

West Crawley County Local Committee

7 December 2016 – At a meeting of the Committee held at 7.00pm, in the Longley Exhibition Room, Crawley Library, Crawley.

Present: Mr Jones (Member for Southgate and Crawley Central), Mrs Mullins (Member for Gossops Green and Ifield East), Mr Quinn (Member for Broadfield)

Apologies: Mr Oxlade (Member for Bewbush and Ifield West),

In attendance: Adam Chisnall (Democratic Services Officer), Brian Lambarth (Highways Manager), Rachel North (Director of Communities) and Debra Balfour (Community Operations Manager)

Welcome and Introductions

36. Mr Chisnall welcomed everyone to the meeting and informed them that Mr Oxlade, the Chairman, had given his apologies. The members of the Committee proposed and agreed to appoint Mr Jones as the Chairman for the meeting.

Declaration of Interests

37. Mr Jones declared a personal interest for the Community Initiative Funding item as Cabinet Member for Community Engagement for Crawley Borough Council. Crawley Borough Council had previously given grants to some of the applying organisations.

Minutes

38. Mr Quinn commented on the previous CIF grant for The Posh Club (1038/WC) and the good use it had been put to. The Club had expressed thanks to the Committee.

39. Mrs Mullins queried the request towards themed meetings and was informed that this was in progress.

40. Resolved – that the minutes of the meeting held on 21 September 2016 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

Progress Statement

41. The Committee considered the progress report on matters arising from previous meetings (copy appended to the signed minutes).

42. Mr Chisnall introduced the report which gave updates on issues raised at the 21 September meeting at the Talk With Us item. The Committee were informed that the decision to reduce the Community Initiative Fund allocation was live and would reduce the allocation to £4,000 per member for 2017/18.

43. The Committee queried the progress of Pelham Place pedestrian crossing. – Mr *Brian Lambarth, Highways Manager, confirmed that the crossing would be out for public consultation in January and would therefore come back to the Committee if it received 5 or more objections.*

44. Mr Lambarth also reported that a request for a Community Highway scheme to provide additional parking in Oatlands has been received, this will be assessed and if applicable considered for inclusion in the 2018/19 Works (design) Programme .

45. The Committee requested an update on the improvement scheme of Ifield Drive, Ifield Avenue and Crawley Avenue. Mr Lambarth agreed to send an update to the Committee.

46. Resolved – That the Committee welcomes the update on Traffic Regulation Order progress notes the progress statement.

West Sussex Communities Directorate

47. Rachel North, newly appointed Director of Communities; and Debra Balfour, Community Operations Manager, gave a presentation on the Communities Directorate (copy appended to the signed minutes).

48. Ms North updated the Committee on her plans for the directorate which aligned with the Chief Executive's plans to build partnerships.

49. Ms Balfour explained that her plans included developing health and community links, including working with members, district, borough and parish colleagues.

50. The Committee welcomed the presentation and commented that it would be good to work with the records office to align with Crawley's celebrations to commemorate its 70 year anniversary. Ms North agreed to investigate the use of Crawley archive materials.

51. The Committee felt that collaborative working with the voluntary sector was crucial in order to support vulnerable groups, particularly dementia support groups. The Committee felt a meeting themed on Adult Services, with a particular focus on dementia would be a good idea. Mr Chisnall resolved to contact relevant officers to begin making arrangements for this.

52. The Committee welcomed the update and looked forward to more collaborative working with the communities directorate.

Community Initiative Funding

53. The Committee considered a report by the Director of Law, Assurance and Strategy (copy appended to the signed minutes).

54. The Committee debated the respective merits of the projects for which funding was sought.

55. Resolved – That the West Crawley County Local Committee considers the Community Initiative Funding applications as set out in Appendix A and that the following awards are made:

- 1075/WC – West Green WI, £447.54, towards the purchase of a Gazebo, equipment and publicity. The Committee does not feel room

hire is eligible for Community Initiative Funding and so will signpost the applicant to the small grants fund for this.

- 1080/WC - The Phoenix Choir of Crawley, £833.00, for the purchase of 100 music folders.
- 1085/WC - The Springboard Project, £500, towards the installation of shade sails.

Nominations for Local Authority Governors to Maintained Schools and Academy Governing Bodies

56. The Committee considered a report by the Executive Director Care Wellbeing and Education (copy appended to the signed minutes).

57. Resolved – that the Committee approves the following nominations for appointment under the 2012 Regulations:

- Mrs J Pegley to St Wilfrid's Catholic School, Crawley for a four year term
- Mr T Bartholomew to Gossops Green Primary School, Crawley for a four year term

58. The Committee also highlighted the vacancy list to the public gallery.

Talk With Us (Open Forum)

59. The Chairman introduced the item and advised that the open forum was an opportunity for comments and questions to be raised on items not already on the agenda.

60. A member of the public felt that the County Local Committees required more publicising. The Committee felt that themed meetings may encourage more attendance and proposed consideration for a meeting plan for the year. It was also felt that better working with the communities directorate would also make improvements.

Date of Next Meeting

61. The Committee noted that its next scheduled meeting would take place on Monday Tuesday 13 March 2017 in the Longley Exhibition Room, Crawley Library, Crawley.

62. The Chairman thanked Monique Smart, Democratic Services Officer, for her previous support to the Committee

63. The meeting closed at 8.24pm

Chairman