

**Minutes of the meeting of Surrey County Council's
Local Committee in Epsom and Ewell
held at 19.00 on
Monday 3 December 2007 at
Ewell Court House, Ewell**

Members Present – Surrey County Council

Jean Smith [Epsom & Ewell North] [Chairman]
Chris Frost [Epsom & Ewell South East] [Vice Chairman]
Nigel Petrie [Epsom & Ewell North East]
Colin Taylor [Epsom & Ewell South West]

Members Present – Epsom & Ewell Borough Council

Cllr Pamela Bradley [Ewell]
Cllr Mr Neil Dallen [Town]
Cllr Robert Foote [Cuddington] substitute for Cllr Graham Dudley
Cllr Nigel Pavey [Stamford]
Cllr Michael Richardson [Woodcote]

PART ONE

IN PUBLIC

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

80/ APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND SUBSTITUTIONS [Item 1]

07 Apologies for absence were received from C Cllr Jan Mason and Cllr Graham Dudley, Cllr Robert Foote substituted. Jenny Isaac, Head of Surrey Highways, SCC was also present.

81/ MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING [Item 2]

07 The Minutes of the meeting held on 10 September 2007 were agreed with a minor correction to item 73/07 para 1
'C. Cllr Jean Smith requested that additional car parking restrictions in '*Cromwell Road*'/Worcester Park Road be added to the waiting restrictions.
and were duly signed as a correct record.

82/ DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST [Item 3]

07 Cllr Nigel Pavey declared an interest as Governor & Chair of the School Travel Group at Danetree Junior School, West Ewell.

83/ PUBLIC QUESTION TIME [Item 4]

07 Written public questions were received from Karina Singh, Cllr Alison Kelly, Cllr Anna Jones, Cllr Julie Morris, H Ricketts, Trevor Patton and Bill Eacott and the responses are set out in Annexe A.

84/ MEMBERS' QUESTION TIME [Item 5]

07 One Members question was received and the response set out in Annexe B.

85/ ADJOURNMENT [item 6]

Several members of the public attended and their questions, comments and informal responses are set out in Annexe C.

86/ PETITIONS [Item 7]

07 None

87/ SERVICES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE AND THE BOROUGH YOUTH PLAN FOR 2007/08 [item 8]

The Officers from EEBC [Andrew Eperson] and .SCC [Trish Adam] were commended for their report on their work with young people. Andrew Eperson thanked the County members for their support of various initiatives from their members' allowances.

C Cllr Colin Taylor enquired about the YoYo Centre as he believed this was underused, and Trish Adam advised that this centre was used three to four times a week, for training with young people. They are currently looking at ways to use the centre more effectively. Cllr Neil Dallen asked if the minutes of the Youth Panel meetings are minuted and available for councillors, and Trish Adam advised that key issues that are identified would be taken forward to other forums. C Cllr Jean Smith suggested that members can look at the youth website for further information. C Cllr Jean Smith asked Lynda Tarling, to advise Andrew Eperson of the deadline for funding application bids for members' allowances for the March 2008 meeting in order that he and Trish Adam may apply for some funding for youth projects.

It was **RESOLVED** that the Local Committee noted the report

88/ SURREY LOCAL RESILIENCE FORUM UPDATE [item 9]

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The Officer, Ian Good, explained that local authorities, the Borough and Districts, and the emergency response teams – fire, ambulance and police are part of the resilience forum.

Cllr Neil Dallen asked if any voluntary groups were involved, and Ian Good replied that those agencies who have a response capability i.e. Red, Cross, WRVS, Salvation Army and St John's Ambulance.

Cllr Pamela Bradley asked whether there was a map available that detailed the degrees of flooding, and Ian Good advised that the Environment Agency has a map that outlines the risks to the county from river flooding, but does not highlight flash floods.

C Cllr Nigel Petrie commended Ian Good for a very clear and helpful brief, however he was concerned as to whether there is a structure in place that Services can cope with a large number of casualties, if a disaster occurred. Ian Good advised that he is currently working with other agencies to put measures in place for such an eventuality. C Cllr Chris Frost raised his concerns that the emergency services have different communication systems, and Ian Good advised that there is a project looking at a solution to this.

It was then **RESOLVED** that this item be noted

89 **MINOR HIGHWAYS/LOCAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN PROGRESS**
07 **REPORT [Item 10]**

C Cllr Jean Smith read out C Cllr Jan Mason's comments in regard to Theme C – Safe routes to school – Ruxley Lane alley to Scotts Farm Road - "this was on the list 2 years ago. Last year the school confirmed deed of dedication of land. Why now 2 years after we agreed this and the cost involved, are we being told yet again 'scheme to be programmed' and also that we now need a detailed design?. How long does it take to complete a 'safe routes to school scheme? The officer involved Tessa Zant has long since moved to County Hall, and I am told has now left SCC and still it is on the list to be programmed."

Cllr Neil Dallen asked about Theme A – Spread Eagle Junction and Epsom Playhouse junction. C Cllr Colin Taylor advised that he expressed his concern regarding the Spread Eagle junction at the June 2007 meeting of the Local Committee. The Officer advised that the paramics model constructed i.e. the flow of traffic going through the junction, will be checked for throughput time, and an option testing will be undertaken. The Officer advised that modelling work is also currently under way, and a report will be provided back to the March 2008 meeting of the Local Committee on this junction and the B284 Hook Road/East Street traffic signals. Members of the Local Committee requested that the Officer also provide the Members with timescales of these schemes.

It was then **RESOLVED** that this item be noted

90/ **EDGE OF THE COMMON TASK GROUP – TERMS OF REFERENCE**
07 **[item 11]**

It was **RESOLVED** that this item be noted

91/ **KILN LANE LINK [Item 12]**

07 C Cllr Jean Smith advised the meeting that she had asked for a meeting with the Executive Member for Transportation and the Head of Transportation SCC, Iain Reeve, who has provided the attached briefing note [annexe D] tabled at this meeting.

C Cllr Jean Smith offered to undertake to provide a draft letter, for approval by all members, to be sent to the Executive recommending that the waste brought from other boroughs to the Epsom site is moved elsewhere, as several members are concerned at the numbers of large lorries entering and leaving the site, the nearness to the town centre, and the inconvenience to the other businesses in Blenheim Road.

It was **RESOLVED** that the Local Committee note the report

92/ **BLenheim ROAD COMMUNITY RECYCLING CENTRE, EPSOM**
07 **ACCESS ARRANGEMENTS [Item 13]**

C Cllr Nigel Petrie stated his concern that the current arrangements need to be reviewed as a priority. The Officer advised that SCC would be liaising with partners, local businesses in the area and recommendations will be provided to the March 2008 meeting of the Local Committee. C Cllr Nigel Petrie requested that the Officer keep Epsom Coaches informed of progress.

It was agreed that the feasibility study be undertaken [revised figure of £7-8k see 93/07 item 14] and that SCC Highways Department liaise with Surrey Waste Management in regard to their alterations to the interior of the site due in May 2008

C Cllr Jean Smith raised the issue of the control of parking in the road, and Cllr Mike Richardson advised that he would raise this with the Borough.

Cllr Neil Dallen suggested that the temporary road closure order for the weekends be extended to weekdays, and the Officer advised that this is a lengthy process and agreed to provide some flow charts of the process time involved in traffic orders.

The Officer, David Curl was commended for his work on this report.

It was **RESOLVED** that the Local Committee noted the report.

**93/
07 MEMBERS ALLOCATIONS** item 14]

The Local Committee agreed to fund the following from the Councillors Members' Allocation Revenue Budget.

1. Feasibility study for restoration of the pond in Shadbolt Park
[Jean Smith] £300
2. Epsom Symphony Orchestra Society – Engagement of Soloists
[Nigel Petrie] £1000

The Committee agreed to fund the following from their Capital Grant:

1. Vehicle Activated Sign, Grafton Road £1500
2. Blenheim Road Waste Transfer Station £7-8,000
[see item 92/07 item 13 above]
3. Reallocation of £5000, Amis Avenue closure £5,000

It was **RESOLVED** that the Local Committee noted the report

**94/
07 FORWARD PROGRAMME** [item 15]

Members requested that Blenheim Road Community Recycling Centre recommendations, Kiln Lane mitigation measures, and Domestic Abuse be added to the forward programme for the March 2008 meeting.

It was **RESOLVED** that the Local Committee note the report.

**95/
07 DATE OF NEXT MEETING** [Item 16]

The Committee noted the date of the next meeting on Monday 10 March 2008 at the Conference Room, The Ebbisham Centre, Derby Square, Epsom at 7.00pm

Meeting Ended: 9.05