

North Chichester County Local Committee

6 March 2018 – At a meeting of the Committee held at 7.00pm at Wisborough Green Village Hall, School Road, Wisborough Green, West Sussex, RH14 0DU.

Present: David Bradford (Member for Rother Valley), Janet Duncton (Member for Petworth), Kate O'Kelly (Member for Midhurst) and Viral Parikh* (Member for Bourne).

*Viral Parikh arrived at 7.06pm

In attendance: Adam Chisnall (Democratic Services Officer), Chris Dye (Area Highways Manager and Rachel North (Director of Communities).

In attendance by invitation: Sue Carter (from Coastal West Sussex Clinical Commissioning Group) and Dr Emma Woodcock (a Provider Lead for General Practice in Coastal West Sussex).

Welcome and Introductions

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

55. The Chairman also thanked those who had attended the pre event before the Committee meeting on the new arrangements for community funding.

Declaration of Interests

56. None declared.

Minutes

57. Resolved – that the minutes of the meeting held on 14 November 2017 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

Progress Statement

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

59. Mr Chisnall introduced the report which gave updates on issues raised at the 14 November meeting.

60. Resolved – That the Committee notes the progress statement.

Local Community Networks

61. The Committee considered a briefing note on Local Community Networks (LCN) (copy appended to the signed minutes).

62. The Chairman welcomed Sue Carter and Dr Emma Woodcock who gave a presentation to the Committee (copy appended to the signed minutes).

63. Sue Carter and Dr Emma Woodcock spoke through the presentation which outlined the plans for the development of Local Community Networks. A new website had been launched and new roles were being advertised for social prescribing posts which would help patients be signposted to support. Funding for the roles had been secured for 2 years.

64. Viral Parikh thought that pharmacies should be utilised more. – *Sue Carter agreed and noted the work that pharmacies were already doing. When the LCN plans were more developed it was hoped to utilise pharmacies further.*

65. The Chairman invited the public to ask any questions they had:

- A Parish Councillor asked how they could get involved; and a member of Rother Valley Together felt that they should be involved. – *Sue Carter explained that when the service was up and running it would be important to map all areas to make a directory of what was available and identify gaps. Groups were encouraged to contact Emma Woodcock about attending a Social Prescribing and Rural Isolation in Rural North Chichester workshop on 22 March in Petworth.*
- A member of the public asked about timeframes. – *Emma Woodcock explained that the social prescribing roles were hoping to be filled in July which would be the next step.*

66. Kate O’Kelly commented that local members had a key role to play with their knowledge of divisions to help the LCNs.

67. The Chairman thanked Sue Carter and Dr Emma Woodcock for their attendance and asked if they could attend a future meeting to give an update on progress.

Community Initiative Funding

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

69. Resolved – That the North Chichester County Local Committee considers the Community Initiative Funding applications as set out in Appendix A and allocates the funding as follows:

That the following grants are awarded:

- 134/NC - Sussex Clubs for Young People, £250.00 towards setting up the Duke of Cornwall Award
- 156/NC - Easebourne Parish Wheelbarrow Castle Community Space and Playground Group, £630.00 towards Easebourne Parish Community Space and Playground Group.
- 162/NC - Midhurst Tourism Partnership, £250.00 towards Discover Midhurst.
- 168/NC - Heyshott Playground Committee, £630.00 towards rubber matting.

- 169/NC - Midhurst Youth Trust, £630.00 towards provision of a dinning shelter.

Nominations for Local Authority Governors to Maintained Schools and Academy Governing Bodies

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

71. Resolved – that the Committee approves the following nominations under the 2012 Regulations:

Nomination for reappointment:

- Mrs Marie Bracey to the Lavington Park Federation for a four year term

Nomination for appointment:

- Mr James William Hartley to the Hollycombe Primary School for a four year term

Talk With Us (Open Forum)

72. 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. The following issues were raised and responses made.

- A resident raised a query on the lack of progress with the Highways Depot in Midhurst and requested that the Committee urge the South Downs National Park to consider alternative options for the site. – *Adam Chisnall resolved to investigate this with the legal team.*
- A resident raised a query on the carriageway damage on Rumbolds Hill and the temporary fixing. – *Chris Dye explained that resurfacing was not sufficient for the road and that construction work was required which was complex and therefore harder to schedule. It was hoped to be completed early in the new financial year. Temporary fixes would continue in the short term to ensure safety compliance.*
- A resident raised a query on the lack of support from the County Council for General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) to Parish Councils and schools. – *The Committee discussed training opportunities, such as SALC and Petworth Community Association. A request was made to investigate if the education department was providing support to schools. Rachel North resolved to look into the support the County Council could offer.*
- A resident raised a query on the delay for bus subsidies in Midhurst. – *Kate O'Kelly explained that short term support would cover 1 year. It was explained that Kate O'Kelly and David Bradford were on the Passenger Transport Task and Finish Group that was looking into this.*

- A resident raised a query on whether there was County Council sign off after utility providers had finished works on the highway. – *Chris Dye explained that there was a process in place to sign off works and that utilities had to cover their works for 2 years at their own expense. The public were encouraged to utilise Love West Sussex to report any issues.*

Date of Next Meeting

73. The Committee noted that its next scheduled meeting would take place on 19 June 2018 at a venue to be confirmed.

74. The meeting closed at 8.05pm

Chairman