

## **Joint Eastern Arun Area Committee**

19 June 2018 – At a meeting of the Committee at 7.00 pm held at The Millennium Chamber, Littlehampton Town Council.

Present:

Mrs Urquhart (Angmering & Findon;), Mr Buckland (Littlehampton Town;), Mr Elkins (East Preston & Ferring;), Mr Markwell (Arundel & Courtwick;), Mr Purchase (Rustington;) and Dr Walsh (Littlehampton East;)

Arun District Council: Cllrs Terence Chapman, Andy Cooper, Paul Bicknell (as substitute), Emma Neno and Robert Wheal.

Parish and Town Councils: Cllrs Marsh (Angmering), Allen (Clapham), Toney (East Preston), Mrs Walker (Kingston), Blanchard-Cooper (Littlehampton) and Bennett (Rustington)

Apologies were received from: Cllrs John Oldfield (Angmering), Carol Robertson (Ferring), Tracey Frampton (Lyminster & Crossbush), Roger Elkins (WSCC), Colin Cates (ADC), Colin Oliver-Redgate (ADC)

Absent: Gary Markwell (WSCC), Cllr Challen (Burpham), Cllr Carr (Findon), Cllr Looker (Houghton) Cllr Curtis (Poling), Cllr Haydon (South Stoke) and Cllr Brown (Warningcamp)

Officers in attendance: Jack Caine, Democratic Services Officer (WSCC), Nick Burrell, Senior Adviser (WSCC), Tracey Light, Principal Community Officer (WSCC) and Jackie Follis, Head of Policy (ADC)

### **1. Welcome**

1.1 The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

### **2. Appointments**

2.1 It was RESOLVED that:

2.2 Mr Jamie Bennett be appointed as Chairman of the Joint Eastern Arun Area Committee (JEAAC) for the municipal year 2018/19.

2.3 Mrs Deborah Urquhart be appointed as Vice Chairman for JEAAC and Chairman of the Eastern Arun County Local Committee (CLC) and lead County Councillor for JEAAC for the municipal year 2018/19.

2.4 Dr James Walsh be appointed as Chairman for the JEAAC Highways and Transport Sub Group for the municipal year 2018/19.

2.5 The membership of the Community Initiative Funding (CIF) Sub Group for the municipal year 2018/19 be as follows:

Mrs Urquhart (WSCC)  
Cllr Mrs Neno (ADC)  
Cllr Mrs Geraldine Walker (Kingston PC)

2.6 Cllr Mrs Walker be appointed as the main JEAAC representative on the Arun Conservation Area Advisory Committee with Cllr Mr Steve Toney as substitute.

2.7 It was also noted that Cllr Terry Chapman had been appointed as Lead Member for Arun District Council (ADC) by the Leader of ADC.

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

3.1 There were none.

### **4. Minutes**

4.1 RESOLVED that the minutes of the Joint Eastern Arun Area Committee held on the 6<sup>th</sup> March 2018 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

### **5. Urgent Matter**

5.1 There were none.

### **6. Progress Statement**

6.1 The Progress Statement was noted.

### **7. 'Talk with us' - Public Questions**

7.1 The Chairman invited questions from members of the public. A number of issues were raised including the following:

7.2 Following the response from Angmering Parish Council regarding the decision not to progress the installation of Bus Shelters on Station Road, a member of the public asked if anything further could be done. It was advised that there were community groups that may build these shelters for no cost.

7.3 The Committee expressed sadness over the decision not to fund bus shelters and requested that Angmering Parish Council reconsider. It was commented that funding could come from Section 106 funds or CIL.

7.4 The Committee suggested that Men in Sheds could be approached regarding the construction of these bus shelters, if funding can be acquired.

### **8. Community Police Issues**

8.1 The Committee welcomed Sergeant Price to the meeting who provided an update on neighbourhood policing in the JEEAC area.

- There was a focus on high visibility patrols in the locality in response to a rise in anti-social behaviour.
- The enforcement of bail conditions and curfews had assisted with intervention work. There was a reluctance to criminalise youths, so it was important to intervene positively where possible.
- There was a focus curtailing a rise in 'Cuckooing' in the local area. A Criminal Social Phenomenon which targeted vulnerable members of the community.

8.2 In response to questions from the Committee it was advised that:

- West Sussex Police were in the process of recruiting 74 additional officers which would increase the levels of visibility to the public.
- With regard to individuals drinking alcohol in public under the age of 18, Officers would confiscate any alcohol and refer the individual to the Youth Intervention Team. If the individual is over the age of eighteen there would only be intervention if they were either; Drunk and Disorderly; Drunk and Incapable; or Breaching the Peace.
- If a Public Space Protection Order was in place, drinking alcohol in public would be a police matter.
- Sergeant Price would request East Preston and Kingston be listed as separate localities on the crime statistics report.

## 9. **Sussex Community Housing Hub**

9.1 The Chairman welcomed Graham Maunders, Community Led Housing Adviser, to the meeting. The Committee received a presentation on the Sussex Community Housing Hub which included details of the following:

- Sussex Community Housing Led examples including Community Land Trusts, Co-housing projects and Community Self Build.
- The Sussex Community Housing Hub – a new enabling service run by the charity Action in Rural Sussex.
- Key defining features of Community Land Trusts (CLT) and how they are set up and operate.
- Information regarding Keswick CLT, Angmering CLT and Lyvennet CLT.

## 10. **Community Armed Forces Covenant - An Integrated Approach**

10.1 The Chairman welcomed Sally Manning, Community Officer (WSCC), to the meeting who provided a verbal update on the Armed Forces Covenant giving an overview of progress to date and background on the work ongoing.

10.2 It was advised that work across the South Coast had been considered inconsistent so funding had been acquired to deliver training for all tiers of local government on the Covenant. Service Champion training had also been scheduled. Members of the Committee were asked to attend training where possible.

10.3 Cllr Terry Chapman was invited to address the committee. Cllr Chapman advised that information from the Royal British Legion outlined that the West Sussex area had the youngest demographic of ex service people nationally and that Local Government had a responsibility to provide help and support to these individuals.

10.4 Cllr Chapman provided an overview of the work done by ADC to assist veterans in the local area, including housing, community support and liaising with the Royal British Legion. It was commented that it was important to employ an integrated approach across Local Government to supporting these veterans.

10.5 Cllr Buckland commented that an integrated approach across WSCC Charities would also be beneficial and would investigate initiatives to assist these charities.

10.6 The Chairman thanked Sally Manning and Cllr Chapman for their informative update.

## **11. Community Initiative Fund**

11.1 Debbie Urquhart introduced the CIF application for consideration by the County Councillors. It was RESOLVED that the following pledge be made:

224/JEAAC – Revitalizing Burpham Playground, £1000, towards new playground equipment and surfacing, subject to:

- a. The project reaching 50% of the total crowdfunding target within this financial year.

## **12. Highways and Transport Sub Group**

12.1 The Chairman referred the Committee to the notes of the last meeting of the Highways and Transport (H&T) Sub Group tabled at the meeting.

12.2 The Committee considered the recommendation from the H&T Sub Group to revise their Terms of Reference, allowing for 2 representatives from Arun District Council to be appointed to the Sub Group.

12.3 It was RESOLVED that:

The terms of reference be approved and adopted, with membership of the JEAAC Highways and transport sub group as:

- All Eastern Arun County Councillors
- 1 Representative from each of the local Town and Parish Councils
- 2 Arun District Council Members.

13. **Nominations to School and Academy Governing Bodies**

13.1 The Committee considered a report by the Executive Director of Educations and Skills (copy attached to the signed minutes).

13.2 RESOLVED that the County Council Members of the Committee approved the following nominations:

Nominations for Reappointment:

Mrs Anne Prior for a further 4 year term to St John the Baptist C.E. Primary School

And

Mr Richard Dyer for a further 4 year term to Arundel C.E. Primary School

13.3 The Committee noted the vacancy at Summerlea Community Primary School.

14. **Items to be raised by Town and Parish Council representatives.**

14.1 Councillor Blanchard-Cooper proposed the following item for the next meeting:

- The multi-tiered approach to addressing youth crime and anti-social behaviour.

14.2 Cllr Blanchard-Cooper raised concern that youth crime and anti-social behaviour was a problem for the East Arun area and advised that the three tiers of local government had an important role in addressing causes and impacts in the community.

14.3 Members supported adding an item which addressed how joined up working would be of benefit to police and local authorities in tackling this issue.

15. **Items for consideration at future meetings**

15.1 The following items were agreed for consideration:

- Arun Growth Plan and Local Plan
- Arun Business Partnership

16. **Date of next meeting**

16.1 The Chairman reminded Members that the next meeting of the Committee would be held on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2018 at the White Swan Hotel, A27, Chichester Road, Arundel. Members wishing to place an item on an agenda should notify Jack Caine via email: [jack.caine@westsussex.gov.uk](mailto:jack.caine@westsussex.gov.uk) or on 0330 222 8941

Chairman

The meeting closed at 8.36 pm