

DRAFT MINUTES ONLY – TO BE AGREED ON 05 MARCH 2007

MINUTES: of the meeting of Surrey County Council's Local Committee (Reigate and Banstead) held at 14:00 on Monday 29 January 2007 at Reigate Town Hall.

Members Present – Surrey County Council

Mrs Angela Fraser DL	Mr Nick Harrison
Mr Michael Gosling	Mr Daniel Kee*
Dr Lynne Hack	Mrs Frances King
Mr Simon Harding	Mrs Dorothy Ross-Tomlin

Members Present – Reigate and Banstead Borough Council

Cllr M H C Buttery*	Cllr R C Newstead
Cllr B C Cowle	Cllr R F C Wagner
Cllr F J Moore	

* Part of meeting

PART ONE - IN PUBLIC

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

Public Open Session

Before the formal Committee session began, the Chairman invited questions relating to items on the agenda from members of the public attending the meeting. No questions were asked.

- 01/07 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE [Item 1]**
Apologies were received from Cllr B A Stead, Cllr R M Bennett and Mrs Kay Hammond. Apologies for lateness were received from Cllr M H C Buttery.
- 02/07 **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING – 22 NOVEMBER 2006 [Item 2]**
The minutes were agreed as accurate.

The Area Director confirmed that a bid for funding of double height kerbs on the roundabout in Cheyne Walk (paragraph 67/06) will be considered at the next meeting of the Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership.
- 03/07 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST [Item 3]**
Dr Lynne Hack declared a personal interest in Item 9 as a board member of Crimestoppers.
- 04/07 **PETITIONS [Item 4]**
Two petitions were received.

a) Ravens Close, Redhill

Mrs H Doling, of Ravens Close, Redhill, presented a petition containing 16 signatures, on behalf of local residents requesting that some form of residents or permit parking (preferably free) be introduced.

Although below the usual requirement of 30 signatures, the Chairman used her discretionary power under the local protocol to allow the petition due to the local nature of the concerns.

Mrs Doling informed the Committee that Ravens Close is a very small road with only 13 properties. None have driveways and with limited parking spaces, which are often taken by office parking, it is difficult for residents to park.

Mrs Doling provided Members with photos showing some of the parking difficulties in Ravens Close.

The Chairman thanked Mrs Doling for presenting the petition, which was noted by the Committee.

RESOLVED

That:

- (i) A report on the parking issues in Ravens Close, Redhill, be presented to the next meeting of the Local Committee;
- (ii) Local Transportation Officers investigate the possibility of neighbouring office blocks supporting any proposed solutions.

b) Road Maintenance, Merstham

Mrs Esme Hammond of Wood Street, Merstham, presented a petition containing 674 signatures, on behalf of local residents, requesting that Surrey County Council take urgent action to address the terrible condition of the road surface in Malmestone Avenue, Merstham.

Mrs Hammond informed the Committee that the poor road surface was causing a hazard for residents.

Mr Daniel Kee, the local County Councillor for Merstham, gave his full support to Mrs Hammond.

The Chairman thanked Mrs Hammond for presenting the petition, which was noted by the Committee.

RESOLVED

That:

- (i) A report on the condition of roads in Merstham, in particular Malmestone Avenue, be presented to the next meeting of the Local Committee.

05/07 **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME [Item 5]**

No public questions were received.

06/07 **MEMBERS' QUESTION TIME [Item 6]**

Two Member questions were received. The following responses were tabled at the meeting.

Cllr B C Cowle, Member for Banstead Village, asked the following question:

Flooding – Garratts Lane, Banstead

"I am sure that you are well aware of the problems we have with the flooding in Garratts Lane. This has been a problem over many years and an additional drain was installed some years ago. The problem has been much worse this year and is the number one source of residents' complaints.

Would it be possible to have a statement as to what works can be, or are to be, carried out to eliminate the flood."

The Local Transport Manager Responded:

"To improve the operation of the drainage system in this area the County Council organised for a large drainage clearing machine to visit the area and clear the gullies and soak-aways on the roundabout (Garratts Lane junction with Bolters Lane). This work was undertaken during the week commencing 8th January 2007.

A return visit has also been scheduled to clear the remaining soakaways and catch pits in Garratts Lane between the junction of Shrubland Road and Colcokes Road. It will also clean the first soakaways off Garratts Lane in Shrubland Road, Garrard Road and Colcokes Road.

This site is also on the Drainage Improvements List for works to the roundabout drainage. Funding has recently become available towards this project and a works order has been raised with the County Council's constructor (Carillion) to commence the Design Stage after which time any required works can be constructed."

Cllr Steve Kulka, Member for Meadvale and St Johns asked the following question:

Pedestrian Controlled Crossing – Redstone Hill, Redhill

"When would it be possible to implement a pedestrian controlled crossing across Redstone Hill at the junction of Noke Drive?

Anyone standing on the southern side of the road has no clear view of the traffic coming down Redstone Hill. Warwick School children, users of Redhill station and other Pedestrians wanting to cross Redstone Hill have no convenient and safe place to cross at that junction."

The Local Transport Manager Responded:

"An existing pelican crossing currently exists across A25 Station Road approximately 60m west of the Redstone Hill/Noke Drive junction (see map below). This crossing allows pedestrians on the south side of Redstone Hill to access Redhill Station, Noke Drive and the Warwick School. Pedestrian refuge islands also exist on the A25 to assist pedestrians and a new traffic signal crossing has recently been provided across Noke Drive to improve access in this area. Accident records over the last 5 years show no accidents have taken place in this location.

For these reasons there are currently no plans to implement a pedestrian controlled crossing across Redstone Hill at the junction of Noke Drive."

Mr Daniel Kee left the meeting after Item 6 above.

07/07 CHILDREN'S SERVICE WORKING LOCALLY [Item 7]

Mr Norman Fullarton, (Children's Locality Manager), and Melanie Harris, (Local Education Officer) attended to present the report and respond to Members questions.

Mrs Dorothy Ross-Tomlin suggested that Members would find a role on the local fostering panels very rewarding.

The Committee were informed that a third school confederation has been established for the schools in the Reigate and Redhill area of the Borough. This will mean that the entire Borough is confederated.

RESOLVED

That the Local Committee:

- (i) Notes the content of the report and reflect back to the service any local issues of concern or interest, and
- (ii) Offers continuing support to local projects and make suggestions concerning what they would like to see in the new business plan.
- (iii) Monitors progress of the new service targets and receive feedback from officers on targets and outcomes at an agreed time.

Cllr M H C Buttery joined the meeting during Item 7 above.

08/07 YOUTH DEVELOPMENT SERVICE IN REIGATE AND BANSTEAD [Item 8]

Mr Peter Hare (Area Manager) and Mr Jeremy Crouch (Borough Youth Development Officer) presented the report, which provided an update on the work of the Youth Development Service in 2006 and outlined the objectives for 2007.

The Committee heard that the Reigate and Banstead Youth Council allocates the Youth Opportunities Fund and Youth Capital Fund. The Youth Council Members have received training on how to consider and agree bids for funding. The funds come with strict guidelines which states that they must be allocated in line with the five Every Child Matters outcomes. The funding is "for young people, by young people".

RESOLVED

That the Local Committee:

- (i) Notes the contents of the report;
- (ii) Chairman write to the Member Asset Panel in support of the proposals for youth service provision in Horley;
- (iii) Receive a report on the Youth Plan 2007/08 at the next meeting.

Mr Michael Gosling and Mrs Angela Fraser DL declared an interest in (ii) above, and did not vote.

09/07 **LOCAL COMMITTEE FUNDING - PROPOSALS FOR EXPENDITURE [Item 9]**

Members were reminded that all funding, including the capital allocation, must be agreed by the next meeting. Proposals for the capital funding should be sent to the Local Committee and Partnership Officer by 19th February 2007.

RESOLVED

That the following proposals be approved from Local Committee funding:

1. Slipper Exchange Scheme	£500
2. Action for Life – Redhill Pram Walks	£950
3. Playground Improvements – Reigate Priory Community Junior School	£2,952.52
4. Digital Editing/Video Suite - Reigate Priory Community Junior School	£1,079.83
5. Surrey Crimestoppers – Underage Drinking Campaign	£6,762.50
6. Vehicle Actuated Signs – Outwood Lane	£5,600

And that the following proposals, tabled in a supplementary paper, be approved from Local Committee funding:

1. Creative Play Facility – Langshott School	£1,995
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10/07 **SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY STRATEGY [Item 10]**

The Area Director presented the report, which provided an update on the work of the Local Strategic Partnership in developing a new sustainable community strategy.

RESOLVED

That the Local Committee:

- (i) Notes the progress to date in developing the sustainable community strategy, the draft themes, and the planned timetable for the next stages;
- (ii) Receive a regular update of the Local Strategic Partnerships progress;
- (iii) Recommend any community groups that Members consider a priority for public consultation;
- (iv) Consider how it would like to support the consultation process and
 - Pass individual comments to the Area Director;
 - Hold a Member session as part of the next stage of consultation.
- (v) Agree that the Chairman of the Local Committee continue to act as the County Council's representative on the Local Strategic Partnership.

11/07 CONSULTATIONS [Item 11]

RESOLVED

That the Local Committee:

- (i) Notes the list of current consultations.
- (ii) Chairman write to the Chief Constable asking what Surrey Police are considering to overcome the difficulty of Police Community Support Officer's lack of powers to detain
- (iii) Consider the consultation on the future of health service provision in Epsom and St Helier NHS Trust at a future meeting.

12/07 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE FORWARD PLAN [Item 12]

RESOLVED

That the Local Committee:

- (i) Notes the forward plan of the County Council's Executive Committee.
- (ii) Receive an update on the Fire and Rescue Service HQ relocation at the next informal meeting.

13/07 FORWARD PLAN [Item 13]

RESOLVED

That the Local Committee:

- (i) Notes the forward plan.
- (ii) Receive a report on the effectiveness of Vehicle Activated Signs across the Borough in approximately 12 months time.

[Meeting Ended: 16:09]

Chairman