

Unconfirmed minutes – to be confirmed at the next meeting of the West Crawley County Local Committee.

West Crawley County Local Committee

15 June 2016 – 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) and Mrs Smith (Member for Langley Green and West Green)

In attendance: Monique Smart (Democratic Services Officer), Terina Bryant (Principal Community Officer) and Chris Owen (Principal Planner)

Appointment of Chairman

1. Resolved that Mr Chris Oxlade was elected Chairman of the West Crawley County Local Committee (CLC) for the 2016/2017 municipal year.

Welcome and Introductions

2. The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting. Members and Officers introduced themselves.

Declaration of Interests

3. Mrs Brenda Smith declared a personal interest in the Community Initiative Fund application from Ifield Barns Arts Centre as a member of the group.

Minutes

4. Resolved- that the minutes of the meeting held on 2 March 2016 be confirmed as a true and accurate record and that they be signed by the Chairman.

Urgent Matters

5. No urgent matters.

Strategic Planning – Pease Pottage

6. The Chairman agreed to move this agenda item forward.

7. The Committee welcomed Chris Owen, Principal Planner, West Sussex County Council. The Chairman explained that this item had been requested by Members following concern about how the County Council responds to the needs and services associated with new large housing developments.

8. Chris Owen provided Members with a powerpoint presentation (copy appended to the minutes) that detailed where the proposals for Pease Pottage had come from, how the County Council had been consulted and how the County Council responds to such consultations. Chris explained that the consultation was still live and that the County Council had not formally submitted its response.

9. Following the presentation a number of issues were discussed including those below:

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- Members acknowledged that additional houses had to be built but raised concern about such proposals that are outside of Crawley Borough but will inevitably result in people using the services within Crawley Borough. General concern was raised about the strain on services such as schools and health services.
- Members raised concern that S106 money would be allocated to schools in Mid Sussex but in reality a number of residents would send children to Crawley schools.
- Access to the site was also raised as an area of concern. Chris explained that both Highways England and West Sussex County Council will need to be satisfied with the proposals and will respond formally to the consultation.
- Chris confirmed that officers who investigate the needs do have local knowledge and are familiar with the local networks.
- Members referred to Kilnwood Vale as being a recent example of a development outside of Crawley that has resulted in a strain on services in Crawley. They hoped lessons could be learnt from this.
- Peter Smith, Cabinet Member for Planning and Economic Development at Crawley Borough Council, stated that he had not been consulted on this application at the early stages and that the Borough Council was minded to object to the Mid Sussex District Plan based on issues regarding transport, type of housing and sustainability.

10. The Committee thanked Chris for his presentation and clear explanation of the process. The Committee agreed that the Chairman should write to all those authorities concerned (West Sussex County Council, Mid Sussex District Council) stating the issues raised this evening.

Progress Statement

11. The Committee received and noted a progress report on matters relating to West Crawley (copy appended to the minutes). The following points were discussed:

- Members reported that a site visit had taken place with officers at Cheals Roundabout. Members felt more confident about the proposed changes and safety improvements. They also explained that major improvements are planned for 2020.
- Regarding a scheme for Ifield Drive and Ifield Avenue Mrs Brenda Smith explained that she had asked officer to investigate a signalised option. Cllr peter Smith from Crawley Borough Council asked that Mrs Smith keep local residents up to date as he was aware of their concerns about the volume of traffic in that area.

Community Initiative Funding (CIF)

12. The Committee considered a report by the Director of Law, Assurance and Strategy (copy appended to the signed minutes) that detailed applications for Community Initiative Funding.

13. Resolved that:

The following applications were approved: -

960/WC -The Nautical Training Corps, £278.00, to provide a 'working rig' for members

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973/WC –LPK Learning CIC, £2,687.77, towards project costs for courses and activities, venue hire and a variety of equipment.

982/WC- Reaching Families, £297.38 towards a Lexmark printer and other office supplies.

992/WC – Ifield Barns Art Centre, £2,000.00, to replace equipment for the Ifield Mayfayre, including a marquee, folding tables and party tents.

1011/WC – Crawley Community Youth Services, £1,000.00, towards venue hire, bouncy castle and promotional costs for the Crawley Community Youth Services Family Fun Day.

Nominations to School and Academy Governing Bodies

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

15. Resolved that the Committee approves the following nomination under the 2012 Regulations: -

- Miss L Guy to be reappointed to Manor Green Primary School for a four year period.

'Talk With Us' – Open Forum

16. The following matters affecting Crawley residents were raised.

- A previous Community Initiative Funding applicant asked if the evaluation of grants was published. It was explained that the formal evaluation form is not published but that some County Local Committees invite successful applicants back to provide an update to the Committee. It was agreed that West Crawley CLC would do this in the future.

Date of Next Meeting

17. The Chairman confirmed that the next meeting would be held on 21 September 2016 in Longley Exhibition Room of Crawley Library.

The meeting closed at 8.25pm

Chairman