

Joint Eastern Arun Area Committee

29 November 2016, – At a meeting of the Committee held at 7 pm at The Millennium Chamber, Manor House, Littlehampton.

Present:

West Sussex County Council Mr Tyler (Chairman), Mr Evans, Mr Peters, Mrs Urquhart and Mr Buckland .

Arun District Council Councillors Mr Bower, Mr Elkins, Mr Cates, Mrs Neno and Mr Wensley.

Town / Parish Council representatives Councillors Mrs Francis (Angmering), Mr Duijf (East Preston), Mr Squires (Littlehampton), Mrs Cooper (Rustington), Mrs Robertson (Ferring) and Mrs Walker (Kingston).

In attendance:

West Sussex County Council: Monique Smart (Democratic Services Officer), Tracey Light (Principal Community Officer)

Arun District Council: Paul Warters (Director, Customer Services)

Chairman's Welcome

64. The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

65. Apologies had been received from Councillors Dr Walsh, Mr Gammon and Mr Bicknell. The Chairman welcomed substitute Member Councillor Mr Wensley

Declarations of interest

66. The following personal interests were declared:

- Mr Buckland as a Member of Arun District Council and Littlehampton Town Council
- Cllr Mrs Francis in relation to agenda item 11 as the applicant for nomination.

Minutes

67. **Resolved** that the minutes of the Joint Eastern Arun Area Committee, held on 6 September 2016 be confirmed as a correct record and that they be signed by the Chairman.

Progress Statement

68. The Progress statement was noted.

'Talk with Us' – Public Questions

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

- A local resident asked for an update on his request for bus shelters in Station Road, Angmering. He explained that he had been in touch with Angmering Parish Council but had been told that no S106 money was available for this purpose and that it would not fit the criteria for JEAAC funding. *The Chairman of Angmering Parish Council, Mrs Susan Francis responded stating that a recent report to the Parish Council has identified the need for 26 bus shelters in the Parish and the Council therefore need to consider a way forward. She explained that each shelter would cost £2300 so the main issue was funding. Other Members suggested approaching the bus companies or advertising companies.*

Community Police Issues

70. The Chairman welcomed Sergeant Thomas who provided an update on neighbourhood policing in the JEAAC area. A Number of issues were discussed including these set out below:

- The Local Policing Plan was working well with less border restrictions locally, bigger hubs and the ability to allocate resources where and when required.
- Anti-Social Behaviour Orders have successfully been issued for street drinkers and beggars.
- There will be an increase in visibility in the Town Centres in the lead up to Christmas.
- Concerns were raised about the reported crime numbers for Ham and River wards. Sergeant Thomas assured Members that the crimes are reviewed weekly and resources are deployed where required. He did also confirm that reporting of crimes has changed and residents are encouraged to report all crimes.

Littlehampton Town Centre Public Realm Proposals

71. The Chairman welcomed Phil Graham, Economic Regeneration Officer, Arun District Council who provided a verbal update on the proposals for a Littlehampton Public Realm improvement scheme.

72. Mr Graham explained that it was an ambitious scheme that had the support of all three tiers of government locally and included traffic calming, street furniture and solutions on how the Town Centre, Seafront and Riverside should connect more fluidly, improve the overall pedestrian experience and stimulate economic regeneration.

73. The Council have now submitted an application to the Coastal Communities Fund to try and secure the necessary external funding to help deliver the scheme. This bid was successful at stage 1. The stage 2 application would be submitted on 5 December and the outcome would be known in spring 2017.

74. Members thanks Mr Graham for the update and reinforced their support for the scheme.

Highways and Transport Sub Group

75. The Chairman referred Members to the notes from the last meeting of the Highways and Transport (H&T) Sub Group (appended to the signed minutes). The report was noted with the following questions being raised:

- Cllr Mr Bower confirmed that the Local Enterprise partnership (LEP) had today confirmed the funding for the A259 improvements and accepted the need for the project to be separated from the Lyminster Bypass scheme. Members welcomed this news.
- It was confirmed that a proposed scheme for Sea Lane Ferring had meet the scoring criteria to progress and Mr Evans and Highways Officers would discuss further with Ferring Parish Council.

Community Initiative Funding

76. 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 decisions from the County Council Members of the Committee on the applications received under the CIF scheme.

77. **Resolved** that the County Council Members of the Committee considered the CIF applications and allocated funding as follows:

The following application was approved: -

1072/JEAAC - Girlguiding Littlehampton and Arundel and 1st Arundel (Earl of Arundel's Own) Scouts, £750, towards camping equipment to host an international camp

The following application was declined: -

1095/JEAAC - Littlehampton Shopmobility, £1,435.60, towards replacement CCTV. This was declined as the organisation has received funds in previous years and it is not the purpose of CIF to provide on-going support.

Nominations of Authority School Governors

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

79. Resolved –That the County Council Members of the Committee approves the following nominations under the 2012 Regulations: -

- Mrs S Francis to St Margaret's CE Primary School for a 4 year term

Items to be raised by Town and Parish Council representatives

80. None

Items for future meetings.

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

- Updates on A259/A284 – via H&T Sub group

Date of next meeting

82. The Chairman reminded Members that the next meeting of the Committee would be held on 7 March 2016 at the John De Bohun Room, Woodlands centre, Rustinton. Members wishing to place an item on the agenda should notify Monique Smart via e-mail: monique.smart@westsussex.gov.uk or on 033022022540.

The meeting closed at 7.45pm

Chairman