

## **Agenda Item No 4 Unconfirmed minutes**

### **Joint Downland Area Committee**

9 March 2015– At a meeting of the Committee held at 7.00 p.m. at The White Swan Hotel, Arundel

Present:

West Sussex County Council: Mr Peters, Mr Whittington and Mrs Phillips

Arun District Council: Councillors, Mr Charles and Mr Dendle

Town/Parish Council representatives: , Mrs A Harriott (Arundel), Mr Chown (Aldingbourne), Mr Phillips (Barnham), Mr Humphris (Clymping), Mrs Chapman (Clapham), Mr Ford (Ford), Mrs Harriott (Lyminster & Crossbush), Mr Fox (Patching),

Officers: Karl Roberts, Assistant Director (ACD) Monique Smart, Democratic Services Officer (WSSC) and Scott Judge, Principal Community Officer (WSSC).

### **Chairman's Welcome**

71. The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting

72. Apologies had been received from Councillors Mrs Urquhart (WSSC), Mr Haymes (ADC), Mr Dingemans (ADC), Miss Verinder (Angmering), Mr Looker (Houghton), Mr Allington (Eastergate), Mr Fox (Patching), Mr Roddham (Walberton), Mr Goldsworthy (Findon), Mrs Brimblecombe (Slindon), Mr Brown (Warningcamp) and Mr Taft (Yapton).

### **Declarations of Interest**

73. No declarations of interest were declared.

### **Minutes**

74. Resolved –that the minutes of the Joint Downland Area Committee (JDAC) held on 15 December 2014 are confirmed as a correct record and that they are signed by the Chairman.

### **Progress Statement**

75. The Progress Statement was noted.

### **Talk with us – public question time**

76. The Chairman invited questions from members of the public. Questions were asked to which responses were given, including those set out below:

- Mrs Gaylor from Hammerpot thanked the Committee for writing to the Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport but she was still disappointed that the works by the Highways Agency had not been undertaken. Mrs

Gaylor hoped that the delay would not impact the West Sussex County Council funded work that were to follow as she had heard that Operation Watershed funds would soon finish. Principle Community Officer, Mr Scott Judge, stated that the fund ending soon was the Active Communities Fund and this was separate to the fund being used for the planned works at Hammerpot.

- A representative from Arundel Museum urged Members to reconsider the CIF sub group recommendations to decline the Museums grant application. She stated that it would assist the museum to be sustainable, reduce electricity costs and increase footfall. The Chairman stated that County Councillors would consider this at agenda item 10.
- Another resident spoke in favour of the Arundel Town Crier CIF application and again asked Members to reconsider the CIF sub group recommendations to decline this application. Again the Chairman stated that this would be considered at agenda item 10.

## **Community Policing Update**

77. The Chairman welcomed Sergeants Ian Cheesman and Sarah Leadbetter who provided an update on current issues in the JDAC area. A number of issues were discussed including those set out below:

- There have been instances of cold callers stating they are the Police. The Police are working closely with Parish Councils and other organisations to alert vulnerable groups to this scam and ensure people always ask for ID and never hand over personal information.
- Councillor Mr Phillips asked for an update on the Barnham drug issues discussed at the last meeting. Inspector Cheesman assured Mr Phillips that progress is being made but he can not divulge information at this time.

## **Area Action Plan**

78. The Chairman referred Members to the Area Action Plan previously circulated. The Committee noted the Area Action Plan. A number of issues in relation to the plan were discussed including those set out below:

- Mr Whittington asked if the Coastal Defence works at Clymping would include improvements to the footpath as at present it was unwalkable. It was agreed that the Chairman would write to the Environment Agency to ask.
- Councillor Mr Dendle asked officers if there was any update on parking and cycle routes to Ford Station. Mr Karl Roberts stated that following the announcement of improvements to the A27 it may be possible to look wider at sustainable movement and possibly get funding for improvements around Ford Station.

## **Lidsey Surface Water Management Plan**

79. The Committee considered and noted an information report by the Director of Highways and Transport, West Sussex County Council (copy appended to the signed minutes).

80. Mr Whittington asked if JDAC could also receive a report regarding the Aldingbourne Rife as this was not covered in the attached report. Mr Karl Roberts confirmed that this was a separate study that the Environment Agency are leading on with Arun District and West Sussex County Councils. It was agreed that this would be requested for a future agenda item.

## **Community Initiative Funding**

81. The Committee considered a report by the Director of Law, Assurance and Strategy, West Sussex County Council (copy appended to the signed minutes), which sought a decision from the County Council Members of the Committee on the applications received under the Community Initiative Funding (CIF) scheme. The Committee debated the respective merits of the projects for which funding was sought.

82. The County Councillors on the Committee resolved that Community Initiative Funding be allocated as follows:

a) The following awards were approved:

**539/JDAC**, 1<sup>st</sup> Arundel Scout Group. £1000 to replace guttering on Arundel Scout HQ.

**586/JDAC**, Arundel Museum Society. £2500 towards improving lighting.

**597/JDAC**, Aldingbourne Community Sports Centre, £2500 towards refurbishing and redecoration costs.

**609/JDAC**, Arundel Town Crier, £250 for gazebos for the Annual Town Crier competition.

b) The following award was declined:

**594/JDAC**, Slindon Parish Council. Declined as this was a precepting authority so not eligible for CIF. It was recommended that they apply to the District Council Community Grant fund for consideration in June 2015.

c) Remaining funds to be transferred back into central West Sussex County Council funds.

## **Community Grant Applications**

83. The Committee considered a report by the Assistant Director, Arun District Council (copy appended to the signed minutes), which sought a decision from the Committee on the applications received under the Community Grant fund.

84. Councillor Mr David Phillips declared a personal interest as a Member of Barnham Parish Council.

85. The Committee resolved that Community Grant be allocated as follows:

£1,000 for funding towards the cost of the replacement/refurbishment of the fingerpost at the junction of Lake Lane and Barnham Lane in Barnham.

86. Mr Karl Roberts confirmed that the fund still had £20,000 and Arun District Council Cabinet have also recently agreed a further £25,000 for 2015/16.

87. It was requested if the sub group could reconsider the criteria at their next meeting so that applicants can apply to both CIF and Community Grants. This led on to a discussion about whether the two funds could be merged in the future. Mr Karl Roberts suggested that Arun and West Sussex should discuss this further.

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

88. The Committee considered a report by the Director of Care, Wellbeing and Education, West Sussex County Council on the appointment and nomination of Authority School Governors.

89. Resolved that County Council Members of the Committee approved the following re-appointment:

- Mr R Wallace to Barnham Primary School for a four year term

### **Items to be raised by Town and Parish Council representatives.**

90. The Chairman invited questions from Town and Parish representatives on the Committee. A number of questions were asked to which responses were given, including those set out below.

- Councillor Mrs Caroline Harriott asked if the new speed limit on the A284 can be advertised further to highlight the change from 60mph to 40mph. Mr Scott Judge stated that he had forwarded this on to the traffic engineers and would feed back the response to Lyminster Parish Council.

### **Items for Future Meetings**

91. The following items were agreed for consideration at future meetings:

- Update on Cycling and Cycling Strategy - 2015
- A27 (once details become available)
- Aldingbourne Rife update

### **Date of Next Meeting**

92. The Chairman confirmed that the next meeting of the Committee would take place on Monday 22 June at the Eastergate Parish Hall.

The meeting closed at 7.50.pm