

**Minutes of the meeting of Surrey County Council's
Local Committee in Epsom and Ewell
Held at 19.00 on
Monday 24 September 2012 at
Bourne Hall,
Spring Street, Ewell**

Members Present – Surrey County Council

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

Members Present – Epsom & Ewell Borough Council

Cllr Paul Arden-Jones	[Stamford]
Cllr Michael Arthur	[Ewell]
Cllr Ian Booker	[Town]
Cllr Julie Morris	[College]
Cllr Jean Smith	[Ewell Court]

37/12 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND SUBSTITUTIONS [Item 1]

There were no apologies for absence.

38/12 WRITTEN PUBLIC QUESTION TIME [Item 2]

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

39/12 ADJOURNMENT [Item 3]

Several members of the public attended, and four informal questions were put to the meeting. Answers were provided to the questions at the meeting and officers agreed to consider some matters further and update the Chairman if appropriate.

40/12 PETITIONS [Item 4]

There was one petition received for this meeting. Details of the petition and the response from the Officers is set out in Annex B.

Mr Kevin Vince attended the meeting to represent the petitioners. He queried how it was possible for the experimental road closure to be made permanent before the end of the experimental period. The Highways Area Team Manager explained that regulations allowed a decision to be made during the temporary period for the closure to be made permanent at the end of the temporary period. He acknowledged that officers had overlooked the need for large vehicles to visit businesses in this area and the problems associated with them turning round to leave the area. He agreed to see if it would be possible to amend the closure to allow an escape route for these vehicles only.

It was suggested that many of the vehicles parked in this area belong to drivers working at the bus depot and it was agreed that the bus company would be approached to see if more of them could be accommodated on site. The County Council parking team would also be consulted to see if this area could be considered for yellow lines in the next parking review. Keep Clear road markings at business entrances would also be considered.

Officers agreed to look at the suggestion that an illuminated sign could be placed at the junction with Blenheim Road giving an approximate queuing time for entry to the community recycling centre to prevent people joining the queue and then being unable to leave and to encourage them to come back later.

It was noted that there was no pedestrian access to the recycling facility and it was requested that this should be addressed.

The Committee noted the response and the additional actions proposed above and requested an update to be provided at its next meeting.

41/12 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING [25 June 2012] [Item 5]

Confirmed as a correct record.

42/12 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST [Item 6]

In relation to Item 11, Chris Frost and Colin Taylor declared that they are members of the Lower Mole Countryside Project Steering Group.

43/12 MEMBERS' QUESTION TIME [Item 7]

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

Question 5 – Officers agreed to circulate any further information when it becomes available.

Question 9 – It was reported that many residents had witnessed site vehicles driving past the site entrance and waiting for the site to open and that complaints from residents should have been recorded somewhere to enable officers to take action against the developer.

44/12 HIGHWAYS UPDATE [Item 8]

Noted that on 31 March each year the value of schemes for which invoices have not yet been received are accrued. As the invoices are received they are reconciled against this budget. This year, this resulted in an overspend as some invoices were more than expected. However, this is more than covered by the carry forward of unallocated budget from last year. Members expressed disappointment that more work could have been done last year if the Local Committee had been aware that there was budget still available. They were also concerned that despite putting forward suggestions for projects to take place this year they still did not know which would be going ahead and the costs of this work. The Highways Area Team Manager accepted that there had been problems in getting costs for works and this was currently a high priority so that orders can be placed by October to allow for work to be completed in this financial year.

Planning for 2013/14 will start earlier with an informal workshop for members in October to allow a programme to be agreed by Committee in December.

Resolved: That the following be agreed:

- i] to delegate authority to the Area Team Manager in consultation with the Chairman and Vice-Chairman and locally affected Divisional Members to use the Local Revenue carry forward sum to ensure that this Financial Year's Capital programme is adequately funded;
- ii] to delegate authority to the Area Team Manager to undertake all necessary procedures to deliver the agreed programmes, in consultation with the Chairman of the Local Committee and the Vice Chairman and the Local Divisional Member affected by each project.

45/12 TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT IN STATION APPROACH [Item 9]

There was concern that the current proposals do not appear to offer sufficient provision for passengers to be set down and collected by car or for taxis and members queried whether there was a need for two bus stops. Noted that the loading bay will only be occupied for a short period during the day and will then be available for taxis for the rest of the day. The area highways team manager assured the Committee that although the orders requested in the report would be permanent they would limit the scope of the working group if an alternative solution was proposed

Resolved: That the following be agreed:

- i] the advertising of a Traffic Regulation Order for the provision of a service vehicle loading area;
- ii] the advertising of an amendment to the existing town centre loading restrictions to accommodate the new loading lay-by;
- iii] the making of a Bus Stop Clearway in Station Approach;
- iv] to set up a working group consisting of Divisional and Ward Members [Chris Frost, Colin Taylor and Ian Booker], County and Borough Officers, Hackney Carriage representatives [John Girardi], Network Rail and Passenger Transport representatives to consider the provision of bus stops and Hackney Carriage ranks in the Town centre including the layout and operation of Station Approach taking into account the conflicting pressures.

46/12 FLEXIBLE FORWARD PROGRAMME [Item 10]

Noted the forward plan. Members agreed that the March meeting should take place in Bourne Hall as the Ebbisham Centre is no longer available.

47/12 LOCAL COMMITTEE FUNDING [Item 11]

Chris Frost and Colin Taylor declared a non pecuniary interest in relation to the Lower Mole Countryside Project as they are members of the members Steering Group.

Resolved:

- i] that the items recommended for funding from the Local Committee's 2012/13 Member Allocation funding, as set out in section 2 of this report, as amended, and summarised below be agreed:

Organisation	Project Title	Amount
Lower Mole Countryside Management Project	Lower Mole Project Land Rover	£5,100 Colin Taylor increased contribution from £1520 to £2,100
Generation Church	Epsom and Ewell Food Bank	£5,000 Additional £1,000 from David Wood Colin Taylor increased contribution from £1,000 to £1,700
Surrey Police, Epsom and Ewell Safer Neighbourhood Team	Neighbourhood Watch signs	£2,140
Second Hand Dance	Dad Dancing	£650
Ewell Chamber of Commerce	Stoneleigh Xmas Lights	£4,500 Additional £1,000 from Colin Taylor

- ii] Noted the expenditure previously approved by either the Community Partnerships Manager or the Community Partnerships Team Leader under delegated powers, as set out in section 3.
- iii] Noted any returned funding and/or adjustments, as set out within the report and at Appendix 1.

48/12 DATE OF NEXT MEETING [Item 17]

Monday 10 December 2012, 2.00pm, Epsom Town Hall

Meeting Ended: 10.05pm

Chairman