

Joint Western Arun Area Committee

27 November 2019 – At a meeting of the Committee at 7.00 pm held at The Regis School (Main Hall), Westloats Lane, Bognor Regis, PO21 5LH.

Present:

Mr Edwards (Chairman) (Bersted;), Ms Flynn (Felpham;), Mrs Hall (Nyetimber;), Mr Oppler (Bognor Regis East;), Mr Patel (Bognor Regis West & Aldwick;), Mrs Pendleton (Middleton;), Mr Whittington (Fontwell;), Mr Coster, Mr Charles, Mr English, Mrs Hamilton, Mrs Haywood, Mr Lury, Mr Stanley, Mrs Worne, Mr Beaton, Mrs Richardson, Mr Robinson, Mr Knight, Mr Goodheart and Mr Humphris

17. Welcome

17.1 The Chairman welcomed members of the public and the Committee to the meeting and asked officers and members to introduce themselves.

18. Declarations of Interest

18.1 There were none.

19. Minutes

19.1 RESOLVED That the minutes of the last meeting held on 19 June 2019 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

20. Urgent Matters

20.1 There were none.

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

21.1 The Chairman invited members of the public to address the committee and ask questions on matters not already on the agenda. In response to questions the following information was provided.

21.2 Willows edge – The area Highways manager advised that this part of the highway was not an adopted highway. If it was adopted a safety audit would be completed.

21.3 Comments and concerns were raised over Council expenditure of £400,000 spent for the annual staff conference and the separate purchase of a drone located at County Hall. It was asked if Parish Councils were expected to pay for these. It was advised they were not.

22. Community Policing Update

22.1 A written update was provided to the committee as police representatives were unable to attend on the evening. It was noted that there had been an average of 10% increase in crime rates across the area.

22.2 Members also noted that Aldwick East & West Should be separated and Felpham should be listed as two separate wards. Members were encouraged to provide written questions ahead of the meeting to Democratic Services if they had any in depth questions to ask.

23. **Bognor Regis to Littlehampton - A259 - Feasibility study**

23.1 The Area Highways Manager provided an update to the Committee on the Bognor Regis Feasibility study on the A259. It was commented that it was very important for all tiers of Government to be involved in the study and the County Council would accept comments and questions from them regarding the study.

23.2 It was requested that an item be put forward to the H7T Subgroup on the matter to be discussed, to then be forwarded to the Joint area committee at a later date.

24. **Highways and Transport Subgroup notes**

24.1 The Committee received the written notes from the Highways and transport sub group and considered the recommendations included under the relevant agenda item.

25. **Traffic Regulation Order Prioritising (WA03(19/20))**

25.1 The Committee considered the written report by the Director of Highways and Transport and Head of Highways Operations and the recommendation from the Highways and Transport Subgroup.

25.2 The Committee reviewed the Traffic Regulation Order included in the report at Appendix A and RESOLVED that the following Traffic Regulation Order be progressed as a priority:

- M3004802 – Westlands Lane – Request for junction protection

The call in deadline for this decision is 5 December 2019.

26. **Community Initiative Funding (WA04(19/20))**

26.1 The Committee considered the written report from the Director of Law and Assurance. The Committee considered each application individually and on its merits. The County Council Members of the Committee RESOLVED that the following pledges be **approved**:

- a) 402/JWAAC – EcoSwap, 'EcoSwap community workshops', up to **£1,000**– towards delivering inter-generational workshops teaching residents sustainable skills through making, mending and re-purposing.

The following application be **deferred**:

- b) 416/JWAAC – Bognor Regis Baptist Church, 'Bognor Church toilet facilities' – to allow evidence of community support.

the following applications to be **rejected**:

- c) 445/JWAAC – Frame of Mind CIC, 'Picturing a brighter future' – as there was no evidence of member support or engagement
- d) 446/JWAAC – Radio Respect CIC, 'Radio Respect dedicated to mental health' – as there was no evidence of member support or engagement.

the following Microfund applications be **approved**:

- e) 447/JWAAC – Men's Shed Allotments, 'Bognor Regis Men's Shed', **£749.42** - towards purchasing eight wooden potting sheds and other materials for the group's two double allotment plots at Chichester Road Allotment site.
- f) 448/JWAAC – Regis Primary Care Network Community Board, 'Bognor Health & Wellbeing Fun Day', **£725.00** – towards the cost of event marketing and publicity plus hiring four community music groups.

And the following Microfund application be **rejected**.

- g) 457/JWAAC – Making Theatre Gaining Skills CIF, 'Sound equipment for Bognor Institute of Laughter' - as there was no evidence of member support or engagement.

The call in deadline for this decision is 5 December 2019.

27. **Authority School Governors (WA05(19/20))**

27.1 The Committee considered the written report from the Director of Education and Skills and the recommendation included in the report. It was RESOLVED that the following Nomination for Local Authority Governor reappointment be approved:

Mrs Hedda Wells to Eastergate C.E Primary School for a further four year term.

The call in deadline for this decision is 5 December 2019.

28. **Appointment of Highways and Transport subgroup Chairman**

28.1 The Committee were notified that the previous Chairman of the H&T subgroup had resigned and a new Chairman would need to be appointed from County Members for the remainder of the year.

28.2 It was RESOLVED that Cllr Ashvin Patel be appointed as Chairman of the Highways and Transport Subgroup.

29. **Bersted: Elbridge Avenue Proposed Parking Restrictions (WA06(19/20))**

29.1 The Committee received a written report by the Director of Highways and Transport and the recommendation from the Highways and Transport Subgroup.

29.2 The Committee considered the order and the views raised by members of the committee. The County Council Members of the Committee RESOLVED that:

29.3 Having considered the objections to the proposal, the County Council Members authorise the Director of Law and Assurance to make the order as advertised and for the proposed restrictions to be implemented.

The call in deadline for this decision is 5 December 2019.

30. **Date of Next Meeting**

30.1 It was confirmed that the next meeting of the Joint Western Arun area Committee would take place on the 11 March 2020 at the Regis School in Bognor Regis, starting from 7pm.

Chairman

The meeting closed at 8.43 pm