

Joint Eastern Arun Area Committee

6 March 2018– At a meeting of the Committee held at 7 pm at The Millennium Chamber, Littlehampton

Present:

West Sussex County Council Mr Buckland, Mr Elkins, Mrs Urquhart and Dr Walsh.

Arun District Council Councillors: Mr Chapman (Chairman), Mrs Emma Neno, Mr Andy Cooper, Mr Gammon, Mr Oliver-Redgate and Mr Wheal.

Town / Parish Council representatives Councillors: Mr Oldfield (Angmering), Mr Phillips (Arundel), Mr Allen (Clapham), Mr Toney (East Preston), Mr Carr (Findon), Mr Bennett (Rustington), Mrs Walker (Kingston), Ms Frampton (Lyminster & Crossbush).

In attendance:

West Sussex County Council: Monique Smart (Democratic Services Officer), Benjamin Whiffin (Area Highways Manager), Tracey Light (Principal Community Officer)

Arun District Council: Jackie Follis (Head of Policy)

Chairman's Welcome

77. The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

78. Apologies had been received from Councillors Mr Purchase and Mr Blanchard-Cooper.

Declarations of Interest

79. Councillor Mr Cooper declared an interest as a member of Rustington Parish Council.

Minutes

80. **Resolved** that the minutes of the Joint Eastern Arun Area Committee, held on 14 November 2017 be confirmed as a correct record and that they be signed by the Chairman.

Progress Statement

81. The progress statement was noted.

'Talk with Us' – Public Questions

82. The Chairman invited questions from members of the public. The issues discussed include those set out below (responses in italics):

- A resident asked for confirmation about Police attendance at Parish, neighbourhood and community meetings and events. *Acting Inspector Danny West responded stated they attend if a need and resources allow. He said that requests could be submitted via email to arun@sussex.pnn.police.uk*
- The Mayor of Arundel spoke in support of the proposal for 20mph speed limits in Arundel and hoped County Councillors would approve the decision to implement the scheme.
- A resident from Arundel asked for Ford Road to be included in the 20mp speed limit. *This was noted and a response would be included at agenda item 10.*
- A resident of Angmering asked for progress regarding his request for new bus stops in Angmering. *Deborah Urquhart responded stating that the Parish Council are looking into where they are needed and how to fund them. The Chairman agreed to follow this up and try and get a formal response as to who could finance new bus stops.*

Community Police Issues

83. The Chairman welcomed Acting Inspector Danny West who provided an update on neighbourhood policing in the JEAAC area. A number of issues were discussed including these set out below:

- Revised crime data was tabled. It was noted that there was a 10% rise across the board but this was lower than the nation increase.
- It was confirmed that the local policing programme and restructure was now complete.
- An acknowledgement of the Anti-Social Behaviour problems in Littlehampton and reassurance that resources are being targeted towards this and the police are working closely with case workers at Arun District Council.
- It was stressed that any non-emergency incidences should be reported using 101 and for emergencies 999. To contact the local team the following email can be used: arun@sussex.pnn.police.uk.
- A Member suggested a future update about the improvements to the 101 telephone reporting issues.
- Some Members expressed concern that the Police are not visible in communities and suggested the recent hub opened in Selsey should be replicated across the District and dedicated PCSOs should be reinstated.

84. Ian Buckland left the meeting at 8.05pm

Coastal Care: 'Inspiring Healthier Communities Together' – Local Community Networks (LCNs)

85. The Chairman welcomed Tina Favier and Dr Mark Lee who provided a presentation about Local Community Networks which aim to bring primary care partners together for better outcomes for patients. Dr Lee also referred to the issues around GP and hospital provision in Littlehampton and that local GP leaders are working hard towards a solution.

86. Dr James Walsh raised concern about duplicating work. He stated that feasibility studies had been done before and he questioned the high cost involved in doing this again. He was sceptical of anything being resolved with regard to building new facilities due to lack of capital funding. It was suggested that the LCN speak to West Sussex County Council and Arun District Council about the 'one public estate' project.

Highways and Transport Sub Group

87. 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).

88. The Chairman of the H&T Sub Group referred Members to the recommendations within the notes and asked for JEAACs agreement. The following was **agreed**:

- That JEAAC lobby and support the consideration of road widths and parking standards on new housing developments.
- That the WSCC presentation about the Highways Authority in the Planning Process be made to the ADC Development Control Committee. It was confirmed that this had been taken forward.

89. A number of Members expressed concern and disappointment that the proposed slip road to East Preston on the A259/A280 roundabout was not being taken forward. Members asked for clarification about the traffic information that had resulted in the recommendation to remove this slip road. JEAAC **agreed** that the Chairman of the H&T Sub Group should write to the Project Manager stressing that JEAAC continue to support this slip road being part of the A259 improvement scheme.

Arundel and Tortington: Proposed 20mph Speed Limits in residential Area

90. The Committee considered a report by the Director of Highways and Transport, West Sussex County Council (copy appended to the signed minutes), which sought a decision from the County Council Members of the Committee on whether to implement Traffic Regulation Order for 20mph speed limits in various roads in Arundel.

91. Ian Moorey, Principal Engineer, West Sussex County Council, introduced the report and explained that following a public consultation 45 messages of support and 11 objections were received. Officer responses to these comments were included in the previously circulated report.

92. In response to the public question about Ford Road not being included in the proposals, Ian Moorey confirmed that 20 mph limits are most suited to residential roads and non through roads. Ford Road is considered to be a through road and therefore not suitable for this scheme.

93. Councillor Mr Mark Phillips confirmed that Arundel Town Council welcome the scheme and also welcome working with West Sussex County Council to consider alternative options for Ford Road.

94. **Resolved** that the County Council Members of the Joint Eastern Arun Area Committee, having considered the resulting benefits to the community and accepting that these outweigh the objections raised, authorised the Director of Law and Assurance to make the Order as advertised.

Community Initiative Funding

95. The Committee considered a report by the Director of Law and Assurance, 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.

96. The Committee discussed the respective merits of the projects for which funding was sought and indicated support or otherwise for each application.

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

The following applications were approved:-

112/JEAAC - 1st Preston Scout Group, £1,712.00 towards an ISO Container

113/JEAAC - Arun and Chichester Citizens Advice, £1,800.00 towards promoting Amber House

117/JEAAC - Home-Start Arun, £362.50 towards training

186/JEAAC - Angmering Village Preschool, £1,312.98 towards forest school training.

190/JEAAC - Angmering in Bloom Association, £888.00 towards Angmering Conservation Area Historical Map.

The following application was declined:-

195/JEAAC - Rustington in Bloom, £2,000.00 towards floral enhancement. This was declined as the applicant had received funding in previous years for the same purpose.

98. It was noted that the remaining £1892.00 would be rolled over to next year's fund.

99. For the benefit of anyone who had not been able to attend the pre event, Mrs Deborah Urquhart confirmed that the County Council was proposing to change its approach to grant funding to voluntary and community groups from 2018/19. She explained that currently there are three member funds: Members' Big Society Fund, Community Initiative Fund, and Small Grants Fund and the proposal was to move to one scheme and use an online crowdfunding model. The process for reviewing and deciding upon applications will remain very similar for JEAAC with the local County Councillor still having to support applications coming forward.

100. Dr James Walsh expressed his reservations about the new approach; particularly that applicants will need to build in an additional 5% to their bid to cover the online costs. He also stated that if anyone donated with using a credit card they would be charged for that transaction. Officers confirmed that there were many options for payment including debit cards and paypal that had no charge attached.

101. Councillor Mr Andy Cooper said that he had been sceptical of the new approach but having heard the additional information from officers at the pre event he had been

reassured. He urged that this information be communicated to the wider public as soon as possible.

Nominations of Authority School Governors

102. The Committee considered a report by the Executive Director of Education and Skills (copy attached to the signed minutes).

103. Resolved –That the County Council Members of the Committee approved the following nominations:-

Nomination for Reappointment:

Anne Prior for a 4 year term to St John the Baptist C.E. Primary School

Nomination for Appointment:

Mr Ian Buckland for a four year term to Cornfield, Oak Grove, Palatine & Herons Dale Federation

Items to be raised by Town and Parish Council representatives

104. No items were raised.

Items for future meetings.

105. The following items were agreed for consideration:

- Community Military Covenant
- Arun Business Partnership
- Sussex Housing Hub/Community Land Trusts

Date of next meeting

106. The Chairman reminded Members that the next meeting of the Committee would be held on Tuesday 19 June 2018 at The Millennium Chamber, Littlehampton Town Council. 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 8.52pm

Chairman

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