

Crawley County Local Committee

21 November 2019 – At a meeting of the Committee held at 7.00 pm at Crawley Library (Longley Room), Southgate Avenue, Crawley, RH10 6HG.

Present:

Mrs Burgess (Three Bridges), Mr Burrett (Pound Hill), Mr Crow (Tilgate & Furnace Green), Mr Jones (Southgate & Gossops Green), Mr Lanzer (Maidenbower & Worth), Mr Oxlade (Bewbush & Ifield West), Mr Quinn (Broadfield) and Ms Sudan (Northgate & West Green)

Apologies were received from Mrs Smith (Langley Green & Ifield East)

14. Welcome and Introductions

14.1 The Vice-Chairman welcomed the public, officers and members of the Committee to the meeting. The Vice-Chairman asked officers and Members to introduce themselves. The Chairman, Mrs Brenda Smith, had tendered her apologies.

15. Declarations of Interest

15.1 There were none.

16. Minutes

16.1 RESOLVED that the minutes of the last meeting were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

17. Urgent Matters

17.1 There were none.

18. Talk With Us Open Forum

18.1 The Vice-Chairman invited members of the public to ask questions of the Committee relating to business not already on the agenda for discussion. In relation to the questions asked the following information was provided:

18.2 Parking on grass verges in the Borough is not a criminal offence, however any obstructions should be reported to the Police. Central Government has recently been discussing the possibility of changes in the law regarding inappropriate parking, as this issue is a national one.

18.3 A Public Space Protection Order would be the responsibility of the Borough Council to investigate and impose.

18.4 The County Council would only investigate and deal with weeds on the highway/footpaths if they had the potential to become a safety hazard or were causing structural issues. The public were encouraged to deal with any nuisance weeds themselves within their communities.

18.5 Members of the public are welcome to approach the County Council if they wish for accessible parking bays to be installed in their local areas.

18.6 The new gritting scheme that was to be imposed throughout the winter months was in line with the national average standards and would still afford high levels of safety for residents.

19. Highways Progress Statement

19.1 The Vice-Chairman invited the Area Highways Manager to introduce the update to the Committee. The Area Highways Manager gave a summary of the information included in the Progress Statement.

19.2 Members of the public raised concerns over the Manor Royal Parking Management Plan – however it was understood that this was a separate issue to the Road Space Audit included in the update. The Committee requested that the Head of Highways be invited to attend a future meeting to answer questions.

20. Presentation - Highways: Improving Local Places and Spaces

20.1 The Area Highways Manager was invited to address the Committee and deliver a presentation on the County Council's new initiative "Improving Local Places and Spaces".

20.2 The presentation gave details of how the public were to be encouraged and empowered to maintain local areas in their communities with support from the County Council.

20.3 The Committee thanked the Area Highways Manager for the informative update.

21. Appointment - Gatwick Greenspace Partnership

21.1 The Committee considered the appointment of two Members to the Gatwick Greenspace Partnership.

21.2 It was RESOLVED that the following appointments be made:

Richard Burrett and Karen Sudan as Members of the Gatwick Greenspace Partnership.

21.3 It was agreed that Members would receive a report from the appointed Councillors at future meetings on the work of the Partnership.

22. Traffic Regulation Order: Matthews Drive (C02(19/20))

22.1 The Committee considered the written report from the Executive Director for Place and Director of Highways, Transport and Planning and the recommendation included.

22.2 After considering the Traffic Regulation Order it was RESOLVED that:

the Crawley County Local Committee, having considered the responses to the formal consultation, authorises the Director of Law and Assurance to make the Order as advertised and the Director of Highways, Transport and Planning to install the scheme.

The call-in deadline for this decision is 29 November 2019.

23. **Traffic Regulation Order Prioritisation (C03(19/20))**

23.1 The Committee considered the written report from the Director of Highways, Transport and Planning and Head of Highways Operations containing the recommendation to progress the three highest scoring Traffic Regulation Orders.

23.2 To avoid any conflicts with the potential implementation of the Crawley Parking Management Plan (PMP) the Crawley CLC selected the TROs that were considered to address safety concerns rather than the highest scoring TROs from the list attached at Appendix A of the report:

1. M3007997 - Dobson Road, DYL protection. Busy residential area with lots of parking issues near Manor Royal.
2. M3000397 – Langley Drive, DYL protection. Busy residential area with lots of parking issues near Manor Royal.
3. M3004929 – Sandringham Road, DYL protection. Busy residential area near school with lots of parking issues.

The call-in deadline for this decision is 29 November.

24. **Crawley Community Initiative Funding (C04(19/20))**

24.1 The Committee considered Community Initiative Funding applications that had been received via the West Sussex Crowd, as set out in Appendix A of the report.

24.2 The Committee considered each application on its merits and it was RESOLVED that the following pledges be approved:

- 420/C – Nicky's WorkShop, 'Where warriors are made', up to **£1,000** – towards purchasing a van and mobile equipment to deliver gymnastics workshops to school pupils across Crawley, **subject to** the project reaching 50% of its crowdfunding total before the end of the financial year.

<https://www.spacehive.com/where-warriors-are-made>.

- 426/C – Crawley Youth Centre, 'Outdoor basketball court', up to **£1,000** – towards refurbishing the Youth Centre's basketball court for use by local clubs and the wider community.

<https://www.spacehive.com/outdoor-basketball-court>.

It was also RESOLVED that the following Micro Fund applications be awarded:

- 427/C – Rivers LPC, 'Rivers' women's sewing project', **£501.10** – towards purchasing sewing machinery and equipment in order to teach new skills through training workshops.
- 428/C – Talk Broadfield, 'Love where you live, love Broadfield', **£730.00** – towards the production of posters and leaflets to support a national campaign at local level – 'Keep Britain Clean'.
- 438/C – Crawley Run Crew, 'Run Safe', **£748** – towards the cost of emergency ID trainer tags for members and a print-run for 500 promotional flyers.
- 439/C – Gurjar Hindu Union (GHU), 'Bollywood in the community', **£748.75** – towards purchasing 25 children's Bollywood dance costumes plus publicity, transport and refreshment costs for performances in the community.
- 440/C – Malaika and MOSS Group (Multicultural Organic Shambas Society), 'Acquiring audio/visual facility', **£138** – towards purchasing gardening materials for communal allotment activities.

The call-in deadline for this decision is 29 November 2019.

25. **Nominations for Local Authority Governors to Maintained Schools and Academy Governing Bodies (C05(19/20))**

25.1 The Committee considered the written report from the Director of Education and Skills and the recommendation that the nomination for appointment of a Local Authority Governor, as set out in Appendix A of the report, be approved.

25.2 It was RESOLVED that the following nomination be approved:

- Dawn Martin to the Waterfield Primary School for a four-year term.

The call-in deadline for this decision is 29 November 2019.

26. **Date of Next Meeting**

26.1 It was confirmed that the next meeting of the Crawley County Local Committee would take place on 25 February 2020 at 7pm at Crawley Library.

Chairman

The meeting closed at 8.40 pm.