

**Minutes: of the meeting of Surrey County Council's Local Committee in Epsom and Ewell held at 19.00 on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2005 at the Ebbisham Centre, Derby Square, Epsom.**

**Members Present – Surrey County Council**

Mr Chris Frost (Epsom and Ewell South East)  
Jan Mason (Epsom & Ewell West)

NRM Petrie Esq MBE (Epsom and Ewell) (Chairman)  
Colin Taylor (Epsom and Ewell South West) (Vice Chairman)

**Members Present – Epsom and Ewell Borough Council**

Cllr Pamela Bradley (Ewell)  
Cllr Graham Dudley (Cuddington)

Cllr Nigel Pavey (Stamford)  
Cllr Michael Richardson (Woodcote)

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**PART ONE**

**IN PUBLIC**

[All references to items refer to the agenda for the meeting]

99/ **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND SUBSTITUTIONS [Item 1]**  
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Apologies were received from Cllr Jean Smith and Cllr Alan Carlson. No substitutions were made.

100/ **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST [Item 2]**  
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Chris Frost declared a personal interest in Item 13 by virtue of being Chair of the Members Steering Group of the Lower Mole Countryside Management Project. Colin Taylor declared personal interests in Item 13 by virtue of being a member of the Members Steering Group of the Lower Mole Countryside Management Project, a governor at Southfield Park Primary School and a governor at Epsom Primary School.

101/ **PETITIONS [Item 3]**  
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No petitions were received.

102/ **WRITTEN PUBLIC QUESTION TIME [Item 4]**  
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No written public questions were received.

103/ **MEMBERS WRITTEN QUESTION TIME [Item 5]**  
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No written Members questions were received.

104/ **ADJOURNMENT [Item 6]**  
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The Committee agreed to adjourn for up to half an hour for questions from the public. A record of the questions received from members of the public and the answers is attached as an annexe to these minutes.

105/ **PRESENTATION BY YELL (EPSOM & EWELL YOUTH FORUM [Item 7]**  
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YELL made their presentation to the Committee. YELL informed the Committee of how they had spent the funding awarded to them last year:

- £3,290 on website development
- £1,000 on the Live & Direct Project
- £325 on fliers for local democracy week
- £350 to promote YELL in a local community safety magazine

The group then outlined what their targets were for this financial year which include:

- £2,000 on a residential course to promote and attract new people to YELL
- £1,000 on developing activities within the Borough such as live music and the KT17 magazine
- £1,000 on promoting and publicising YELL and the costs of hosting the website
- £1,000 new initiatives fund to be used to develop new schemes like EcoSchools and after school activities

The Committee thanked YELL for making an excellent presentation and for being so at ease in the public committee environment.

It was then

**RESOLVED**

- i) that the Committee make a contribution of £5,000 towards YELL to enable them to meet their targets for 2005/06; and
- ii) that the Committee noted the presentation.

106/  
05 **YOUTH CAFE [Item 8]**

The Officer introduced the report.

Members welcomed the continued success of the youth café and took on board the general feeling that another location within the borough should be investigated for an additional youth café.

It was then

**RESOLVED**

- i) that the Committee contribute £2,000 towards the Youth Café; and
- ii) that the Committee noted the report.

107/  
05 **PRESENTATION ON THE WASTE PLAN [Item 9]**

The Officer introduced the report.

A Member asked how was the County Council going to ensure that recycling targets are met by the Borough/ District councils.

The Officer responded that the European Union Land Use Directive would place further pressure on all Local Authorities to meet recycling targets or else face heavy fines.

A Member asked if the County Council could influence supermarkets policies to reduce the amount of packaging they use.

The Officer responded that unfortunately the County Council had limited influence to reduce the amount of packaging used by supermarkets.

A Member asked in broad terms what was the 3.2 million tonnes of waste that Surrey produced made up of.

The Officer replied that it was made up of construction and demolition waste primarily followed by commercial and industrial waste with household waste being the smallest component. But that only approximately 60% of that had to be land filled as the remaining 40% could be recycled/ re-used in some way.

A Member asked if the minerals plan was being developed in conjunction with the waste plan, as the excavation of minerals created some sites that might be suitable for land fill.

The Officer responded that the two plans were being run in conjunction with one another.

The Officer stated that he would provide the Committee Members with the needs assessment report.

Members requested that further reports be brought back to the Committee and were particularly keen to hear from the disposal side of waste.

It was then

**RESOLVED**

That the Committee noted the report.

108/  
05 **UPDATE ON THE LONGMEAD WASTE SITE [Item 10]**

The Officer introduced the report.

A Member thanked the Officer for organising a productive site visit to the Longmead Civic Amenity Site. The Member stated that the problems with the site had not been solved but with continued effort it would be possible to make improvements to the site.

A Member asked if the whole Committee could be invited to visit the site. The Member wanted to highlight the smell and flies that originated from the site in the summer and affected nearby businesses. The situation was compounded by the fact that a piece of machinery had broken down thus slowing the removal of waste. The Member asked if it would be possible to ensure that when a piece of machinery does break down that a replacement can be found.

The Officer responded that these comments would be passed on to the relevant Officer.

It was then

**RESOLVED**

That the Committee noted the report.

109/  
05 **PROPOSED CHANGES TO SCHOOLS ADMISSIONS CRITERIA FOR COMMUNITY & VOLUNTARY CONTROLLED SCHOOLS [Item 11]**

The Officer introduced the report.

A Member enquired about changing to an equal preference system and still keeping a flexible admissions area.

The Officer responded that it was not possible to have an equal preference system and maintain a flexible admissions area. Although a move away from Flexible Admission Priority Areas was being made and that Surrey was possibly the only Local Authority in the country that still used this process.

A Member enquired about feeder schools and felt that the feeder school criterion was not necessary from junior to secondary school.

The Officer responded that the feeder schools criterion was commonly used by other admission authorities and that some parents were in favour as it provided them with an objective criterion which would not change on a yearly basis.

It was then

**RESOLVED**

That the Committee noted the report.

110/  
05 **ADULT & COMMUNITY CARE SERVICES REPORT [Item 12]**

The Officer introduced the report.

Members enquired about the progress of the John Gale Court development and if a health centre would be included in the development.

The Officer responded that the building was finished and that they had gone out to tender for the care providers and received some very good bids. It is hoped that the providers will be in place after Christmas 2005. John Gale Court would not contain a health centre per se, but it would provide extra care and not only for those living in John Gale Court.

A Member enquired about the implications of 'Better Healthcare Closer to Home' for delayed transfers.

The Officer responded that 'Better Health Care Closer to Home' should help reduce delayed transfers as more resources should be put into community facilities as opposed to acute/ critical resources. There was a concern over district nursing; as a reduction in district nursing provision could lead to a rise in delayed transfers.

It was then

**RESOLVED**

That the Committee noted the report.

111/ **MEMBERS' ALLOWANCES [Item 13]**  
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The Officer introduced the report.

A Member suggested that the remaining amount of funding from the £35,000 from the capital grant allocation which is £12,943 should be looked at as an opportunity to make a substantial contribution towards a major project within the Borough.

It was then

**RESOLVED**

That the Committee agreed to fund from Members' Allowances budget:

- i) £2,000 towards a part time basketball coach (Chris Frost, Jan Mason, Nigel Petrie, Jean Smith and Colin Taylor);
- ii) £900 towards running the Surrey Young Enterprise Programme at Southfield Park School (Colin Taylor);
- iii) £100 towards publicity for the Teenage Advice Clinic (Nigel Petrie);
- iv) £784 towards introducing PATHS (Promoting Alternative Thinking Strategies) at Epsom and Riverview Primary Schools (Nigel Petrie); and
- v) £2,000 towards the purchase of new metal gates at Bourne Hall (Nigel Petrie).

That the Committee agreed to fund from the £35k Capital Grant Allocation:

- i) £6,500 towards two new Vehicle activated Signs at Grafton Road and Longmead Road;
- ii) £10,000 towards new playground equipment at Epsom Primary School;
- iii) £5,000 towards the refurbishment of the Dell Lane Scout & Guide Headquarters; and
- iv) £5,000 towards the Lower Mole Countryside Management Trust to purchase a new vehicle.

112/ **FLEXIBLE FORWARD PROGRAMME [Item 14]**  
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The Officer introduced the report.

Members requested that a report on Spring Street, Ewell be brought to the Local Committee meeting on the 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2006.

Members asked that Richard Parkinson be asked to bring a report to the Committee providing an update on the proposed changes to the Longmead site.

It was then

**RESOLVED**

That the Committee noted the report.

**Meeting Ended: 22.20**

**Chairman**

**Informal Minutes of Public Question Time at  
Surrey County Council's Local Committee  
In Epsom & Ewell  
28<sup>th</sup> November 2005**

**Mr Bert Barnhurst, Local Committee & Response to Correspondence**

Mr Barnhurst asked whom he should complain to about the conduct of the Local Committee. Mr Barnhurst also requested a response to two letters that he had sent to Cllr Nigel Petrie.

**Officer Response**

The Officer responded that the details of how to make a complaint and whom to would be passed on to Mr Barnhurst outside of the meeting.

**Mrs Geraldine Goddard, Response to Question Raised at Previous Local Committee Meeting**

Mrs Goddard asked why had her original question that she asked at the October 31<sup>st</sup> meeting not been answered. The question was had there been any dissensions to the report that was brought to the Local Committee meeting on the 31<sup>st</sup> October.

**Vice Chairman Response**

The Vice Chairman responded that the question had been answered at the meeting and that there had been no dissensions to the report.

**Mr John Goddard, Local Committee Minutes**

Mr Goddard enquired why were there no minutes attached to this agenda.

**Officer Response**

The Officer responded that the Borough Council Members of the Local Committee have voting rights only at meetings in transportation mode. Therefore, in order that the Borough Members have an opportunity to vote on their accuracy if necessary, the minutes of the Local Committee meetings are attached only to agenda for meetings held in transportation mode. The agenda for the next meeting, to be held on 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2006, will have the minutes for both the October and November 2005 meetings.