

Minutes to be agreed at the meeting of the Local Committee on 13 February 2012



Minutes of meeting

Surrey County Council Local Committee (Guildford)

Date: Wednesday 7 December 2011

Time: 7.00 pm

Place: Park Barn Day Centre, Park Barn Drive GUILDFORD, GU2 8EN

Members present:

Surrey County Council

Mr Mark Brett-Warburton (Guildford South-East) Chairman

Mr David Goodwin (Guildford South-West)

Ms Fiona White (Guildford West)

Ms Pauline Searle (Guildford North)

Mr Keith Taylor (Shere)

Mr Bill Barker (Horsleys)

Mr Simon Gimson (Shalford)

Ms Marsha Moseley (Ash)

Guildford Borough Council (for Transportation matters)

Councillor Mark Chapman (Westborough)

Councillor Caroline Reeves (Friary & St. Nicolas)

Councillor Christian Holliday (Burpham)

Councillor Diana Lockyer-Nibbs (Normandy)

Councillor Bob McShee (Worplesdon)

Councillor Nigel Manning (Ash Vale)

Councillor James Palmer (Shalford)

Councillor Tony Phillips (Onslow)

Councillor Tony Rooth (Pilgrims)

Councillor Jenny Wicks (Clandon & Horsley)

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PART ONE – IN PUBLIC

38/11 Apologies for absence and substitutions [Item 1]

No apologies were received.

39/11 Minutes of the last meetings (22 September 2011) [Item 2]

1. Agreed and signed by the Chairman.
2. The Chairman informed the meeting that he had received a reply from the Cabinet member for Transport and Environment in response to the committee's enquiry about placing private grit bins on the public highway. The meeting heard that the matter would be discussed by the Winter Services Task Group which would convene early in the New Year.

40/11 Declarations of interest [Item 3]

Declarations of interest were made by:

- Borough Councillor Diana Lockyer-Nibbs in relation to items 9 and 10, because she was a member of the British Horse Society.
- County Councillor Fiona White in relation to items 14 and 17 as she was a member of the Drive Smart Board and a member of the Barn Youth Project Committee. Item 17 was a prejudicial interest and Cllr White left the meeting for the duration of the item.

41/11 Petitions [Item 4]

No petitions were submitted

42/11 Written questions [Item 5]

- a) Four written questions were submitted and tabled at the meeting. Mr Barham commented that perhaps the modelling for the proposed relocation of the bus station would support the plan as a foregone conclusion. Mr Norris suggested additional Park and Ride services should be included under the Town Centre Plan simply to address future increases in traffic.
- b) There were no written member questions submitted

43/11 Local Sustainable Transport Fund [Item 6]

Surrey County Council's Assistant Director Strategy, Transport and Planning spoke to the report

1. The Committee heard that the application to Government would include a programme of increased sustainable transport including walking, cycling and buses.
2. The application deadline was 20 December 2011
3. Government would allow some alterations and amendments following submission and county officers would be working on this with the Guildford Local Committee Transport Task Group from late January 2012.
4. County officers were congratulated for their success in the process so far.

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The Local Committee (Guildford) agreed: that the Transport Task Group would continue to steer the development of the Local Sustainable Transport Fund from late January 2012, with reports of progress to be provided at meetings of the local committee going forward at which relevant decisions would be made so that an agreed programme was in place by June 2012.

Reason for decision:

The Local Committee agreed the Transport Task Group would begin the development of the LSTF large project bid programme from late January 2012.

44/11 Priority Places [Item 7]

The Committee noted the similar needs in Stoke and Westborough. The member for Stoke asked that Stoke be supported in equal terms.

The Local Committee (Guildford) agreed to:

- i. note the progress made in implementing the Westborough Strategy and Action Plan;
- ii. note the progress made towards agreeing an Action Plan for Stoke arising from the Planning for Real exercise;
- iii. continue to use the resources at its disposal to promote the development of stronger, more self-reliant communities in Guildford.

Reason for decision:

It was important that the Local Committee continued to play an active interest and involvement in local partnerships.

45/11 Local Prevention Framework [Item 8]

Surrey County Head of Transformation Project spoke to the report.

1. The Committee heard that the Local Prevention Framework comprised a relatively small part of the overall Transformation of Youth Services budget
2. Numbers of NEETs can fluctuate seasonally throughout the year by around 10-15% with a rise at Christmas due to young people dropping out of courses following the first term
3. Those likely to become NEET are tracked through education and post school activity and there were currently 573 predicted as 'likely to become NEET' all clustered around the three defined areas of need in the borough.
4. There would be shared governance between the Discovery Centre in Guildford and the Ajima in Park Barn.

The Local Committee (Guildford) agreed:

- i. That the local prevention framework priority for Guildford is to prevent NEET across the borough of Guildford but with a particular focus on areas of need identified as Ash, Stoke and Westborough and that the

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commissioning budget is deployed to commission outcomes in accordance with this prioritisation.

- ii. Note the allocation of SOLD resources to young people will be delegated to officers in the Youth Support Service to arrange provision that addresses the identified risk factors and areas of geographical priority.
- iii. Note that the Guildford local committee has a Small Grants allocation of £27,000 for the year commencing 1.4.12. This will be available to support small voluntary youth organisations with grants of £500 to £1,000 and exceptionally up to £5,000.

Reason for decision:

The local committee agreed the priorities for the use of the commissioning budget under the devolved Local Prevention Framework which had been identified in the report.

46/11 Alleged public bridleway along public FP No. 348, Tongham and Tongham Road, Rushmoor [Item 9]

Surrey County Council's Countryside Access Manager spoke to the report.

The Local Committee (Guildford) agreed that:

- (i) Public bridleway rights are recognised over 'A' - 'E' on plan 3/1/64/H7 and that this application for a MMO under sections 53 and 57 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 to modify the Definitive Map and Statement by the addition of a bridleway is approved.
- (ii) A legal order should be made and advertised and if objections are received it will be submitted to the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs for confirmation.
- (iii) Authority is sought from Hampshire County Council to make a MMO on their behalf for the section 'D' - 'E' on plan 3/1/64/H7.

Reason for decision:

The Local Committee considered that the evidence showed that bridleway rights can reasonably be alleged to subsist over the route under common law dedication.

47/11 Byway open to all traffic 538 [Item 10]

Surrey County Council's Countryside Access Manager spoke to the report.

The Local Committee (Guildford) agreed that: In light of the successful repairs to Byway Open to All Traffic 538 (West Horsley) there is no longer a need to proceed with a Public Inquiry.

Reason for decision:

To safeguard the BOAT from further deterioration.

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48/11 Highway Schemes Update [Item 11]

Surrey County Council's Area Highways Manager spoke to the report. The following corrections were agreed to the report:

- Para 2.0 Speed Limits should read:
- "A new speed limit policy was adopted in **2010**" p.91
- A246 Guildford Road 85%ile speed "50.5" mph p.92
- A246 Guildford Road No. of Collisions "7" p.92

The Local Committee (Guildford) agreed to:

- i. Note progress of highway improvement schemes.
- ii. Resolve, or otherwise, to advertise the following speed limits
 - a) Paper Court Road, Ripley (current limit 60): 30mph
 - b) Tannery Lane, Send (current limit 60): 30mph
- iii. Resolve, or otherwise, to ask the Cabinet Member for Transport and Environment to endorse the advertisement of lower speed limits for those roads listed in this report where the Police object to the proposed lower limit, and the Area Highway Manager also recommends against proceeding with the reduction without additional measures.
 - a) A246 Guildford Road, East Horsley to Effingham (current limit 50): 40mph
 - b) A246 Guildford Road, Effingham (current limit 40): 30mph
 - c) Wodeland Avenue, Guildford (current limit 30): 20mph
- iv. Authorise delegation of authority to the Area Highway Manager in consultation with the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Local Committee and the local Divisional Member to resolve any objections received in connection with proposed speed limits.

Reason for decision:

The Local Committee agreed that it was appropriate for a number of roads to be re-assessed under the Council's new Speed Limit Policy, and that the lower limits recommended be introduced. The recommendations were endorsed by the local members

49/11 Traffic Regulation Order for speed limit A25 Ladymead [Item 12]

The Area Highways Manager spoke to the report.

The Local Committee (Guildford) agreed to:

- i. The intention of the County Council to make a Speed Limit Order under Sections 82, 83 and 84 of and Part IV of Schedule 9 to the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 to –
 - a) revoke any existing Regulations or Order imposing the existing 40 mile per hour speed limit on the A25 Parkway, A25 Ladymead, A25 Woodbridge Road and A25 Midleton Road and to re-consolidate them into a single new Speed Limit Order; and
 - b) include in that new Order certain minor amendments regarding the existing 30 and 40 mile per hour speed limits on the A320 Stoke Road

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and the D4002 Surrey Way (in the vicinity of their junctions with, respectively, the A25 Parkway/Ladymead and the A25 Midleton Road) so as to reflect the current position of the existing speed limit signs on the ground, be advertised and that if no objections be maintained, the Speed Limit Order be made.

- ii. Where significant objections are received to a made Traffic Regulation Order/Speed Limit Order to decide, the Area Team Manager in consultation with the divisional member and the Local Committee Chairman/Vice Chairman whether the Traffic Regulation Order/Speed Limit Order may be confirmed.

Reason for decision:

The Local Committee agreed a new TRO is required to bring the Orders up to date and to ensure that they can be more easily used in the event of any challenge to enforcement of the speed limit.

50/11 B3411 Vale Road, Ash Vale, responses/objections to proposed traffic calming [Item 13]

The Area Highways Manager spoke to the report

The Local Committee (Guildford) agreed:

- i. that the objections to the proposed traffic calming measure on Vale Road, Ash Vale be overruled.
- ii. that the intention of the County Council to proceed under Section 90 (A) to (I) of the Highways Act 1980 (as amended), the effect of which would be to introduce the traffic calming measures of road cushions on the B3411 Vale Road, Ash Vale, as shown in Annexe A, and the scheme implemented.

Reason for decision:

The Local Committee agreed that the scheme had been designed in accordance with Dft guidelines and that the design criteria met the needs of community. The recommendation was endorsed by the local member.

51/11 Surrey's DriveSMART road safety and anti-social driving strategy, and Guildford's Local Speed Management Plan [Item 14]

The Road Safety Team Manager spoke to the report.

1. The committee heard that the DriveSMART initiative had moved to become to some extent self funding by applying charges from those benefiting from its services. There were now fines and costs for attendance on courses such as 'Safe Drive to Stay Alive'.
2. All charges and costs had been scrutinised by the DriveSMART Board.
3. Councillors would contact the Road Safety Team Manager directly with any comments relating to the Local Speed Management Plan individually.

The Local Committee (Guildford) agreed: To note the report

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Reason for decision:

The Local Committee supported Surrey Police and county council road safety colleagues in targeting Drive SMART resources at the sites that need them the most.

52/11 Superfast Broadband

The Project Officer spoke to the report

1. Report should read 'Guildford and Worpleson' and not Godalming
2. Three thousand surveys had been completed
3. Options are being investigated to achieve superfast across the whole county

The Local Committee (Guildford) agreed:

- i. To note of the areas of Guildford that will not be covered by BT Openreach; and
- ii. support the project by encouraging residents and businesses to register their demand for a faster broadband service.

Reason for decision:

Members thought this was a good initiative for Surrey. Rural members in particular welcomed the projected outcomes.

53/11 Trading Standards Annual Report

The Trading Standards Safer and Stronger Team Leader spoke to the report

1. The committee heard that there would be no new 'Cold Calling Zones' designated. Residents could display a sticker in their homes to convey an anti-cold calling message.
2. An individual Trading Standards Officer would be allocated to each borough and district to facilitate closer working.

The Local Committee (Guildford) agreed: to note the report

Reason for decision:

The Local Committee noted the activities of the Trading Standards Service and would provide feedback to help to respond to local needs and issues.

54/11 Members Local Allocations

Members **APPROVED** proposals from the Local Allocation funding.

- i. noted the actions carried out under delegated authority.
- ii. agreed the proposed expenditure from the Members' Capital and the Members' Revenue allocation budgets as detailed in paragraph 2.2 within the report with the addition of £1000 revenue toward the Surrey Save

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Credit Union bid, Cllr David Goodwin and two tabled bids of £4,980 in revenue The Barn Youth Project Running costs, Cllr Fiona White, £2,211 Heat Prevention Running costs, Cllr Fiona White.

- iii. note the change of use of funding.
note the return of funding

Reason for decision:

The spending proposals put forward for this meeting have been assessed against the County standards for appropriateness and value for money and it is recommended that they should be approved.

55/11 Forward Programme [Item 15]

The Local Committee (Guildford) agreed to:

- i. the Forward Programme 2011/12, as outlined in Appendix 1

[Meeting ended at 9.55pm]

..... **CHAIRMAN**
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The next meeting of the Committee will be on Wednesday 21 March at 7pm, at East Horsley Village Hall.

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Informal Public Question Time (prior to the meeting)

The following issues were raised during the informal public question session:

1. An action group had been formed to improve road safety on the A323 at Ash with particular reference to School Lane and the safety of the children attending Wyke Primary School. The action group would be organising a petition. Action group members sought the support of Surrey County Council. The Area Highways Manager would establish contact with the group following the meeting.
2. Several questions were raised regarding the proposed relocation of the Guildford bus station. Members of the public voiced concern over the potential disruption to services and town centre traffic flow. The suitability of the new site and the revised of traffic schemes which would accommodate it was questioned. The meeting heard from Surrey County Council's Assistant Director Strategy, Transport and Planning who said that the movement of buses was of fundamental importance to the council and pedestrian and traffic impacts would be looked at very closely. The Head of Economic Development at Guildford Borough Council was in attendance and said public consultation would follow all stages of development and the two councils would be working closely together.
3. It was noted that a pedestrian crossing on Norwood Road damaged 4 years ago had still not been repaired. Cllr Barker offered part of his Community Pride fund allocation to part cover the cost. The Area Highways Manager would take this forward.
4. The committee heard that the speed bumps in place on Park Barn Road were considered too high. The councillors agreed that speed bumps were of good use to public safety. The Area Highways Manager said that the county had a programme in place to adjust speed bumps where necessary to conform to current standards within the resurfacing work programme.