

Agenda Item No. 3

West Crawley County Local Committee

25 January 2012 - 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, and Mrs Brenda Smith, Member for Langley Green & West Green.

Apologies were received from Mr Oxlade, Member for Bewbush and Ifield West

Declarations of Interests

92. Mr Quirk, Dr Bloom, Mr Blake and Mrs Smith declared a personal interest in Agenda Item 7, Community Initiative Fund (Application 1750/WC) as members of Crawley Borough Council.

93. Mr Quirk declared a prejudicial interest in Agenda Item 7 (Application 1630/WC) as a member of the General Council of the Broadfield Youth and Community Centre and left the meeting during consideration of the application.

Minutes

94. Resolved – That the minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 20 October 2011 be confirmed as a correct record and that they be signed by the Chairman.

Progress Report

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

96. Mandatory no-parking on all zig-zag lines including those outside schools – Les Gillingham (Principal Community Highways Officer) advised that this proposal would have to be an item for the Integrated Works Programme. The Committee asked for the matter to be referred to George Chisenga (Gatwick Diamond – Community Development Team Manager) so that a feasibility assessment could be carried out.

97. Completion of TRO at Cherry Lane – Les Gillingham advised that there was a backlog of lining work and that the lines in Cherry Lane would be put down in the next tranche of work in Crawley. The Committee expressed its disappointment and frustration with the delay and asked Les Gillingham to provide each member with details of the backlog of work in each member's division.

Infrastructure Planning Priorities for West Crawley CLC Area

98. The Committee considered a report by the Director of Communities and Infrastructure on the Infrastructure Plan for the West Crawley County Local Committee Area (copy appended to the signed minutes).

99. Les Gillingham introduced the report and the following points were raised in the discussion that followed:-

- A resident welcomed the inclusion of the much needed improvement scheme at the junction of Buckswood Drive and Horsham Road.
- Peter Smith of the Crawley Cycle Forum was disappointed that a cycle scheme had not been included in the priority list. Members explained that the proposed Kilnwood Vale development did include a cycle scheme and that although a cycle route from Ifield Drive to The Orchard had been investigated other schemes were considered to be more urgent.

100. Resolved – That the following priorities are recommended to the Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport for inclusion in the Infrastructure Plan for the West Crawley CLC area:-

- Improvement scheme - to reduce congestion and improve vehicular access - junction of Ifield Drive and Ifield Avenue and connection with Crawley Avenue (A23) Roundabout.
- Improvement scheme - Tushmore Roundabout - consider options to take all buses (additional to Fastway Services) through the roundabouts centre lane cut-through to avoid such buses waiting in congestion.
- Junction Improvement - Junction of Buckswood Drive and Horsham Road – improve safety and access to address potential vehicle conflicts arising from left turn movements from Buckswood Drive, northbound onto Horsham Road then, for vehicles travelling either straight over or left at the Crawley Avenue Roundabout, having to take cross lanes (Potential integration of signals where existing pedestrian crossing is located).
- Pedestrian Crossing Facility – Ifield Avenue (West of junction with Town Barn Road) to provide safer access between the Open Green Space (to the North) and Little Crabtree (to the South).
- Bus Stop Relocation – Ifield Drive, near junction with Tangmere Road - move position of existing bus stops northwards to reduce conflict with existing crossing facilities.

Community Initiative Funding

101. 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 1630/WC Broadfield Youth & Community Centre,

102. Mr Quirk left the meeting for consideration of this application. The Broadfield Youth and Community Centre had requested £2,500 to replace and tarmac an existing pathway. The Committee agreed to allocate £2,500.

Application 1673/WC Dads United

103. Dads United had requested £444 towards Spring/Summer 2012 programme events. The Committee agreed to allocate £444.

Application 1734/WC 4SIGHT

104. 4SIGHT had requested £278 towards design and printing costs for LEARN4SIGHT packs. The Committee agreed to allocate £278.

Application 1747/WC Crawley & Horley Hockey Development Scheme,

105. Crawley and Horley Hockey Development Scheme had requested £2,000 towards the provision of Quicksticks hockey sets and KS2 curriculum packs to local primary schools. The Committee agreed to allocate £2000.

Application 1755/WC Crawley Festival

106. Crawley Festival had requested £3,334 towards creative and educational workshops by local community groups, as part of the 2012 Festival. The Committee agreed to allocate £3,334.

Application 1750/WC Crawley Wellbeing

107. Crawley Wellbeing had requested £1,389 towards the one-off Tilgate Park Run event. The Committee agreed to defer this application as clarification was required about whether CIF money could be used to support an event promoted by Crawley Borough Council.

108. Resolved - That

- (1) West Crawley County Local Committee allocates the following funding:-
 - (i) £2,500 to the Broadfield Youth and Community Centre
 - (ii) £444 to Dads United
 - (iii) £278 to 4SIGHT
 - (iv) £2,000 to the Crawley & Horley Hockey Development Scheme
 - (v) £3,334 to the Crawley Festival
- (2) the decision on Application 1750/WC is deferred to establish whether CIF money can be used to support an event promoted by Crawley Borough Council.

Report of Urgent Action

109. The Committee noted that, following consultation with the Chairman of the West Crawley County Local Committee, the Director Operations Learning and the Chairman of the Children and Young People's Services Select Committee under Standing Order 61, the Head of Legal and Democratic Services authorised the appointment of Mr R Cowper to The Mill Primary School as an Authority Governor for a four year term.

110. The Chairman reported that it had been necessary to clarify a procedural matter before the appointment could be made and to avoid further delay the decision had been taken under urgent action.

'talk with us' - Open Forum

111. The following answers were given in response to questions about matters affecting Crawley residents.

112. Poor condition of footpath near by the Friends Meeting House Allotment that runs from Ifield Avenue to Ifield Green. Mr Blake reported that action was being taken by Crawley Borough Council, he added that there was a possibility that Section 106 money could be used for the footpath and streetlighting improvements.

113. Parking on roadside verges near Football Stadium. Les Gillingham advised that he had attended a meeting with the Police and the Chief Executive of the Football Club to discuss the problem. As a 'quick fix' the police would be putting out 'no waiting' cones in the area.

114. Danger caused by deep ruts in grass verges, potholes and general deterioration of the street scene. Les Gillingham noted the point and agreed to take the matter forward.

115. A resident asked what representations had been made regarding the reduction in subsidies to Crawley Bus Services in particular the No2 Service in the evening and on Sundays and asked whether the Bus Company would continue to provide this service. The Chairman reported that the members have made representations to the County Council's consultation through the Borough Council. He added that the CLC would lobby the Borough Council, who are in negotiations with the Bus Company to keep the service going. Encouraging the public to use the buses and make services economic to run was important.

Date of Next Meeting

116. The Committee noted that the next meeting of the Committee would be held on 19 April 2012 at Crawley Library.

Chairman

The meeting closed at 8.15 pm