

West Crawley County Local Committee

28 October 2014 – 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), Mr Quinn (Member for Broadfield)

In attendance: Monique Smart and Rosemary Pugh (Democratic Services Officers) and Marie Ovenden (Principal Community Officer)

Welcome and Introductions

18. The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies were noted from Mrs Smith (Member for Langley Green and West Green).

Declaration of Interests

19. Mr Quinn declared a personal and prejudicial interest in Item 7, Community Initiative Fund as a trustee of Crawley Town Football Club Sports Foundation.

Minutes

20. Resolved - that both the Part I and Part II minutes of the meeting held on 17 July 2014 be confirmed as a correct record and that they be signed by the Chairman.

Five Communities Plan

21. Dr Amit Bhargava, Clinical Chief Officer, and Barry Young, Chief Finance Officer, from Crawley Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) provided members with a presentation on the 'Five Communities Plan'. The Plan sets out the CCG's vision for the future of local NHS care and Health and Wellbeing services in the Crawley community (slides appended to the signed minutes).

22. Following the presentation a number of issues were discussed including those set out below:

- Dr Bhargava agreed to circulate the five year forward view to members for information.
- Regarding the perceived fragmented views between the CCG and NHS England, Members asked how the County Council could influence the NHS to make decisions quickly. Dr Bhargava stated that representations have been made and County Council Members could help by ensuring that the letter sent is seen by those at the highest level.
- Members were keen to promote the services provided at Crawley Hospital and Dr Bhargava encouraged anyone wanting to become a Champion of the hospital to help achieve this.
- It was confirmed that the CCG hope to retain Bewbush GP provision in Bewbush.

- Maternity Services had been reviewed but it was decided that a midwife led unit in Crawley would not be a viable option. The East Surrey service currently provided is considered excellent so it would not be essential to provide another service. However this would be reassessed over time to ensure this continues to be the case.
- The CCG are keen to ensure that the empty space in Crawley hospital is used wisely and efficiently. One Member asked why the drug and alcohol service could not utilise some of this space. Mr Young stated that they would need to access if the space would be suitable for the needs of that service.
- There are a number of options to go forward in the Business Case for Crawley hospital. Full consultation on this is likely in August/September 2015.

Progress Report.

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

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

- Mr Quinn pledged his continued support for a pedestrian crossing at Pelham Place. It was agreed that Marie Ovenden (Principal Community Officer) would revisit the secondary site options with Mr Quinn.
- Mr Oxlade asked if the handrails for the Bewbush to Ifield West – Waterfield Garden Railway Bridge could be progressed as with winter approaching the steep incline can be difficult to manage without a handrail. Marie Ovenden agreed to follow this up with the appropriate officers.
- Mr Jones mentioned that Hassocks Railway Station was having a lift installed and expressed disappointment that this was not happening at Crawley Station. Marie Ovenden confirmed that she had tabled the issue everywhere she could and would continue to do so.

Community Initiative Funding (CIF)

25. 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.

26. Mr Quinn declared a personal and prejudicial interest in application 362 as a trustee of Crawley Town Football Club Sports Foundation. Mr Quinn left the room and took no part in the discussions or decision for that application.

27. The applicant for the Ifield Chesnut House Dickensian Street Market was in attendance and stated that they had managed to source the snow machine at a reduced rate and asked if the application could be amended to go towards decorations, lighting and insurance for the event. They also stated that they did not need the full amount applied for across the two Crawley CLCs which was £1800. They now only needed £950. Members agreed that they supported the application and that the total cost of the revised project should be split between the two Crawley CLCs. This would result in a refund to the West Crawley CLC.

28. Resolved – That the following awards be made:

362/WC - Crawley Town Football Club Sports Foundation £1442.99 for the costs of purchasing a marquee.

412/WC - Ilfield Chesnut House, £500 towards the costs of decorations, lighting and public liability insurance for the Dickensian Street Market in Crawley. This differs slightly from the original application which was towards the cost of a snow machine for the event.

435/WC - Broadfield & Bewbush Children's Project, £1,250, towards the costs of subsidising children to attend a weekend away at the Dalesdown Centre.

Appointment of Authority School Governors

29. The Committee considered a report by the Director of Communities Commissioning on the appointment and nomination of Authority School Governors.

30. Resolved that the following appointments and re-appointment be approved:

Reappointment

Mrs RH Benwell to Southgate Primary School for a three year term

Appointments

Mr Roger Harvard Baker to Holy Trinity CE Secondary School for a four year term

Ms A Renee Rockwood Gossops Green Primary School for a four year term

'Talk with Us' – Open Forum

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

- A resident asked why a wooden fence had appeared on the bridge at Ilfield Avenue. The same resident also asked what the crossing with railings at Ilfield drive was for. It was agreed that both questions would be directed to Highways.

Date of Next Meeting

32. The Chairman informed all that the next meeting would be held on 19 January 2015 at Crawley Library. This was a change to the previously published date.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm

Chairman