

West Crawley County Local Committee

17 March 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), and Mrs Smith (Member for Langley Green & West Green)

In attendance: Monique Smart (Democratic Services Officers) and Kath Brookes (Community Officer)

Welcome and Introductions

47. The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies had been received from Mr Quinn (Member for Broadfield)

Declaration of Interests

48. No declarations of interest were declared.

Minutes

49. Members requested clarification on minute 39 point 3 regarding the number of non-registered patients using the walk in service. It was also asked if the number quoted in point 9 of 28,000 could be confirmed as people or visits. Monique Smart agreed to seek clarification and inform Members.

50. Resolved - that the minutes of the meeting held on 19 January 2015 be confirmed as a correct record and that they be signed by the Chairman.

Progress Report.

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

52. Issues in relation to the Progress Report and attached Infrastructure Plan Priorities and Community Issues List raised by the Committee and residents included:

- Kath Brooks agreed to check the land ownership of the land around Crawley Football Stadium.
- The Chairman confirmed which schools had responded to his recent letter and agreed that he would send this information on to the local Members to follow up with the schools in their divisions.
- It was confirmed that the crossing at Pelham Place was still required.
- Mrs Smith asked for confirmation of what trees would be removed in relation to item 6 on the IP list. Kath agreed to get some more detail on this for Mrs Smith.
- It was confirmed that an additional item had been added to the Community Issues List regarding HGV s unloading in Commonwealth Drive and the possibility of relocating a leading bay.

- Mrs Smith asked if any progress had been made for a Traffic regulation order (TRO) for Dobson Road and Martars Avenue. Kath Brooks agreed to look into this and report back to Mrs Smith.

Crawley Hospital Car Park, Parking Charges

53. The Committee considered a report by the Director of Highways and Transport (copy appended to the signed minutes) which sought agreement of the Committee to instruct the Director of Law, Assurance and Strategy to give formal consent to Crawley Borough Council to introduce charges for parking in Crawley Hospital Car Park.

54. Kath Brooks introduced the report and explained that the NHS have entered into an agreement with Crawley Borough Council for them to assume responsibility for parking enforcement in the hospital car park. Before this could happen the County Council was required to give consent to Crawley Borough Council to charge for parking.

55. Members generally spoke in support of this agreement as they were aware that the car park was often used by people parking all day without paying and this made it difficult for visitors and patients to find a car parking space. It was hoped that by introducing the charges it would deter all day parking by people not visiting the hospital. They also welcomed the alternative provision for staff.

56. Members did raise concerns that the existing charges were quite high especially for patients and visitors with genuine reasons to be at the hospital for long periods. The Chairman reminded Members that the decision of how much to charge was for Crawley Borough Council and the NHS to decide. However the Chairman stated that he could write to the Borough Council asking them to consider introducing a refund scheme for visitors and patients with a genuine need to be at the hospital for long periods.

57. Resolved that the West Crawley County Local Committee agreed to instruct the Director of Law Assurance and Strategy to give formal consent to Crawley Borough Council, allowing them to introduce charges for parking in Crawley Hospital Car Park as detailed in the Appendices to the report.

58. Resolved that the Chairman write to Crawley Borough Council asking them to consider introducing a refund scheme for visitors and patients with a genuine need to be at the hospital for long periods.

Community Initiative Funding (CIF)

59. 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.

60. Resolved – That the following awards be made:

502/WC, Hanover Band, £261.43.towards the costs of purchasing musical instruments.

530/WC, Ilfield Cricket Club, £2,000.00 towards the costs of a new boiler and refurbishment of the changing.

570/WC, CAMEO Club £269.48 towards the costs of the coach fare for an outing.

582/WC, Crawley Festival, £3333.00 towards the costs associated with the festival.

634/WC, Broadfield Youth and Community Centre, £2000.00 towards the cost of upgrading lighting at the centre.

644/WC, Golden Lion Children's Trust, £330.00 hire coach to visit South of England Show

653/WC, Springboard Project, £978.00 to resurface wheelchair/pushchair ramp

664/WC, Bewbush Community Nursery CIC, £2,941.74 to improve the provision of groups for parents and children

665/WC, 6th Crawley Scout Group, £1,053.17 to replace worn out equipment

666/WC, St Albans Community Morning, £1,000.00 towards various outings/trips

670/WC, Celtic and Irish Cultural Society, £2778.00 towards the costs associated with the 20th annual Crawley Irish festival.

'Talk with Us' – Open Forum

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

- It was suggested that to encourage residents to attend the meeting Members consider more themes meetings and also advertise more.

Date of Next Meeting

62. The Chairman informed all that the next meeting would be held on 1 July 2015 at Crawley Library.

63. The Chairman reminded those present that Members would consider the annual Prevention and Wellbeing grants at the next meeting. He stated that applications should be submitted by 24 April and details can be found on the West Sussex County Council website.

The meeting closed at 8.00pm

Chairman