

Minutes of meeting

SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL LOCAL COMMITTEE (ELMBRIDGE)

Date: Monday, 14 November 2005
Time: 4.00pm
Place: Lecture Hall, Weybridge Library

Members present:

Surrey County Council

Mr Michael Bennison (Hinchley Wood, Claygate & Oxshott)
Mr Peter Hickman (The Dittons)
Mrs Margaret Hicks (Hersham)
Mr Ernest Mallett (West Molesey)
Mr Timothy Oliver (East Molesey & Esher)
Mr Thomas Phelps-Penry (Walton)
Mr Roy Taylor (Walton South & Oatlands)

Elmbridge Borough Council (for transportation matters)

Mr Gordon Chubb (Walton Central)
Mrs Rosemary Dane (Walton South)
Mr Glenn Dearlove (Weybridge South)
Mr Roy Green (Hersham North)
Mr Peter Heaney (Esher)
Mr Alan Hopkins (Molesey North)
Mr Torquil Stewart (Long Ditton)
Mrs Janet Turner (Hinchley Wood)

Also present:

Elaine Bennett, Local Committee and Partnership Officer, Spelthorne
Paul Fishwick, Area Transportation Director
Guy Hall, Director of Adults and Community Care – Mid Surrey
Chris Paisley, Local Transportation Manager
Theresa Ricketts, Local Committee and Partnership Officer
John Shelton, Waste Local Plan Project Manager
Chris White, Area Director
Sean Wotherspoon, Local Transportation Team

All references to items refer to the agenda for the meeting.

PART A: County and Borough Members

IN PUBLIC

73/05 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND NOTICES OF SUBSTITUTIONS (Item 1)

Chris White called for election of a Chair. Tim Oliver proposed Margaret Hicks, seconded by Roy Taylor. Mrs Hicks therefore took the Chair.

Apologies for absence had been received from County Councillors Dorothy Mitchell and Ian Lake. On behalf of the Local Committee, Mrs Hicks sent best wishes to Mrs Mitchell.

74/05 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING (Item 2)

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the meeting of Surrey County Council's Local Committee (Elmbridge Area) held on 26 September 2005 be approved and signed as a correct record.

75/05 PETITIONS (Item 4)

Mrs Veronica Collins addressed the Committee for three minutes concerning the volume and speed of traffic using Hurst Road in West Molesey, especially in the vicinity of Hurst Park Primary School.

Chris Paisley explained that a full written report would be available for the next meeting. The Local Transportation Service was working closely with Hurst Park Primary School. The accident record and road use was currently being reviewed. Safe crossing was a key issue, and the possible use of variable interactive signs would be considered.

RESOLVED

That the petition be noted, and a written report be brought to the next meeting.

EXECUTIVE FUNCTIONS

PART B: County Members

76/05 ADULTS AND COMMUNITY CARE PERFORMANCE REPORT (Item 7)

Guy Hall summarised the contents of the Performance Report, explaining that the headings were taken from the Medium Term Strategy. In particular, he emphasised that effective partnerships operated within Elmbridge, for example with day centres provided by Elmbridge Borough

Council. Mr Hall also gave a brief presentation, explaining the assistive technology and telecare which was available.

Mr Mallett expressed concern about the lack of available supported accommodation and suggested that County Council land, for example redundant school sites, could be made available for this purpose. He suggested referring this matter to the Executive. The Committee voted against this recommendation, suggesting instead that Mr Mallett could himself refer the issue to a meeting of the County Council.

There was some discussion about the tables in Appendix A, which were considered confusing and unclear. Mr Hall explained that these related to national Department of Health targets, but agreed that this information should be made clearer in future reports. Mr Oliver suggested that the work currently being undertaken by the Children and Families Select Committee concerning targets could be shared.

RESOLVED

That the performance of Surrey's Adult and Community Care Service county-wide and the work that was being undertaken to provide monitoring information that was available for Elmbridge be noted.

77/05 SURREY WASTE PLAN (Item 8)

John Shelton explained that Surrey County Council had a statutory duty to produce a waste plan. On 27th September, the Executive agreed the plans for public consultation, and the statutory 6 week consultation period ended on 12th December.

A number of issues were discussed, including the volume of waste produced in supermarket packaging; the cost of transporting waste to different areas; the possible separation of commercial and industrial waste; and the potential to produce energy from incineration.

Members were reminded that they should submit their comments formally as part of the consultation process.

RESOLVED

That the contents of the presentation be noted.

78/05 PROPOSALS FOR EXPENDITURE OF LOCAL REVENUE AND CAPITAL BUDGET (Item 9)

RESOLVED

That the eight proposals for expenditure from the Local Revenue Budget be agreed as follows:

1. Mike Bennison to contribute £3,000 towards curtains and curtain rails as part of the refurbishment of the Claygate Youth Club.

2. Tim Oliver to contribute £3,800 towards furniture as part of the refurbishment of the Lower Green Community Centre.
3. Members to contribute a total of £4,340 (£485 per member, any shortfall from Margaret Hicks) towards a domestic violence support worker as part of a Family Support Service project.
4. Peter Hickman to contribute £900 towards the reinstatement of a cinder path in Weston Green.
5. Ernest Mallett to contribute £3,000 towards the installation of “Trief” safety kerbing and pedestrian guardrailing on the northern side of Walton Road public footway, between St Mary’s Church and New Road.
6. Dorothy Mitchell to contribute £2,000 towards Christmas lights in Cobham Town Centre.
7. Dorothy Mitchell to contribute £2,500 towards a summer play scheme run by the Oasis Childcare Centre.
8. Dorothy Mitchell to contribute £2,500 towards Cobham in Bloom.

79/05 **DECRIMINALISED PARKING ENFORCEMENT – AGENCY AGREEMENT (Item 10)**

Chris Paisley made an amendment to the final paragraph of paragraph 3.1 to read:

“Copies of this confidential document are being circulated to members of the Committee only”.

He explained that Decriminalised Parking Enforcement was due to come into effect on 9th January 2006. The draft Agency Agreement was a confidential document, and had been circulated to County Members in advance.

Mr Green thanked both County and Borough officers for their work, explaining that Elmbridge Borough Council was pleased with progress.

There was some discussion about specific responsibilities under the new agreement and controlled parking zones. Mr Oliver suggested that there was a need for a comprehensive parking plan across the Borough. Mr Green confirmed that meetings would take place across the Borough, including Esher, and County Councillors would be invited to attend.

RESOLVED

- 1) That the final sentence of paragraph 3.1 of the paper be amended to read “Copies of this confidential document are being circulated to members of the Committee only”;
- 2) That the terms of the draft Agency Agreement be agreed and approval to the Head of Transportation and Portfolio holder be recommended;
- 3) That the good work between the County Council and Borough Council in progressing the introduction of DPE be noted.

The meeting closed at 5.50pm

.....**(Chairman)**