

**Minutes of the meeting of Surrey County Council's
Local Committee in Epsom and Ewell
Held at 19.00 on
Monday 7 March 2011 at
The Council Chamber,
Epsom & Ewell Borough Council, Epsom**

Members Present – Surrey County Council

Chris Frost	[Epsom & Ewell South East] [Chairman]
David Wood	[North East] [Vice Chair]
Eber Kington	[Epsom & Ewell North]
Jan Mason	[Epsom & Ewell West]
Colin Taylor	[Epsom & Ewell South West]

Members Present – Epsom & Ewell Borough Council

Cllr Michael Arthur	[Ewell]
Cllr Mr Neil Dallen	[Town]
Cllr Julie Morris	[College]
Cllr Jean Smith	[Ewell Court]
Cllr Alan Winkworth	[Stoneleigh]

- 59/ APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND SUBSTITUTIONS [item 1]**
10 An apology for absence was received from Cllr Jean Smith, Cllr Christine Long attended, as the Vice Chair of the Epsom & Ewell Borough Council's Environment Committee.
- 60/ MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING [item 2]**
10 Minutes of the meeting held on 8 December 2010 were agreed with the revision on page 2, item 52/10 [item 10] [iv] Drawing 32 is **Mill Road** not Bridge Road.
- 61/ DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST [item 3]**
10 There were no declarations of interest.
- 62/ CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS [Item 4]**
10 The Chairman advised that there had been meetings recently of the Borough Parking Strategy Task Group and the Epsom Town Centre Street Furniture Task Group and progress had been made. He also mentioned that agreement had been reached to rename part of Blenheim Road, Roy Richmond Way.
- 63/ WRITTEN PUBLIC QUESTION TIME [item 5]**
10 Written public questions were received from 2 members of the public. The questions and responses are set out in Annex A.
- 64/ MEMBERS' QUESTION TIME [item 6]**
10 Questions were received from 1 Member. The questions and responses are set out in Annex B.
- 65/ ADJOURNMENT [item 7]**

10 Several members of the public attended, and 6 informal questions were put to the meeting with responses from Officers present or agreement to provide a written response

66/ PETITIONS [item 8]

10 There were 2 petitions received for this meeting. Details of the petitions, and responses from the Officers are set out in Annex C.

67/ YOUTH DEVELOPMENT SERVICE LOCAL DELIVERY PLAN 2011/12 [item 9]

The Officer provided an updated copy of Appendix 1, which included numbers of children attending the various courses.

It was RESOLVED that the Local Committee [Epsom & Ewell] approved the 2011/12 Youth Development Service Delivery Plan for Epsom & Ewell as detailed in Appendix 1 of the report.

68/ LIBRARY PUBLIC VALUE REVIEW [item 10]

10 It was RESOLVED that the Local Committee agreed: the following recommendations:

i) The Local Committee [Epsom & Ewell] expresses its great disappointment that the Cabinet has confirmed its decision to withdraw paid professional staff from Ewell Court and Stoneleigh libraries with the threat of closure unless sufficient voluntary support can be found to keep the libraries open.

The Local Committee [Epsom & Ewell] further notes that:

A] The Strategic Director for Customers and Communities has stated that the savings to be made by the community partnership proposals are “absolutely minimal”

B] Alternative options to community partnerships have not been adequately explored

C] Consultation with the communities affected is only taking place after the decision has been taken.

ii) In the absence of any change to the policy of developing community partnerships the Local Committee [Epsom & Ewell] calls upon the Cabinet Member for Community Services and the 2012 Games to ensure sufficient time, information and officer resources are made available to volunteers seeking to retain a library in Ewell Court and Stoneleigh.

Proposed by Cllr Eber Kington and seconded by Cllr Chris Frost

69/ PROPOSED ON STREET ‘PAY AND DISPLAY’ PARKING CHARGES IN EPSOM & EWELL [item 11]

It was RESOLVED that the Local Committee [Epsom & Ewell] agreed:

i) for Members to note the report

ii) The Cabinet is informed that the Local Committee [Epsom & Ewell] is strongly opposed to the proposals by SCC to introduce Pay and Display charges as outlined in the proposals from Ian Lake of 12/01/11 on the following grounds:

1. The failure of the Cabinet Member for Transport, County Councillor Ian Lake, to consult the Borough Council or local members before announcing his comprehensive plans
2. The acknowledgment within the proposals that this is a revenue raising exercise, because the County Council has financial difficulties, and that SCC is seeking to offload its financial problems onto a private sector that has already had to cope with the effects of the recession.
3. The adverse effect the proposal will have on the economic health of local shops and businesses, and SCC's failure to assess the impact of its proposals on the economy and viability of local shopping parades.
4. The lack of any obvious logic to the selection of shopping parades and sites eg: outside doctors surgeries, included within the scheme
5. The plans penalise local residents and 'popping to the shop' to pick up the paper or a pint of milk will now be charged. It is thus a tax on local shoppers and a charge with no social or community validity.
6. It is likely to push parking into residential roads around the shopping parades

iii) Should the Cabinet continue with these proposals, then we request sufficient funds to undertake a parking review within six months of the charges coming into effect to deal with any displacement parking issues that arise.

iv) We request that the Cabinet should allocate any surplus income generated within Epsom & Ewell, after all costs of administration and enforcement have been covered, towards any highway budgets allocated to our Borough [in addition to current budget revenue] to be used on Highway expenditure at the sole discretion of the Local Committee.

Proposed by Cllr Eber Kington and seconded by Cllr Chris Frost.

70/ **BLenheim ROAD – EPSOM, EXPERIMENTAL ROAD CLOSURE**
10 **IMPROVEMENTS** [item 12]

: It was RESOLVED that the Local Committee [Epsom & Ewell] agreed that the arrangement becomes permanent at the end of the experimental period.

71/ **EPSOM TOWN CENTRE – TAXI RANKS REVIEW** [item 13]
10 It was RESOLVED that the Local Committee [Epsom & Ewell]

] Noted the content of the report and for the changes to be made to existing taxi ranks.

Proposed by Cllr Neil Dallen and seconded by Cllr Jan Mason and

li] Calls for an additional late night taxi rank [9pm to 4am] for licensed hackney carriages in the area occupied by bus stops B and C [outside Kingfish and Café Rouge].

Proposed by Cllr Colin Taylor and seconded by Cllr Jan Mason.

72/ HIGHWAY SCHEMES 2011/12 [item 14]

10 It was RESOLVED that the Local Committee [Epsom & Ewell] agreed

(i) the proposed revenue allocations in Table 1.

(ii) To consider two possible capital programme scenarios and determine which option the Committee would prefer to follow in 2011/12, to be decided following discussions at C Cllrs workshop later in March 2011.

(iii) Further to ii) Delegate authority to the Area Manager in consultation with the Divisional Members to confirm the 2011/12 programme following the submission of a key local highway issue to the Area Manager and discussion at a Members workshop. A report for information confirming schemes will be presented at the next Formal Committee.

(iv) Subject to iii) Delegate authority to the Area Manager in consultation with the Divisional Members to amend budgets throughout the year in order to ensure the budget is managed in an efficient and timely manner.

(v) Note commencement of the new highways contract on 28 April 2011.

Changes to item [ii] and wording to read 'Divisional Members' in items [iii] and [iv] proposed by Cllr David Wood and seconded by Cllr Chris Frost.

73/ EPSOM TOWN CENTRE – STREET FURNITURE [item 15]

10 It was RESOLVED that the Local Committee [Epsom & Ewell] agreed the Review of Street Furniture for Epsom Town Centre Task Group Terms of Reference – Annexe A of the report.

74/ CAPITAL AND MAINTENANCE PROJECTS PROGRESS REPORT [item 16]

10 It was RESOLVED that the Local Committee [Epsom & Ewell] agreed:

[i] To note the report for information

[ii] Page 5 – Epsom Station Development – the committee learnt with regret that when rail replacement buses were needed recently, they were permitted to park on the pedestrian crossing, and to block the turn left lane, causing unacceptable delays to other traffic. It requested that different arrangements are made during future line closures, particularly whilst the East Street Bridge is replaced at Easter.

Proposed by Cllr Colin Taylor, seconded by Cllr Neil Dallen.

75/ CHAIRMAN'S REPORT [item 17]

10- It was RESOLVED that this report be noted

76/ MEMBERS ALLOCATIONS [item 18]

10 That the Local Committee [Epsom & Ewell] agreed the following expenditure from the Members' Allocations budget:

l] to approve the proposed expenditure from the Members Allocations and Capital Grant budgets

- 2.1 Blenheim High School - £2,039 Cllrs Mason, Frost & Wood
- 2.2 Ewell Court Library - £1,585 Cllrs Mason and Kington
- 2.3 Intergen Epsom - £1894 Cllr Taylor
- 2.4 Nonsuch Walk footway - £2367 Cllr Wood
- 2.5 Rosebery Rd verges - £2267 Cllr Frost
- 2.6 Verge Hardening in Epsom & Ewell West - £3650 Cllr Mason

Capital Grant Funds

- 4.1 Epsom Hospital - £3,000 Cllrs Kington Mason & Taylor
- 4.2 Epsom & Ewell CAB £2,400 Cllrs Kington, Mason & Wood
- 4.3 Nonsuch Walk footway - £650 Cllr Wood
- 4.4 Rosebery Rd Verges - £650 Cllr Frost
- 4.5 Verge Hardening in Epsom & Ewell West - £2183 – Cllr Mason [

li] to note the funds approved under delegated agreement

lii] to note the returned funding

lv] to note the change of use of funding

77/ FORWARD PROGRAMME [item 19]

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

78/ DATE OF NEXT MEETING [item 20]

10 Monday 27 June 2011, 7.00pm, Council Chamber, Epsom & Ewell Borough Council, The Parade, Epsom, KT18 5BY. Please note change of date from Monday 13 June..

Meeting Ended: 10.25pm