

## **Joint Western Arun Area Committee**

13 June 2018 – At a meeting of the Committee held at 7.00 pm at The Regis School, Bognor Regis.

Present:

Mr Edwards (Bersted;), Mrs Hall (Nyetimber;), Mr Oppler (Bognor Regis East;), Mr Patel (Bognor Regis West & Aldwick;), Mr Whittington (Fontwell;), Bence, Charles, Darling, English, Haymes, Richardson, Wotherspoon, Burrell, Matthews and Spencer

Apologies were received from Ms Flynn, Mrs Pendleton, Allington, Bence, Brown, Cunard, Dingemans, Pickthall, Robinson and Wild

Absent: Beaton, Brimblecombe, Cuss, Ford, Green, Radmall and Stanley

Officers in attendance: Jack Caine, Democratic Services Officer (WSCC),

### **1. Welcome**

1.1 The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

### **2. Appointments**

It was RESOLVED that:

2.1 Mr John Charles be appointed as Chairman of the Joint Western Arun Area Committee (JWAAC) for a term of 1 meeting

2.2 Cllr David Edwards be appointed as Vice Chairman for JWAAC and Chairman of the JWAAC County Local Committee for the Municipal Year 2018/19

2.3 Cllr Ashvin Patel be appointed as Chairman of the JWAAC Highways and Transport Sub-Group for the municipal year 2018/19

2.4 The membership of the Community Initiative Funding Sub Group for 2018/19 be as follows:

Derek Whittington (WSCC)  
Hilary Flynn (WSCC)  
Paul English (ADC)  
John Charles (ADC)  
Michael Pickthall (Parish Council)  
Lillian Richardson (Parish Council)

2.5 Councillor Mrs Richardson be appointed as the main JWAAC representative on the Arun Conservation Area Advisory Committee. No

substitute was appointed

2.6 It was also noted that Cllr John Charles was appointed as the Lead Member from Arun District Council as appointed by the ADC Leader.

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

3.1 There were none.

### **4. Minutes**

4.1 RESOLVED that the minutes of the Joint Wester Arun Committee (JWAAC) held on 27 February 2018 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

### **5. Urgent Matters**

5.1 The Chairman advised that a Community Initiative Fund (CIF) application had been submitted and received after the agenda for the meeting had been despatched but would be considered alongside other applications under item Number 11.

### **6. Progress Statement**

6.1 The progress statement was noted

6.2 The Group Head of Policy of Arun District Council gave an update on the progress of the Tree Preservation Orders. It was advised that phase 1 was underway and phase 2 due to commence.

6.3 Concern was raised over a lack of enforcement of developers. Officers advised this would be more robust going forward.

### **7. 'Talk With Us' - Public Question Time (15 Minutes)**

7.1 The Chairman invited questions from Members of the Public. In response to questions the following points were raised:

- The Committee did not feel it necessary for the CIF sub group to meet publicly as CIF applications were discussed, debated and determined in public.
- Any Member of the public could approach their local Member to request an item of business be added to future agendas for the meeting.

### **8. Community Policing Update**

8.1 The Chairman invited Acting Inspector Danny West to the meeting who provided an update on neighbourhood policing in the JWAAC area. A number of issues were discussed included those set out below:

- 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 Danny West would investigate adding a 'Class B' drug column on the crime statistics provided. The Committee thanked Danny West for the update and for the work undertaken on Safeguarding in the local area.

### **CLLR PAUL ENGLISH LEFT THE MEETING AT 8.00PM**

#### **9. Coastal Care: 'Inspiring Healthier Communities Together' - Local Community Networks (LCNs)**

9.1 The Chairman welcomed Tina Favier from the NHS to the meeting to provide a Presentation on Local Community Networks (LCNs).

9.2 The presentation provided information on the following:

- Local Challenges (financial, aging population etc)
- Social Determinants of Health
- Coastal West Sussex Priorities
- Details of Local Community Networks across West Sussex

9.3 The Chairman thanked Tina for the interesting and informative presentation.

### **CLLR PAUL WOTHERSPOON LEFT THE MEETING AT 8.15PM**

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

10.1 The Chairman referred Members to the minutes of the last meeting of the Highways and Transport (H&T) Sub Group (copy attached to the signed minutes). Members noted the minutes.

#### **11. Community Initiative Funding**

11.1 The Committee considered a report by the Director of Law and Assurance, West Sussex County Council (copy attached to the signed minutes), which sought a decision from the County Council Members of the Committee on applications received under the Community Initiative Funding scheme.

11.2 The Committee discussed each project separately, including application 210/JWAAC introduced under Urgent Matters, on its respective merits for which funding was sought. The Committee indicated support or

otherwise for each application.

11.3 RESOLVED that the County Councillors on the Committee allocated Community Initiative Funding as follows:

11.4 211/JWAAC – The Regis School of Music Building SOS, up to £5000 – towards the restoration and renovation of the kitchen and public toilets.

11.5 210/JWAAC – Bognor Institute of Laughter Home Tour, up to £2239 – towards a comedy club created for local people.

12. **Authority School Governors**

12.1 The Committee considered a report from the Director of Education and Skills (copy attached to the signed minutes). The report included a list of the current vacancies for Local Authority Governors in the CLC area.

12.2 RESOLVED that Sue Lainchbury be nominated for a four year term to Bartons Primary School.

13. **Date of Next Meeting**

The Chairman confirmed the next meeting of the Committee was scheduled for 31 October 2018, venue to be confirmed.

Chairman

The meeting closed at 8.38 pm