

Joint Eastern Arun Area Committee

7 March 2017 – At a meeting of the Committee held at 7 pm at The John De Bohun Room, The Woodlands Centre, Woodlands Avenue, Rustington, BN16 3HB.

Present:

West Sussex County Council Mr Evans, Mr Buckland and Dr Walsh.

Arun District Council Councillors Mr Bower, Mr Elkins (Chairman), Mrs Neno, Mr Gammon and Mr Bicknell.

Town / Parish Council representatives Councillors Mr Oldfield (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) and Jackie Follis (Head of HR & Customer Services)

Chairman's Welcome

83. The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

84. Apologies had been received from Councillors Mr Tyler, Mr Peters, Mrs Urquhart Mr Cates and Mrs Francis. The Chairman welcomed substitute Councillor Mr Oldfield.

Declarations of interest

85. No interests were declared.

Minutes

86. **Resolved** that the minutes of the Joint Eastern Arun Area Committee, held on 29 November 2016 be confirmed as a correct record and that they be signed by the Chairman.

Progress Statement

87. Mr Evans welcomed the changes to the Joint Area Committees and reminded Members of the benefit of having all tiers of Local Government involved and this was unique to Arun. The Progress statement was noted.

'Talk with Us' – Public Questions

88. The Chairman invited questions from members of the public. There were no questions.

Community Police Issues

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

- Members were disappointed about not receiving the printed crime statistics for the JEAAC area. They stated that the website was useful but does not allow ward by ward comparisons and therefore trends or spikes in crimes cannot be identified. Sergeant Pipkin agreed to feed this back.
- Some Parish Councillors also raised concern about the lack of Police presence and information provided to Parishes. Councillor Mrs Walker mentioned a recent increase in burglary and still no police presence. Sergeant Pipkin reiterated the position that patrols are allocated by threat, harm and risk and that no officers are allocated to set area. With regard to the recent spike in burglary he was pleased to report that it was a known person and has resulted in a positive outcome.
- It was confirmed that Sussex Police do have trained wildlife crime officers and they are allocated to such crimes.
- Councillors asked how best to contact the Police for non-emergency queries. Sergeant Pipkin confirmed that 101 should still be used for non urgent crime reporting. However to contact the local team there is a generic email for Arun and Chichester neighbourhood Policing Team and that is: arunandchichester.localteam@sussex.pnn.police.uk
- Sergeant Pipkin reported some positive work taking place with partner's organisations such as Trading Standards to alert vulnerable people on how to spot and avoid scams.

Highways and Transport Sub Group

90. 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).

91. The Chairman of the H&T Sub Group drew attention to the two recommendations in the report at item 9 and 10. The first recommendation was for JEAAC to request the County Council to lobby Government for a review of parking standards for new developments. This was agreed. The second recommendation was that details of the planning permission for the new leisure facilities at Mill Road be sent to all JEAAC Members. This was also agreed.

92. Councillor Mr Bower expressed disappointment about the membership of the H&T Sub Group not including District Councillors. The Chairman suggested this should be something for the new Committee to consider at the next meeting.

Community Initiative Funding

93. 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.

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

The following applications and amounts were approved: -

1125/JEAAC - West Sussex Mediation Service, £1,340.00, towards volunteer training and development.

1145/JEAAC - Rustington in Bloom, £2,000.00 towards, planters and feeders.

1148/JEAAC - Littlehampton's Organisation of Community Arts, £600.00 towards Insurance for event and outdoor space.

1150/JEAAC - 5th Littlehampton Sea Scout Group, £1,140.00 towards patrol tents.

1163/JEAAC – Arun Youth Aqua Centre, £2,500.00, for the purchase of paddle boards and associated equipment.

1165/JEAAC - Girl Guiding Ferring District, to £687.00 towards, new camping equipment.

1166/JEAAC - William Older Playgroup, £2,100.00, towards the extension of the outdoor play area.

1173/JEAAC - Home-Start Arun, £417.15 towards the purchase of replacement IT equipment.

1176/JEAAC - Ferring Funtime Community pre-school, £2,000.00, towards the refurbishment of the playground and sandpit.

1177/JEAAC - Littlehampton Foodbank, £660.00, to raise the profile of the charity and promote healthy eating.

1178/JEAAC - Friends of Langmeads, £1000.00, towards the provision of 2 noticeboards.

1186/JEAAC - PCC of All Saints -info centre, £1,000.00, for the purchase of 3 Laptops and set up fees.

1193/JEAAC - Friends of Mewsbrook Park, £1,000.00, towards creation of a sculpture.

Nominations of Authority School Governors

95. The Committee considered a report by the Executive Director of Children, Adults', Families, Health & Education (copy attached to the signed minutes).

96. Resolved –That the County Council Members of the Committee approved the following nomination under the 2012 Regulations: -

Nomination for Reappointment: Mrs Sarah Greig for a four year term at St Catherine's Catholic Primary School

Items to be raised by Town and Parish Council representatives

97. Concern was raised about an increase in fly tipping and whether this was a result of Littlehampton Recycling Centre being closed two days a week. Mr Evans confirmed that on the days that Littlehampton was closed both Worthing and Chichester centres are open. Dr Walsh stated that he was aware of a number of public petitions asking West Sussex County Council to reconsider to recent changes.

98. Members reported that due to the recent grass cutting a large amount of rubbish is visible on both the A259 and A27. It was suggested that much was from fast food restaurants and they requested that Arun District Council Officers take this back to Environmental Health at the District Council to look in to.

99. Councillor Mrs Cooper asked what the future plans are for the No 12 bus that runs from Littlehampton to Sainsbury's at Rustington. Dr Walsh, as a Member of Littlehampton Town Council, was aware that the funding for that route had come from S106 money and as that was due to run out the service is being revisited by the Town Council. He confirmed that some further S106 money and some funding from the Town Council had been identified but that would not make the service extend to Rustington. Dr Walsh suggested that if Rustington parish could contribute to the funding then the route could be reconsidered.

Items for future meetings.

100. No new items were added.

Date of next meeting

101. The Chairman reminded Members that the next meeting of the Committee would be held on Tuesday 11 July at The White Swan Hotel, Chichester Road, Arundel. Members wishing to place an item on the agenda should notify Monique Smart via e-mail: monique.smart@westsussex.gov.uk or on 033022022540.

102. Some concern was raised about venue of the next meeting not being accessible by public transport. This was noted and it was agreed that the lead members would discuss this further at the forthcoming agenda planning meeting. Mr Evans did suggest that if it stayed at that venue then those who do not drive should contact their local Councillor for a lift.

The meeting closed at 8.16pm

Chairman