

## **West Crawley County Local Committee**

6 October 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 Mr Quinn (Member for Broadfield)

In attendance: Monique Smart (Democratic Services Officers), Gulu Sibanda (Principal Community Officer)

### **Welcome and Introductions**

16. The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

17. Apologies had been received from Mrs Smith (Member for Langley Green & West Green).

18. The Chairman informed the meeting that a new facebook page had been set up for Crawley with the aim to engage members of the community and provide residents with the opportunity to have conversations over local issues. The page would also promote both the East and West Crawley CLC meetings and the Community Initiative and other funds available. The Chairman encouraged local residents and community groups to 'like' the page.

### **Declaration of Interests**

19. No declarations were declared.

### **Minutes**

20. Resolved – that the minutes of the meeting held on 1 July 2015 be confirmed as a correct record and that they be signed by the Chairman.

### **Progress Report.**

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

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

- The Chairman reported that unfortunately works to install a controlled crossing in Buckwoods Drive have been postponed until January/February 2016 due to issues with the availability of road space.
- The Committee requested more information about which trees would have to be removed for the scheme to reduce congestion and improve vehicular

access at the junction of Ifield drive and Ifield Avenue and connection with Crawley Avenue.

- The Chairman explained that the Communities Issues list was a list of issues prioritised by the Committee and local residents but that had no funding identified at present. The Chairman explained that the list would be reviewed and Members were considering consolidating parking and speeding issues.
- A resident asked if a crossing could be installed near the Co-Op in Langley Green. Members agreed this could be added to the Community Issues List.

### **Community Initiative Funding (CIF)**

23. 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.

24. Resolved that:

(a) The following applications were approved: -

**754/WC** – Headway West Sussex, £745.84, towards equipment and stationery

**779/WC** - Concordia Singers, £2,222.00 towards hiring the Hawth Theatre and other costs for a concert

**789/WC** - Crawley Bobby Dazzlers, £583.00, towards the cost of costumes

(b) The following application was deferred: -

**788/WC** - 2nd Ifield Scout Group, £2,000.00, part cost of building a climbing wall. Members requested more information about whether the climbing wall would be open to other community groups on a regular basis and if they would be charged.

### **Nominations to School and Academy Governing Bodies**

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

26. Resolved –That the Committee approves the following nominations under the 2012 Regulations: -

Appointment:

- Mr S Humphreys to the Holy Trinity Secondary School for a four year term.

## **'Talk with Us' – Open Forum**

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

- A resident asked if anything could be done about parking around Broadfield East School and Vulcan Close. They stated that there used to be a lollipop lady but she had not been replaced. Mr Quinn stated that he was aware that an advert was out for a replacement lollipop person and the school have been working on a travel plan. Mr Jones stated that he was aware of similar issues around other schools and Member requested that officers provide them with details of which schools have travel plans, lollipop person vacancies and an update on the school keep clear programme to make the yellow lines outside schools enforceable.

## **Date of Next Meeting**

28. The Chairman informed all that the next meeting would be held on 19 January 2016 at Crawley Library.

The meeting closed at 7.45pm

Chairman