

## **South Chichester County Local Committee**

18 June 2019 – At a meeting of the Committee at 7.00 pm held at Committee Room 3, County Hall, Chichester, PO19 1RQ.

Present:

Mr S J Oakley (Chairman) (Chichester East;), Mrs Purnell (Selsey;), Mr Fitzjohn (Chichester South;), Ms Goldsmith (Chichester West;), Mr Hunt (Chichester North;), Mr Montyn (The Witterings;) and Mr Parikh (Bourne;)

Also in attendance:

Officers in attendance: Jenna Barnard (Democratic Services Officer), Chris Dye (Area Highways Manager), Peter Lawrence (Partnerships Area Manager (South)), Nick Burrell (Senior Advisory (CLCs/Local Member Working)) and Miles Davey (Parking Manager)

### **1. Welcome and Introductions**

1.1 The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting. Members and Officers introduced themselves.

### **2. Election of Chairman and Vice Chairman**

2.1 Resolved – That:

- Mr Oakley is elected as Chairman of the South Chichester County Local Committee for the 2019/20 municipal year.

- Mrs Purnell is elected as Vice-Chairman of the South Chichester County Local Committee for the 2019/20 municipal year.

### **3. Declarations of Interest**

3.1 None declared.

3.2 Members noted the list of their relevant interests on the agenda.

### **4. Minutes**

4.1 Resolved – that the minutes of the meeting held on 5 February 2019 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

### **5. Urgent Matters**

5.1 Further to the current CLC review that is taking place, members agreed to take 5 minutes to discuss their collective views, the format and purpose of CLC and different options for the future.

- The main points that came from this were:
  - The meetings should remain but the format, regularity and style of

these could change from meeting to meeting.

- The meetings are a very important tool for the public to be heard, but to also hear what is going on in the local area and a way of keeping up with what is going on in the council.
- One member felt that perhaps community forums alone would be better
- Meetings could be set on a themed or 'hot topic' basis only
- Could something smaller or more regular be done with Parish Council representatives
- A member of the public pointed out what a great turn out these meetings have and it would be a great disappointment to lose them

## 6. **Progress Statement**

6.1 The Committee considered the progress statement on matters arising from previous meetings (copy appended to the signed minutes).

6.2 The Chairman introduced the report which gave updates on issues raised at the 5 February meeting.

6.3 Resolved – That the Committee notes the progress statement.

## 7. **Road Space Audit**

7.1 Miles Davy, Parking Manager, gave a presentation to the Committee on the outcome of the residents survey in relation to the Proposed Parking Management Plan for Chichester as part of the Road Space Audit (copy appended to the signed minutes).

## 8. **Highway Works Programme**

8.1 Chris Dye gave the South Chichester County Local Committee an overview of the current and on-going highway related works, maintenance and improvements that are taking place on the highway network.

## 9. **Talk With Us Open Forum**

9.1 The Chairman introduced the item and advised that the open forum was an opportunity for comments and questions to be raised on items not already on the agenda, and over which the County Council has jurisdiction.

9.2 The following issues were raised and the Chairman explained that, in view of their number and length, he would be giving an outline of the questions asked and then get Officers or Members responses and comments due to time constraints, and that the full question text would be published as appended to the Minutes.

- Mr Bob Marson attended to ask the committee a question regarding the effectiveness of the West Sussex County Council Inter-Authority Air Quality Plan. *The Committee agreed that this would be a question for the cabinet Member and would follow this up for Mr Marson for a response.*

- Mrs B Teasdale attended to present the committee with a petition regarding the installation of a crossing at St Paul's Road. The Petition contained 492 signatures and had only been placed in the local chemist. *The local member stated that she was grateful to Mrs Teasdale that she had brought the petition in and will continue to support the issue through a Community Highways Scheme Application.*
- Mrs Mary Iden attended to ask the committee/highways a question regarding the cutting of verges and the regularity of the bus out to the Weald and Downland Museum. *Chris Dye agreed to get full written responses to her at a later time.*
- Mr P Maber attended to ask the committee about the commitment to the cycle link particularly from West Gate to the Chichester Town centre as this is currently unsuitable and a safety issue and will only increase with the Whitehouse Farm Development. *The local member confirmed that she has been in West of Chichester Infrastructure Steering Group meetings and this route, starting from Fishbourne is being discussed.*
- Mr Roy Briscoe attended to ask a question regarding some Traffic Lights in Westbourne which have been causing some issues and concerns with local businesses and residents. *Chris Dye confirmed that the local works management company are trying to minimise the disruption and the works, but Chris will follow this up to see why there were no notifications out.*
- Mrs Sarah Sharp attended to ask a question regarding the repairing of pavements in Chichester City Centre. *Chris confirmed that Highways are doing all they can for the repairs with monthly assessments taking place. The local member invited members of other authorities to meet with him to work collaboratively to find a solution to a longer-term resolution.*
- Mrs Ann Stewart attended to ask the committee about West Sussex County Council's commitment to climate change. *The committee assured her that they are fully committed to mitigating climate change and fully accept that something needs to be done to make the differences needed.*
- Mr Jason Kirk attended the meeting to ask the committee what can be done about the parking situation in Lake Road. *The local member confirmed that as part of the review of the Parking Management Plan, Officers would look at extending the double yellow lines into Lake Road, although this would require the permission of the land owner as this is a private road.*
- Mr Tupper attended to alert the committee to the availability of the Passenger Benefit Fund. *The Chairman confirmed that the committee would follow this up with the Cabinet Member urgently.*
- A representative from King George Gardens Residence Association to ask about the time scales of a recent successful TRO. *Chris Dye assured them that the TRO is in the system, it is currently with legal and their deadline is March 2020.*

## 10. **Community Initiative Funding (SC01(19/20))**

10.1 The Committee considered a report by the Director of Law and Assurance (copy appended to the signed minutes).

10.2 Resolved -

(a) That the following award be made:

345/SC - Building a Legacy for our Community (St Paul's Church & Parish Centre), up to £1,750.00, towards upgrading disability access and improving the reception area's insulation.

(b) That the following application be declined:

359/SC - Reaching out through sculpture (Sussex Arts Academy), up to £3,799.00, towards the creation of a community sculpture garden. The Committee declined application as the project showed little overall community benefit as there was limited and unclear public access or wider public utility. This is due to the project being contained within a school, which is also State funded. It therefore did not fit with CIF criteria.

#### **11. Allocation of the Community Initiative Fund**

11.1 The Committee considered the report by the Director of Law and Assurance (copy appended to the signed minutes).

11.2 Resolved – That the Committee notes the report.

#### **12. Nominations for Local Authority Governors to Maintained Schools and Academy Governing Bodies (SC02(19/20))**

12.1 The Committee considered a report by the Director of Education and Skills (copy appended to the signed minutes).

12.2 Resolved – that the following nomination(s) for appointment & reappointment under the 2012 Regulations be approved:

- Mr Stuart Blunden to Sidlesham Primary School for a four-year term
- Mr Donald Fowler-Watt to Bourne Community College for a four-year term.

#### **13. Items for Future Meetings**

13.1 The Chairman referred the members to the list of items that were proposed for the next meeting.

#### **14. Report of Urgent Action**

14.1 The Committee noted that the Director of Law and Assurance, in consultation with the Chairman of the South Chichester County Local Committee and the Chairman of the Performance and Finance Select Committee, has used his delegated powers under Standing Order 3.45 to make and advertise the Experimental Traffic Regulation Orders in West Wittering for a maximum period of 18 months.

**15. Date of Next Meeting**

15.1 The Committee noted that the next meeting would take place on Tuesday 5 November 2019 in Committee Room 3 at County Hall, Chichester.

Chairman

The meeting closed at 9.10 pm