

**Minutes of the meeting of Surrey County Council's
Local Committee in Epsom and Ewell
Held at 19.00 on
Monday 5 March 2012 at
Epsom Town Hall,
The Parade, Epsom**

Members Present – Surrey County Council

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

Members Present – Epsom & Ewell Borough Council

Cllr Paul Arden-Jones	[Stamford]
Cllr Michael Arthur	[Ewell]
Cllr Mr Neil Dallen	[Town]
Cllr Julie Morris	[College]
Cllr Jean Smith	[Ewell Court]

05/12 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND SUBSTITUTIONS [Item1]

Apologies for absence were received from County Councillor David Wood.

06/12 WRITTEN PUBLIC QUESTION TIME [Item 2]

One question was received. The question and response are set out in Annex A.

07/12 ADJOURNMENT [Item 3]

Several members of the public attended, and one informal question was put to the meeting an answer was provided to the question at the meeting.

08/12 PETITIONS [Item 4]

No petitions were received.

**09/12 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING [5 December and 25 January]
[Item 5]**

Confirmed as a correct record, subject to the following amendment:-

25 January minutes Minute 03/12, paragraph 5, second sentence to read "Officers may need to consider the eligibility of residents for permits in consultation with divisional members".

10/12 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST [Item 6]

Colin Taylor declared in relation to item 14 that he is a trustee of the Sunnybank Trust and his wife is a volunteer associated with one of the activities recommended for funding.

11/12 MEMBERS' QUESTION TIME [Item 7]

Cllr Dallen declared an interest in respect of question 6 as he is a resident of Hazon Way

6 Questions were received from 5 Members. The questions and responses are set out in Annex B. The following supplementary questions and answers were given at the meeting:

Question 1 – The Committee asked the Highways Area Team Manager to continue to investigate and take this matter forward.

Question 2 – The Highways Area Team Manager was asked to supply members with details of what vacancies there are currently for officers within the highways team who would work on issues in Epsom & Ewell, when these will be filled and which officers have been asked to spend time working on the Olympics.

Question 3 – Councillor Dallen asked how the lessons learnt from this project would be taken forward to improve further schemes. He also requested that anti-graffiti paint should be used in future, as the area has already been subject to graffiti. Clarification was also sought on whether liquidated damages will be claimed. These queries would be referred to the structures team for a response. There was also a request that when work is completed, equipment should be removed from the site as soon as possible as work on the adjacent nature reserve had been delayed due to equipment remaining on site.

Question 4 – Cllr Morris asked who would be able to determine whether light pollution is a problem and make adjustments to lighting levels.

Question 6 – Colin Taylor asked whether it could be confirmed that the work in Horsley Close and Hazon Way would begin ahead of the Phase 7 parking review; when residents permits will be issued and details of who will be eligible for concessionary permits. These questions would be referred to the parking team for a response.

12/12 HIGHWAY SCHEMES PROGRESS REPORT [Item 8]

The Local Committee noted the report for information.

The Highways Area Team Manager agreed to check whether bollards are to be added to the recently installed Longmead crossing.

It was reported that under the list of local structural repairs the scheme in Worples Road had not extended as far as Heathcote Road. The Highways Area Team Manager agreed to investigate.

Noted at the bottom of page 3 “Stanton Road” should read “Stanton Close”.

In respect of the Epsom Station redevelopment it was reported that two meetings had taken place, one with the contractors and one with County Council officers. The Highways Area Team Manager reported that concerns had been referred to the contractors and he is waiting for a response. A report will be brought to the June meeting seeking approval for a revised layout for the taxi rank and bus stops on completion of the development. Noted that equipment had been removed from the highway but the area remained fenced off. The Highways Area Team Manager agreed to look into this and to provide a further update to all members.

The Highways Area Team Manager would clarify whether the surface treatment scheme is in Windmill Lane or Windmill Close and what length of road would be treated.

Noted that next year the Local Committee would receive £108k for capital and integrated transport schemes, £108k for capital maintenance, £190k revenue and a community pride fund for each member at the current level.

In relation to the footway slurry scheme in First Avenue it was reported that the first part of the road has slabs and that this may not be the most appropriate treatment. The Highways Area Team Manager would investigate.

Resolved: That a workshop be convened for County Members to set next year's highway programme.

13/12 CHANGE OF SPEED LIMIT AT JUNCTION OF A240/A24 EPSOM ROAD, EWELL [Item 9]

Noted that A24 Epsom Road should read A24 Ewell By-pass.

Resolved: That the advertising of a change of speed limit on the A240 at the roundabout junction of A240/ Reigate Road/ A24 Epsom By-pass, Ewell from 40mph to 30mph be approved.

14/12 EPSOM TOWN CENTRE STREET FURNITURE REVIEW [Item 10]

The Chairman of the Task Group reported that he accepted that there had been a full debate at the last meeting, but that the Task Group had representatives from many organisations and had carefully considered all of the options before recommending black as the colour scheme. It is difficult to achieve a consistent colour of green and black would make the town centre conservation area distinctive from the rest of the Borough. Ewell village which is also a conservation area uses the black colour scheme. Many members had not appreciated that the area in the town centre under consideration is a conservation area.

Other members felt that the green was a colour associated with the Borough of Epsom & Ewell and had been used successfully elsewhere in the Borough.

On a vote there were 3 votes FOR Black and 3 votes FOR Green and 2 ABSTENTIONS on the Chairman's casting vote it was:

Resolved: That the decision of the December meeting that the street furniture colour for the Town Centre should be green be confirmed.

15/12 YOUTH PROVISION UPDATE [Item 11]

Eber Kington declared an interest on the basis that he owns a property in the vicinity of the Horton Chapel.

Members congratulated the Borough Council on being awarded the contract to provide local preventative services.

It was reported that the meeting that had taken place earlier in the day to consider the re-provision of services currently using Lintons Lane had started

work on preparing a list of possible venues that could be used by the various users. It is likely that Phab and Disability Challengers will be the most difficult to find a permanent new base. All options are currently being considered. Whilst the Horton Chapel could provide a facility to meet a need for youth services in that area, there was some concern that there may no longer be a youth centre in the Town Centre.

Resolved:

- i] To note the decision to award a 12-month contract for local prevention services to Epsom and Ewell Borough Council.
- ii] That one youth work steering group be established for the Borough.
- iii] To note the arrangements in place to oversee the re-provision of the Linton's Lane Youth Centre.

16/12 YOUTH SMALL GRANTS [Item 12]

It was noted that the details of the grants were now available on the Surrey County Council website and the closing date for the first round of applications is 5 April. The Committee felt that this gave very little time for people to apply and that as the Committee would not meet to discuss these applications until 25 June that the deadline should be extended for this area.

The Committee requested that if possible the applications received for consideration by the Committee should be reviewed by the Youth Work Steering Group in advance and recommendations made to the Committee on which applications it would support.

Noted that criteria are currently being developed and the information will be circulated to appropriate organisations.

Resolved: That the process for approving Youth Small Grants as set out within Paragraphs 2.3-2.6 of the report be agreed subject to the following amendments:

In paragraph 2.4 approval of bids of £1,000 and under, after the initial meeting of the Local Committee, should be delegated to the Head of Commissioning in consultation with the local divisional member, a young person and the Chairman of the Youth Work Steering Group.

If possible the current closing date of 5 April for initial bids should be moved nearer to the date of the Local Committee on 25 June.

17/12 FLEXIBLE FORWARD PROGRAMME [Item 13]

Noted the forward plan. Members asked whether the Phase 7 parking review will be available for the June meeting.

18/12 MEMBERS' ALLOCATIONS [Item 14]

Noted the addendum to the report with additional bids circulated at the meeting. Noted that the amount proposed under Epsom & Ewell Home Improvement Agency Community Safety Scheme should read £ 2,027.50. Noted further that the IT Support proposed is for Surrey Youth Focus.

Resolved:

- i] To note that the proposal for Instrument replacement for £1000, sponsored by Cllr Wood has been withdrawn.
- ii] To note that the funding of £1000 for the Jubilee Party in the Park, sponsored by Cllr Kington has been withdrawn.
- iii] To note that the funding of £1000 for the Community neighbourhood Watch Email database, sponsored by Cllr Kington has been withdrawn.
- iv] To note that the funding for the refurbishment of the 'Clunch' wall, borough clean-up days and 3 noticeboards in Nonsuch are subject to Cllr Woods agreement.
- v] That the items submitted for funding from the 2011/12 Local Committee delegated revenue budget as outlined in the report and addendum be approved, subject to the following amendments:

Mentoring Scheme – Cllr Mason agreed to contribute £805 and Cllr Taylor agreed to contribute £1,000 if he has sufficient funds remaining.

- vi] That the items submitted for funding from the 2011/12 Local Committee delegated capital budget as outlined in the report and addendum be approved, subject to the following amendments:
 - Epsom & Ewell Borough Clean-up Day – Cllr Taylor agreed to contribute £500.
- vii] Cllr Taylor agreed to purchase a VAS sign for Hook road subject to receipt of the cost estimate and sufficient funds being available.
- viii] Cllr Mason agreed to contribute her remaining capital funding (approximately £2795) to highway improvements in Epsom & Ewell West subject to confirmation of the final cost of the proposed works.

19/12 DATE OF NEXT MEETING [Item 13]

Monday 25 June 2012, 7.00pm, Ewell Court House (to be confirmed)

Meeting Ended: 9.30pm

Chairman