

## **North Chichester County Local Committee**

19 June 2018 – At a meeting of the Committee held at 7.00 pm at Elsted Village Hall, Midhurst, GU29 0JY.

Present:

Dr O'Kelly (Midhurst;), Mr Bradford (Rother Valley;) and Mr Parikh (Bourne;)

Apologies were received from Mrs Duncton (Petworth)

Officers in attendance: Chris Dye (Area Highways Manager), Peter Lawrence (Principal Community Officer) and Monique Smart (Democratic Services Officer)

### **1. Election of Chairman and Vice Chairman**

1.1 RESOLVED that Mrs Janet Duncton be elected Chairman of the North Chichester County Local Committee for the municipal year 2018/19.

1.2 RESOLVED that Mr Viral Parikh be elected the Vice Chairman of the North Chichester County Local Committee for the municipal year 2018/19.

1.3 In the absence of the Chairman, the Vice Chairman chaired this meeting.

### **2. Welcome and introductions**

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

2.2 The Chairman highlighted information available for residents on the 'What Matters to You' Survey and Scam Prevention.

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

3.1 Mr David Bradford declared a personal interest in that he used to run a business with the local Parish Council Chairman who was present this evening.

### **4. Minutes**

4.1 RESOLVED – that the minutes of the North Chichester County Local Committee meeting held on 6 March 2018 be approved as a correct record and be signed by the Chairman.

### **5. Urgent Matters**

5.1 The Committee agreed to consider a Community Initiative Funding application from Equine Partners CIC for the Teens Construct to Connect project. The Chairman explained that this had not been included in the original despatched agenda. The details of the project were available online and had been circulated to Members in advance. The application would be considered at agenda item 8.

## **6. Progress Statement**

6.1 Members considered the statement on matters arising from previous meetings (copy appended to the signed minutes). The following comments were made:

- Steven Moorley from Midhurst Town Council asked when a planning application would be submitted with regard to the Midhurst Household Waste Recycling site. The Chairman stated that he would ask Officers to get back to Mr Moorley with a response.

## **7. Velo South**

7.1 The Chairman welcomed Matt Hodgson and Richard Relton from CSM Active who provided a presentation to the Committee about the proposed closed road cycle event planned for 23 September. A copy of the presentation was attached to the minutes.

7.2 Following the presentation the following issues were raised and responses made:

- South East Coast Ambulance Service (SECAmb), West Sussex County Council (WSCC), Chichester District Council (CDC) and Horsham District Council (HDC) have been fully engaged in the planning of the event and part of safety advisory groups.
- CSM Active was a private company not a Charity. They confirmed that they were not expected to make a profit from the first year of the event.
- Residents expressed concern that those with homes and businesses on the closed route would essentially be 'trapped' in their homes for up to 9 hours. Those with no driveways asked where they would park their vehicles. CSM Active stated they were working along the route to identify other locations that residents can park.
- Some residents who live on the route stated that they had not received the original leaflet through the door. CSM Active apologised and confirmed that a third party organisation had been used to deliver the leaflets but that they would be undertaking a second round of deliveries soon.
- A Member asked if local residents could join in for small sections of the route. CSM Active responding stating that for safety reasons this would not be possible. However communities were being encouraged to put on events around the route.
- Concern was raised that no formal decision had been made by WSCC to close the roads. Matt Davey from WSCC was present in the audience and stated that CSM Active had engaged the County

Council requesting Temporary Traffic Regulation Orders (TTRO) to allow road closures. There was no requirement for the Council to make a formal decision about the road closures as the event does not involve expenditure by the Council. Mr Davey also confirmed that the process for a TTRO would not require public consultation.

- The Chairman and CSM Active encouraged anyone with specific concerns about access to contact the CSM Active helpdesk to discuss individual requirements.

## **8. Community Initiative Funding (NC02(18/19))**

8.1 The Committee considered a report by the Director of Law and Assurance (copy appended to the signed minutes), which detailed applications for Community Initiative Funding. The Committee debated the respective merits of the projects for which funding was sought.

8.2 Resolved – that the following pledge was approved:-

- 229/NC – Teens Construct to Connect, up to £1000– Towards a hen coup and equine assisted learning sessions.

## **9. Nominations for Local Authority Governors to Maintained Schools and Academy Governing Bodies (NC01(18/19))**

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

9.2. Resolved –That the Committee approved the following nominations for appointments:-

- Mr Chris Hawker to Rogate C.E. Primary School for a four year term
- Mrs Laura Jandac to Midhurst Primary School for a four year term

## **10. Talk With Us**

10.1 The Chairman invited questions from those in attendance and the following matters were discussed:

- Margaret Guest asked Members to ensure that the County Council always consider rural issues when making decisions or starting new initiatives or projects. She suggested they come together with the Members of other rural areas across West Sussex and lobby the Cabinet to 'rural proof' any decisions. *The Chairman agreed this was a good suggestion and stated that with the CLC support he would ask the question to Cabinet.*
- There was a request that the strength of feeling and number of concerns about the proposed Velo South event be feedback to the decision makers at WSCC.
- It was confirmed that a petition would need 3000 signatures before it could be considered at a County Council meeting.
- Representatives from Rogate Parish Council questioned a Traffic Regulation Order to alter waiting restrictions in a scheme that had previously agreed not to include any yellow lines. The Area Highways Manager confirmed that an independent road safety audit

had been undertaken and recommended some lines. Representatives from Rogate and the local Member stated that they had not been made aware that such an audit would be undertaken when the scheme was originally agreed. They suggested this should have been made clearer and should be made clearer to those applying for Highway Schemes in the future.

# **11. Date of Next Meeting**

11.1 The Chairman confirmed that the next meeting of the North Chichester County Local Committee would be held on Tuesday 6 November 2018 at a venue to be confirmed.

Chairman

The meeting closed at 8.40 pm