

## **Joint Eastern Arun Area Committee**

3 March 2015, – At a meeting of the Committee held at 7 pm at The Millennium Chamber, Littlehampton

Present:

West Sussex County Council            Mr Evans, Mr Peters and Dr Walsh

Arun District Council            Councillor Mr Bicknell, Councillor Mr Elkins (Chairman),  
Councillor Mrs Emberson and Councillor Mr Gammon

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

In attendance:

West Sussex County Council: Monique Smart (Democratic Services Officer) and Sue Furlong (Principal Community Officer)

Arun District Council: Paul Warter (Assistant Director Customer Services)

### **Chairman's Welcome**

73. The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

74. Apologies had been received from Mrs Urquhart, Mr Tyler, Mr Buckland and Mrs Neno.

### **Declarations of interest**

75. The following interests were declared:

- Councillor Mr Gammon declared an interest in agenda item 9 as a member of Littlehampton Civic Society.

### **Minutes**

76. **Resolved** that the minutes of the Joint Eastern Arun Area Committee, held on 2 December 2014 be confirmed as a correct record and that they be signed by the Chairman.

### **'Talk with Us' – Public Questions**

77. The Chairman opened the meeting to questions from members of the public. Questions were raised to which responses were given (in italics), including those set out below:

- An Angmering Parish Councillor asked if drainage works planned for Dappers Lane, Angmering, would extend to the northern end of the Lane? Kevin Macknay responded stating that further investigation was required for the northern end but he would keep the Parish Council informed as the project progresses.

## **Community Police Issues**

78. The Chairman welcomed Sergeant Anna Gent, who provided an update on crime statistics and current issues in the JEAAC area. A number of issues were discussed including those set out below:

- Issues around the street community in Littlehampton were discussed and Sergeant Gent confirmed that a partnership group had been formed to ensure that a consistent approach was being taken. Sergeant Gent requested assistance from traders and members of the public who witness any anti-social behaviour to supply evidence to the police if at all possible.
- At present there is one Chief Inspector for the Arun and Chichester Districts and resources are being shared across the Districts. For areas of Arun that are closer to Worthing then shared use of resources would extend to Worthing.
- A new transit site is due to open in Westhampnett near Chichester and this will help to move travellers on from unauthorised encampments.
- Recent spikes in burglary have been investigated and targeted patrols have taken place. In addition there has been a campaign to encourage residents to help themselves by ensuring doors, windows and garden equipment are locked.
- Sussex Police are investing resources into a team looking at the detection and prevention of child abuse and exploitation.

## **Flood Prevention update**

79. Councillor Mr Paul Bicknell declared a personal interest as he works for Southern Water.

80. The Chairman invited Sue Furlong, Principal Community Officer, to introduce the previously circulated report. The report detailed the successful schemes that had received funds from the Operation Watershed Active Communities Fund and reminded Members that the closing date for additional applications was 31 March 2015. In addition Sue highlighted the appendices of the report as useful information and advice for Parish Councils and residents.

81. The Chairman welcomed Kevin Macknay from West Sussex County Council, Roger Spencer from Arun District Council and Joel Hufford and Kaylass Ramlagan from Southern Water. Kevin Macknay provided a powerpoint presentation (copy appended to the signed minutes) that focused on the roles and responsibility of the partner agencies involved in flood risk management and highlighted the local Flood Action Groups.

81. Following the presentation a number of questions were raised and answers provided as follows:

- It was confirmed that West Sussex Highways do have a register of gullies on the Highway. OS mapping was also used as is information held by the District Councils. Maps and records are constantly being updated.
- Southern Water confirmed that they do have an input in to the planning process and also retain detailed maps of assets. However at present Southern Water is not statutory consultee on individual planning applications.
- Kevin Macknay confirmed that the Environment Agency would become involved if risk from river or sea and West Sussex County Council for surface water and drainage. At present they are not statutory consultee on planning applications but this was likely to change soon.
- Regarding works at Hammerport Kevin Macknay confirmed that he was still awaiting confirmation from the Highways Agency as to when the planned works would be undertaken. He explained that the planned work by West Sussex County Council could not take place until after the work by the Highways Agency.
- The Chairman encouraged communities to be responsible for their own ditches. Kevin Macknay highlighted the successful work that had been undertaken with the District Council to work with communities and make them aware of their responsibilities and if necessary take action to resolve issues.

82. Southern Water also provided Members with an update on works in the area (copy appended to the signed minutes).

### **Highways and Transport Sub Group**

83. The Chairman of the Highways and Transport Sub Group, Dr Walsh, provided a brief summary of the last meeting of the Highways and Transport Sub Group:

- The update on the A259 had been delayed as the Goring roundabout was being considered in the scheme. It was expected that JEAAC would have an update in June or July followed by public engagement.
- East Preston Parish Council had funded a survey on the Roundstone Level Crossing. The Parish Council was currently undertaking a public consultation with local residents. Following this it was expected that the Parish Council will submit it to the H&T Sub group for consideration. The A259 Project Manager was aware of the recommendations in the report.
- Members stated that they hoped the timescales of the A259 plans would coordinate with the new Lyminster Bypass junction.
- Pier Road was due to open to traffic on Friday.

### **Community Initiative Funding**

84. 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.

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

495/JEAAC, The Hanover Band Foundation, £261.43 to purchase musical instruments to lend to children.

519/JEAAC, Littlehampton Food Bank, £1,000.00 towards the costs of hiring a storage container

526/JEAAC, Arun Youth Aqua Centre, £2,800.00 towards the costs of purchasing two outboard engines

527/JEAAC, Mewsbrook Park Community Support group, £500 towards the costs of playranger fees and to replace rocks in the rockery.

529/JEAAC, Littlehampton Organisation of Contemporary Art (LOCA) £2,000.00. toward costs associated with the "Love Festival" to be held in July 2015

553/JEAAC, Coastal West Sussex MIND, £1635 to purchase laptops

557/JEAAC, Littlehampton Civic Society, £950.00 to produce a local magazine

612/JEAAC, Angmering Community Centre Code Club, £2,000.00 to purchase 13 laptops

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

86. 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.

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

- Mr SC Mountain to Cornfield School for a four year term.

### **Items for future meetings.**

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

- A259 update/consultants presentations
- Prevention and Wellbeing grant Applications – June 2015
- WSCC Cycling Strategy

### **Date of next meeting**

89. The Chairman reminded Members that the next meeting of the Committee would be held on 30 June 2015 at the The John De Bohun Room, The Woodland Centre, Rustington. This was a change to the previously advertised date on 2 June 2015. Members wishing to place an item on the agenda should notify Monique Smart via e-mail: [Monique.smart@westsussex.gov.uk](mailto:Monique.smart@westsussex.gov.uk) or on 033022022540.

90. The Chairman reminded Members that the Chairmanship of JEAAC would rotate at the next meeting and a Parish Councillor will become Chairman with a County Councillor as Vice Chairman. Any appointed Parish Councillor can put themselves forward.

91. The Chairman also thanked the Vice Chairman and Officers for their support during his Chairmanship.

The meeting closed at 8.20pm

Chairman