

Joint Western Arun Area Committee

31 October 2018 – At a meeting of the Committee at 7.00 pm held at Main Hall, The Regis School, Westloats Lane, Bognor Regis, PO21 5LH.

Present:

Mr Edwards (Chairman) (Bersted;), Ms Flynn (Felpham;), Mrs Hall (Nyetimber;), Mr Patel (Bognor Regis West & Aldwick;), Mrs Pendleton (Middleton;), Mr Dingemans, Mrs Richardson, Mr Knight, Mr Cunard, Mrs Wild, Mr Pickthall and Clark

Apologies were received from Mr Whittington (Fontwell;), Mr Bence, Mrs Bence, Mr Brown, Mr Charles and Mr English

14. Welcome

14.1 The Chairman welcomed members of the public to the meeting and asked Committee Member and Officers to introduce themselves.

15. Declarations of Interest

15.1 There were no Declarations of Interest from members present.

16. Presentation: Refill Scheme

16.1 The Minutes of the last meeting of the Joint Western Arun Area Committee held on 13 June 2018 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

17. Urgent Matters

17.1 There were none.

18. Progress Statement

18.1 The Committee noted the progress statement.

19. Presentation: Your Energy Sussex

19.1 The presentation was deferred to the next meeting.

20. Presentation: Refill Scheme

20.1 The Committee received a presentation from Catherine Cannon, Team Leader for Sustainability, on the West Sussex Refill Scheme.

20.2 The presentation included details on the following:

- The aims of the scheme were to promote healthy living of residents by promoting more water drinking and reducing pollution through the re-use of water bottles.
- The scheme looked to have water refill points across the County in community building and private businesses.
- The project could potentially have a positive impact on the economy by increasing footfall for Local Businesses.

20.3 The Committee were asked to support the project by promoting it in local communities. The Committee gave thanks for the presentation.

21. **'Talk With Us' - Public Question Time (15 Minutes)**

21.1 The Chairman invited Members of the public to ask questions on matters that did not appear on the Agenda. In response to the questions the following was advised:

22.2 JWAC could be used as a forum for all tiers of government to work together to provide services for young people including youth clubs and youth projects. It was advised that the Integrated Prevention and Earliest Help (IPEH) team could be invited to a future meeting of JWAAC to provide information on services available to residents.

22.3 A resident asked if a manhole cover in Old Rectory Road could be repaired as it had been damaged for a lengthy period of time. Ben Whiffin advised he would investigate whose responsibility the man hole cover was and respond accordingly.

22.4 A concerned resident advised that there was no street lighting on footpaths in Old Rectory Gardens, which was causing a potential danger to local residents. It was asked if something could be done to rectify this. Jackie Follis, head of Policy Arun District Council, advised she would investigate and provide a written response to the resident directly.

22.5 A resident of Bersted Park and Willows Edge raised concerns over issues of dangerous parking on the main road in the area. It was advised that this was an ongoing issue and requested that a TRO be investigate to alleviated the potential danger to the area. The Highways Manager advised that the road in question was at the time an unadopted highway. It was also advised that in order to meet the national standard the road needed recovery works. Once this had been completed a TRO including Double Yellow Lines could be implemented.

22. **Community Policing Update**

22.1 The Chairman invited acting Inspector Danny West to the meeting who provided an update on neighbourhood policing in the JWAAC area. The Committee were invited to raise comments, concerns and questions. Following these the following was advised:

22.2 There had been an increase recruitment for the Prevention team across West Sussex, allowing for better public service delivery with more

work being completed.

22.3 Chichester Custody Centre would be closing, however a review of the impact showed that this would cause very limited impact to service provision in the locality.

22.4 Due to increase in service levels a total of 26 interventions had taken place in the JWAC area over a period of 16 days in December.

22.5 The following were known issues in the area with key focus from the service provider:

- County wide drug dealing and 'cuckooing'
- Anti-social behaviour in town centre
- Aggressive begging in town centres.

22.6 The crime statistics provided to the committee showed several general trends including:

- Overall reduction in anti social behaviour
- Reduction in domestic burglary
- Reduction in grand theft auto
- Overall increase in violent crime, potentially related to an increase in the reporting of domestic violence/abuse.

22.7 In response to questions raised by members of the committee the following was advised:

- Increases in car theft to localities was not directly explainable, however this could be linked to valuable items being left on display.
- An increase in domestic abuse/violence statistics is believed to be because reporting is higher, not because there are more incidents

23. **Community Initiative Funding**

23.1 The Committee considered a report by the Director of Law and Assurance which sought a decision from the County Council Members of the Committee on applications received under the Community Initiative Funding Scheme.

23.2 The Committee discussed each project separately on its respective merits for which funding was sought. The committee indicative support or otherwise for each application.

23.3 It was RESOLVED that the County Councillors of the Committee allocated Community Initiative Funding as follows:

263/JWAAC – Sussex Cubs for Young People Ltd, CREATE a positive future in Bognor, up to £3,000 – Towards the cost of youth work training courses for adult volunteers.

And

Deferred the following application as it had not begun fundraising and the Committee Members required more information regarding the project prior to making a decision:

262/JWAAC – HFT Sussex: Inclusive Music festival.

24. **Highways and Transport Subgroup**

24.1 The Chairman referred Members to the Minutes of the last meeting of the Highways and Transport subgroup (copy attached to signed minutes).

24.2 The Committee were asked to note the recommendations included in the Minutes, including a recommendation on Prioritisation of Traffic Regulation Orders and Felpham, Summerly Lane Mini Roundabout and consider these recommendations under the appropriate agenda item.

24.3 The Committee noted the minutes.

25. **Community Highways Schemes**

25.1 The Committee considered a written report from the Director of Highways and Transport and were asked to note the update included.

25.2 The Committee thanked officers for the informative update and were happy to note the content.

26. **Prioritisation of Traffic Regulation Orders**

26.1 The Committee considered the written report from the Director of Highways and Transport and Head of Highways Operations and the Traffic Regulation Orders set out in appendix A of the report.

26.2 In response to questions from the Committee the Highways Manager gave background as to how each Traffic Regulation Order was scored and how points were accredited.

26.2 it was RESOLVED that the County Council Members of the Joint Western Arun Area Committee agreed to progress the highest two approved Traffic Regulation Orders which should be completed as a priority:

- Nyewood Lane, Bognor Regis and
- Elmer Road, Middleton-on-Sea,

27. **Felpham, Summerley Lane Mini Roundabout and relocation of controlled crossing - objections arising from advertisement of the traffic regulation order (TRO)**

27.1 The Committee considered a written report from the Executive Director Economy, Infrastructure & Environment and Director of Highways & Transport, and the recommendation to approve the scheme.

27.2 The Committee also considered the recommendation from the Highways and Transport Subgroup to endorse the scheme.

27.3 In response to questions from Members it was advised that, if approved, the project would be implemented as early as the 2019 Financial Year.

27.4 Some concern was raised over the necessity of the Traffic Regulation Order, however the majority of Members were in favour of the scheme in the interest of safety of the local residents and road users.

27.5 It was therefore RESOLVED that the County Council Members of the Committee, having considered the responses to the formal consultation on the Felpham, Summerley Lane Roundabout Traffic Regulation Order, authorise the Director of Law and Assurance to make the order as advertised and the Director of Highways and Transport to install the scheme.

28. **Authority School Governors**

28.1 The Committee noted the vacancies for Local Authority School Governors as set out in appendix B of the report.

29. **Items raised by Parish and Town Councils**

29.1 The Chairman invited Members of the Parish and Town Councils to ask questions of Officers Present.

29.2 In response to questions it was advised that the building and installation of new pedestrian pavements could be achieved through the use of Section 106 funding and could be implemented as part of Planning Conditions associated with new developments.

30. **Future Agenda Items**

30.1 The Chairman reminded Members of the Committee to forward any items for future meetings to Democratic Services if they wished for them to be discussed.

31. **Date of Next Meeting**

31.1 The Chairman confirmed that the next meeting of the Committee was scheduled for the 6 February 2019 at 7pm at the Regis School in Bognor Regis.

Chairman

The meeting closed at 8.25 pm