declared a personal interest in Item 8 (Community Initiative Funding) due to his involvement in the Crawley Festival Mainstage Project.

Minutes

2. With regard to attendance at the last meeting it was noted that although Mr Oxlade was not present at the start of the meeting he was in attendance shortly afterwards.

3. Resolved – That subject to the addition of record as set out above regarding Mr Oxlade's attendance at the meeting, that the minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 20th January 2011 be confirmed as a correct record and that they be signed by the Chairman.

Progress Statement

4. The Committee considered a progress statement on matters arising from the last meeting (copy appended to the signed minutes).

5. Dr Bloom explained the changes regarding the allocation of additional education needs and special educational needs funding as set out in the response to the Chairman by the Cabinet Member Education and Schools and in particular the introduction of the Income Deprivation Affecting Children Index (IDACI) score. He stated that this measure was uniquely focussed on each child rather than the area in which they live.

6. Members understood the rationale behind the changes but were concerned about the impact of lack of choice of schools for some families particularly for primary age children and asked for further feedback on the outcome of the new funding arrangements in six months time.

7. Resolved –

- (1) That the progress statement is noted and
- (2) That the Committee receives feedback on the outcome of the new funding arrangements in six months time.

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Road Safety: Hyde Drive

8. The Committee considered a report by the Executive Director Communities and Infrastructure and Highway Manager on vehicle speeds in Hyde Drive, Ifield (copy appended to the signed minutes).

9. Brian Lambarth (Highways Manager – Crawley) advised on the investigations and traffic surveys that had been undertaken and which were proposed in Hyde Drive. He stated that Hyde Drive was a low priority site in terms of the number of collisions and funding for engineering measures to reduce traffic speeds. The results of a speed survey have still to be analysed and a pedestrian and vehicle count will take place in May to establish if the area near the children's playground is suitable for a pelican crossing.

10. The Committee thanked Brian Lambarth for his work on improving road safety in Hyde Drive.

11. Resolved -

- (1) That the report is noted and
- (2) That Mr Oxlade reports back to the next meeting of the West Crawley County Local Committee on the meeting held with the Headteacher of the Mill School and The Highway Manager and on the results of the speed survey.

Appointment of Authority School Governors

12. The Committee considered a report by Director Operations Learning on the appointment of Authority School Governors (copy appended to the signed minutes).

13. Resolved that Mr Gregory Tyler is appointed as an Authority Governor to Manor Green Primary School for four years.

14. Mr Oxlade left the meeting before Item 8 Community Initiative Funding.

Community Initiative Funding

15. The Committee received a report by the Head of Legal and Democratic Services regarding requests for Community Initiative Funding (copy appended to the signed minutes)

Application 1565/WC Siva Trust Ltd

16. The Siva Trust Ltd had requested £2,222.00 towards costs of a phased facilities enhancement plan. The Committee agreed that it could support some of the activities in the enhancement plan but other activities were outside the remit of the Committee's funding criteria. Members suggested that the Siva Trust Ltd contact CEMP (Crawley Ethnic Minority Partnership) for funding for health screening. The Committee agreed to allocate £500.00.

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Application 1567/WC The Environment Centre

17. The Environment Centre had requested £1,714.13 for costs associated with the preparation and delivery of education sessions in local schools. The Committee was concerned that there might be overlap with other organisations providing similar services in the Crawley area, particularly Crawley Borough Council. The Committee agreed to defer making a decision on the request until further information had been received on work with other agencies.

Application 1570/WC Crawley Festival

18. The Crawley Festival had requested £2,222.00 for various costs associated with the set-up and staging of the 2011 Crawley Festival. The Committee noted that the Mainstage Project was an important part of the Crawley Festival and agreed to match the contribution made by Crawley Borough Council of £2,000.00. Funding to pay the fees of professional artists was outside the remit of the Committee's funding criteria.

Application 1573/WC Cobnor Activities Centre Trust

19. The Cobnor Activities Centre Trust had requested £1,777.00 towards the cost for a one-off, week-long activities project for disadvantaged local young people. The Committee expressed concern that they had received no feed-back that funding allocated last year had actually benefited young people from Crawley. The Committee also wishes to know if the Trust had contact with the Youth Service in Crawley. The Committee agreed to defer a decision until further information had been provided on the specific benefits to the young people of Crawley.

Application 1589/WC Friday Pathfinders

20. The Friday Pathfinders had requested £375.00 to purchase a good quality football table for the Friday Youth Club. The Committee agreed to allocate £375.00.

Application 1601/WC CAMEO Club

21. The CAMEO Club had requested £555.56 towards the cost of a holiday for members of the club. The Committee understood that the club provided opportunities for social interaction mainly for single people. The Committee agreed that a decision on funding should be deferred as more information was needed on the specific services the club provides.

22. Resolved -

- (1) That the West Crawley County Local Committee allocates the following funding: -
 - (i) £500.00 to the Siva Trust Ltd
 - (ii) £2000.00 to the Crawley Festival
 - (iii) £375.00 to the Friday Pathfinders
- (2) That decisions on Applications 1567/WC The Environment Centre, 1573/WC Cobnor Activities Centre Trust and 1601/WC CAMEO Club are deferred, awaiting further information, until the next meeting of the West Crawley County Local Committee.

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23. Ms Lambert raised the matter of detrimental effect of dropped cigarette butts on the image of Crawley. The Chairman explained that broadly it was the responsibility of Crawley Borough Council (CBC) to keep the town clean. Mr Blake, spoke as Cabinet Member for Environment (CBC). He provided details of the programme of street cleaning carried out by CBC. He added that cigarette butts were a particular problem since the ban on smoking inside public premises. A major campaign was proposed this year with litter and penalty notices displayed to educate the public to place cigarette butts in appropriate waste bins.

24. Mr Marshall-Ascough raised the issue of the pavement in Hyde drive which he stated was in poor condition, did not extend along the full length of the carriageway and had overgrown hedges causing an obstruction. Brian Lambarth advised that the hedge would be trimmed and that the pavement could be put on a list on pavements to be improved using Section 106 funding.

Date of Next Meeting

25. The Committee noted that the next meeting of the Committee would be held on 30th June 2011 at Crawley Library.

Chairman

The meeting closed at 8.10 pm