

Worthing County Local Committee

27 February 2018 – At a meeting of the Committee held at 7.00pm at Elm Grove Primary School, Worthing, West Sussex

Present: Mr P High (Worthing West) (Chairman), Lt Cdr Atkins (Durrington and Salvington), Mr Oakley (Worthing East), Mr S McDonald (Northbrook), Mr R Smytherman (Tarring), Mrs E Sparkes (Vice Chairman) (Cissbury), Mr B Turner (Broadwater) and Mr S Waight (Goring).

Officers present: David Penrose (Democratic Services), Lydia Schilbach (Principal Communities Officer) and Mike Thomas (Areas Highway Manager).

Welcome and Introductions

44. The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and invited Members and Officers to introduce themselves.

Declarations of Interest

45. In accordance with the register of interests, the following declarations of personal interests were made:

- Mr Turner in respect of Item 5, as a pharmacist.
- Mr Oakley in respect of Item 9 (application 171/W) Findon Valley Residents' Association.

46. In accordance with the register of interests, the following declaration of pecuniary interests was made:

- Lt Cdr Atkins in respect of Item 9 (Application 151/W) as Manager of Heene Community Centre

Minutes

47. **Resolved:** that the minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 8 November 2017 be approved as a correct record and that they be signed by the Chairman.

Urgent Matters

48. There were no urgent matters.

Coastal Care: 'Inspiring Healthier Communities Together' – Local Community Networks.

49. The Committee received a presentation from Sarah Henley, Jeremy Mayhew and Rani Dhillon from the Coastal West Sussex Clinical Commissioning Group on the development of Local Community Networks (LCNs) in the Worthing area.

50. During the presentation, the following points were made:

- That West Sussex Coastal Care was a partnership shaped around a system-wide approach to health and wellbeing, with a shared purpose & plan focusing on preventing ill-health and promoting physical, mental and social well-being across the whole population and enabling people to self-manage their care.
- That Local Community Networks (LCNs) were the key to achieving this by enabling care to be organised and delivered around people and their needs and capabilities, a model of mobilised and activated communities, managing their own care and health and wellbeing.
- At the centre of the LCN model was the integrated Multi-Disciplinary Team with a focus on the frail and elderly population. MDTs were being developed between GPs, Sussex Community Foundation Trust (Nursing) and other partners from health, voluntary sector and Councils, to provide an integrated approach to using a holistic Care Plan approach to bring information together to manage care and support for individuals across partners – as opposed to individual services care planning separately.

51. There were four key programme areas that the new Multi-Disciplinary Teams within the CCG would involve the Primary Care and nursing providers, as well as other critical partners in. There were eight LCN's with a focus on identifying and supporting the frail and ageing people in their communities through the launch of a single care plan for people and their health professionals. This would allow professionals to work with care homes in order to reduce hospital admissions as well as working on social isolation and befriending.

Progress Statement

52. The Committee noted the progress statement (copy attached to the signed minutes). The Area Highways Manager highlighted the following matters:

- Highways England has been emailed on the 10 January to inform them about the incorrect signage on Titnore Lane. The Area Highways Manager proposed that the matter be taken off the report until there was concrete progress to report on.
- Lara Southam from A&W reported on the Adur and Worthing Growth Deal. Project Management for the Deal was being undertaken by Adur and Worthing Council. A Public Realm Board had been set up between West Sussex County Council and Adur and Worthing Borough Council. Three different options were being considered for eight areas within Worthing and a decision would be taken in April to provide additional funding for more detailed design work. Funding would be provided though both section 106 and Community Infrastructure Levy monies.
- In reply to a comment from a Member concerning the possibility of moving the bus depot to East Worthing, she went on to say that the impact of transport had been fully integrated into the proposals, and that no decision had been made regarding the bus depot.

- That it would not be possible to fund the suggestion for a West Worthing Station Underpass that had been put forward by Mr Smart, as it had been initially costed at £50m.
- That two proposals for Community Highway Schemes had been submitted and would be brought to the Committee once they had been formalised.
- A Member commented that the reduction in civil enforcement officers in Worthing meant that it was increasingly hard to police the controlled parking zone (CPZ), despite the increase in the size of the zone. There had been a high level of complaints from residents that the CPZ was not functioning properly, and that a review of the level of enforcement should take place. Of particular concern was the area outside schools.
- The Area Highway Manager said that whilst it should be possible to provide targeted areas of enforcement, but that school drop offs were hard to police.
- It was agreed that this was a problem that needed to be addressed by the Borough, and Mr Oakley and the area Highway Manager undertook to discuss it further and provide a report to the next meeting from the Borough.

53. **Resolved:** that the Progress Statement be noted.

Traffic Regulation (TRO) Update

54. The Committee considered a decision report by the Director of Highways and Transport and Head of Highways Operations, West Sussex County Council (copy appended to the signed minutes)

55. The Area Highways Manager introduced the report and explained that the Committee had one more Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) that it could agree from the list at Appendix A of the report.

56. **Resolved:** that the Committee agreed to progress the highest scoring TRO from the list attached at Appendix A: Goring Road Worthing, a one way plug to prevent unsafe movements.

“Talk With Us” Open Forum

57. The Chairman advised that the open forum was an opportunity for comments and questions to be raised on items not already on the agenda. The following issues were raised and responses made:

- A member of the public raised concerns regarding Thomas a Becket school in Worthing. The signage for the school was poorly maintained, and there was no School Crossing Patrol. A Member supported these comments and said that it had proved difficult to recruit anyone to undertake the role.
- The School Crossing Team had approached the school, parents and residents about the issues. Funding would have to be identified in order to provide a school safety zone. It was noted that this was a problem that was being experienced throughout the County.

- In reply to a question regarding potholes in Adur Avenue, the Area Highways Manager said that as these were a safety issue, all three would be filled as soon as possible.
- It was agreed that a concern about adult safeguarding regarding a client at a supported housing project in Worthing should be addressed outside the meeting.

Community Initiative Funding

58. The Committee considered a report on Community Initiative Funding by the Director of Law and Assurance (copy appended to the signed minutes).

59. The Vice Chairman reported on the decisions made at the CiF funding Sub Committee meeting. She said that it had been decided not to support application 151/W from the Heene Community Association, as the group had received a number of grants in the past. This application was also considered to be one that would suit the crowd funding model that the Council was moving toward for all grant funding.

60. It was agreed that application 104/W from the Heene Residents Association would not be approved as it was unclear as to whether the project had the requisite £10m of public liability funding.

61. Application 119/W for Home-Start Arun was not approved as it was unclear what the benefit would be to residents of Worthing. It was agreed that application 128/W from the Tarring Community Forum should not be supported as it was felt that this would be more appropriately funded through the crowd funding model. Whilst the Committee were keen to support application 129/W for Worthing Mencap, the charity had £100k in reserves and the CiF fund was oversubscribed.

62. Application 141/W towards allotment upkeep for Breathing Spaces was declined as the fund was oversubscribed and the bid did not demonstrate value for money. Application 145/W by South Downs Leisure towards cycling without age was declined as the fund was oversubscribed and the applicant was deemed to have sufficient reserves.

63. Resolved:

(a) The following awards were approved:

105/W – The Empty Plate, £2,000.00 towards training programme costs

127/W - Worthing Children’s Parade, £686.00 towards supporting the parade

146/W - Worthing Counselling Centre, £4500.00 towards improving the Counselling Centre.

154/W - Superstar Arts, £600.00 towards Resources for Worthing Carnival.

157/W - Goring Little Fishes Pre School, £4,999.00 towards a sensory zone.

171/W - Findon Valley Residents' Association, £1,200.00 towards enhancement of a community garden.

(b) The following applications were declined:

104/W -Heene Residents Association, £1,000.00 towards a community noticeboard. Declined because the notice board was on the public

highway and it was not clear that the applicant had the appropriate public liability cover.

119/W - Home-Start Arun, £362.50 towards training. Declined because it was unclear what the benefit to residents of Worthing would be.

128/W - Tarring Community Forum, £2,000.00 towards distribution of safety consultation. The application was declined because it did not demonstrate value for money.

129/W - Worthing Mencap, £2,500.00, towards the Sport and Funday. Declined as the fund was oversubscribed and the applicant had sufficient reserves to cover the event.

141/W - Breathing Spaces, £5,000.00 towards allotment upkeep. Declined as the fund was oversubscribed and the bid did not demonstrate value for money.

145/W - South Downs Leisure, £4,657.43 towards cycling without age. Declined as the fund was oversubscribed and the applicant had sufficient reserves.

Nominations of Authority School Governors

64. The Committee considered a report by the Executive Director Care, Wellbeing and Education (copy attached to the signed minutes). The report included a list of the current vacancies for Local Authority Governors in the CLC area.

65. Resolved – That the Committee approves the following nominations under the 2012 Regulations:

(1) Re-appointment:

- Mr I Rafiq for a further four year term to Thomas-a-Becket Junior School
- Mrs Sandra Clements for a further four year term to Springfield Infant School

(2) Appointment:

- Mr Ian Buckland for a four year term to Cornfield, Oak Grove, Palatine & Herons Dale Federation

Date of Next Meeting

14. The next meeting of the Committee would take place on 11 June 2018 in Bohunt School, Worthing.

The meeting closed at 9.20pm

Chairman