

North Mid Sussex County Local Committee

13 November 2018 – At a meeting of the Committee at 7.00 pm held at Cophorne Village Hall, Cophorne Bank, Cophorne, RH10 3RE.

Present:

Mrs Brunson (Chairman) (Imberdown;), Mr Acraman (Worth Forest;), Mrs Bennett (East Grinstead Meridian;), Mr Lea (Lindfield & High Weald;) and Mrs Russell (East Grinstead South & Ashurst Wood;)

Officers in attendance: Gulu Sibanda (Principal Community Officer), Monique Smart (Democratic Services Officer) and Richard Speller (Area Highways Manager)

12. Welcome and introductions

12.1 Members and Officers introduced themselves.

12.2 The Chairman thanked the officers from 'Your Energy Sussex' and 'Refill' who had provided information and advice prior to the meeting.

13. Declarations of Interest

13.1 None declared.

14. Minutes

14.1 RESOLVED – that the minutes of the North Mid Sussex County Local Committee meeting held on 13 June 2018 be approved as a correct record and be signed by the Chairman.

15. Urgent Matters

15.1 None.

16. Progress Statement

16.1 Members considered the statements on matters arising from previous meetings (copy appended to the signed minutes) and made the following comments:

- The Area Highways Manager reported that 8 replies had been received in response to the letter to Imberhorne Lane residents. All would be shared with Members once the deadline for responses had passed. The Local Member, Mrs Brunson, said that there was some concern as to whether the informal footpath would be closed off and the Area Highways Manager confirmed that would be the responsibility of the landowner.

- Members expressed disappointment that there was still no progress regarding the East Grinstead Road Space Audit. They looked forward to the Cabinet Member Decision that was expected in December.
- It was reported that a petition was expected regarding speed cushions in West Street.
- The developers at Penlands Farm had requested a 10 week junction closure but the Area Highways manager reported that the Central & South Mid Sussex CLC had written to the Cabinet Member asking for other solutions to be explored.
- The Area Highways manager confirmed that some rejected Community Highways Schemes could be progressed via other routes such as the Local Transport Improvement Programme (LTIP).

17. **Talk With Us Open Forum**

17.1 The Chairman invited questions from those in attendance. The following matters were discussed:

- Mr Beale asked for an update on the changes at Glen Vue. The Chairman confirmed that Mr Beale had been forwarded the Cabinet Member decision that had recently been taken in respect of this. It was also agreed this would be [linked](#) in the minutes. Mr Beale asked that the Committee convey to the Cabinet Member that it is not just the patients but the carers' needs that should be taken into account before making any changes.
- Mr Beirne asked about missing or inaccurate signage in Christopher Street, King Street and other roads in East Grinstead. Mr Beirne stated he had reported this via both the County Council and District Council on many occasions over the last few years but it remained unresolved. The main issue was that enforcement officers cannot enforce restrictions if signage is incorrect or missing. Richard Speller agreed to follow this up and report back via the Progress Statement for the next meeting.
- A resident of Imberhorne Lane reported people walking through the hedgerow as a cut through and how dangerous this was. He had raised this with the developer who had responded stating they had no responsibility for this. The Area Highways Manager updated on planned works that include footpaths and crossing points. However the hedgerows are the responsibility of the landowner and Richard Speller undertook to help the resident liaise with the landowner to get the hedgerows maintained correctly.
- East Grinstead Cycle Forum asked about a rejected Community Highway Scheme for Railway Approach. The Area Highways Manager updated stating although rejected via that process it could still be progressed via other routes (LTIP). Further updates on LTIP schemes would be included in future Progress Statements.
- Dr Gibson submitted 3 questions in advance of the meeting. Those questions and the responses are attached.

18. **Prioritisation of Traffic Regulation Orders (NMS05(18/19))**

18.1 The Committee considered a report by the Director of Highways and Transport which detailed applications for Traffic Regulation Orders (TROs). The Area Highways Manager introduced the report and explained that none of the requests had been formally scored but the Red, Amber, Green gave suggested the highest priority. The Area Highways Manager also explained that the Committee had 2 priorities to select as they had not selected last year's priority. He also suggested they want to choose a 3rd option as a reserve in case after scoring either of the top 2 could not be progressed

18.2 Following consideration of the report the Committee resolved to progress the 2 highest scoring TROs from the list attached at Appendix A, those being:

- Ship Street
- Lowdells Lane and Lingfield Road – to be progressed as 1 TRO.

18.3 It was also agreed that in the event of one of the above not being viable for progression as a TRO that the Committee approve the Area around Queen Victoria Hospital as their third option.

19. **Proposed Traffic Regulation Order - Calluna Drive, Copthorne (NMS06(18/19))**

19.1 The Committee considered a report by the Director of Highways and Transport that detailed the public consultation results of proposals for traffic restrictions on Calluna Drive, Copthorne.

19.2 The Area Highways Manager introduced the report and explained that the recommendation to Members was to approve a revised scheme, as detailed in Appendix C of the attached report.

19.3 Following consideration of the report the Committee resolved that the resulting benefits to the community outweighed the objections raised and the Committee therefore authorised the Director of Law and Assurance to make the order as per the revised scheme detailed in Appendix C of the attached report.

19.4 POST MEETING NOTE 21 November 2018: The proposed decision made by the North Mid Sussex County Local Committee in relation to a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) in Calluna Drive, Copthorne (NMS6(18/19) refers) has been withdrawn under Standing Order 5.12 of the County Council's Constitution. This allows the CLC to notify the Director or Law and Assurance of its intention to reconsider any proposal, at any time before the expiry of call-in, which in this case was 5.00 p.m. on Wednesday, 21 November 2018.

The scheme which was the subject of the proposed decision was a reduction of the original proposal as six objections had been received and the revised scheme took into account the views of those objectors. Since the meeting of the CLC, both the Chairman, Mrs Brunsdon, and the local member, Mr Acraman, have received representations from a considerable number of local people who want to see the larger scheme implemented.

Their views were not previously recorded as they had not formally responded to the consultation – perhaps assuming supporters did not need to respond.

All members of the CLC have therefore been consulted and the majority now agree that the TRO proposal should be reviewed and submitted for reconsideration to the next meeting of the CLC. The proposal has therefore been withdrawn for further consideration and will be submitted to the next meeting of the CLC on 5 February 2019.

20. North Mid Sussex Community Initiative Funding (NMS07(18/19))

20.1 The Committee welcomed Sarah Howland, Chairman of the Stone Quarry Crew. Sarah provided feedback on the successful crowdfunding project for a new café counter. She thanked Sue Barnes from the County Councils Community Team for all her help and support with the project and reported that the counter would be installed tomorrow. She stated that although the new West Sussex Crowd was positive for them, it did involve a lot of volunteer time to establish and promote the project and she worried that smaller group would not have the resources or time to put into such a system.

20.2 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.

20.3 Following consideration of the report the Committee resolved that the following awards be made:

203/NMS – Sussex Clubs for Young People, Streetmate - £3,000 towards purchasing a new vehicle to transport sports coaches, youth workers and equipment.

20.4 The Committee also agreed to set aside up to £4,000 of their Community Initiative Fund to purchase a replacement Speed Indicator Device (SID).

21. Nominations for Local Authority Governors to Maintained Schools and Academy Governing Bodies (NMS08(18/19))

21.1 The Committee considered a report by the Executive Director of Children, Adults, Families, Health and Education (copy attached to the signed minutes).

21.2 Following consideration of the report the Committee resolved that the following nomination for reappointment be approved:

Mrs Gillian Santi to St Marys CE Primary School, East Grinstead.

22. Date of Next Meeting

22.1 The Chairman confirmed that the next meeting of the North Mid Sussex County Local Committee would take place on Tuesday 5 February 2019 at a venue to be confirmed in East Grinstead.

Chairman

The meeting closed at 9.41 pm