

DRAFT MINUTES: of the meeting of the Surrey County Council Local Committee held at 6.30pm on Monday October 10th 2011 at the RBC Council Chamber, Civic Centre, Addlestone.

Surrey County Council Members

Mr Mel Few
Mr John Furey
Miss Marisa Heath (apologies)
Mrs Yvonna Lay (Vice Chairman)
Mr Chris Norman (Chairman)
Mrs Mary Angell

Runnymede Borough Council appointed members

Councillor P. Roberts
Councillor A Alderson
Councillor T. Dicks
Councillor D. Cotty
Councillor R. Edis (absent)
Councillor P.Tuley

PART ONE - IN PUBLIC

[All references to Items refer to the Agenda for the meeting]

33/11 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE [Item 1]

Apologies for absence were received from Miss Marisa Heath.

34/11 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING HELD ON JUNE 27th 2011 [Item 2]

Mr Few indicated that an additional bullet point should be included in the written reply at Item 7:

- “ensures investment should have an economic payback”

The minutes were approved and signed.

35/11 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST [Item 3]

None received.

36/11 WRITTEN MEMBERS' QUESTIONS [Item 4]

None received.

37/11 PETITIONS [Item 5]

None received.

38/11 WRITTEN PUBLIC QUESTIONS [Item 6]

None received.

39/11 **OLYMPIC ROUTE NETWORK** [Item 7]

Mr Ed Josey (Surrey County Council – Olympic Route Network engagement officer funded through the ODA) and Ms Karen Agbabiaka (Olympic Delivery Authority) introduced the item and gave a presentation (tabled) about current plans and preparations for summer 2012, advising that any queries may be addressed by email to: orn2012@surreycc.gov.uk

Ms Agbabiaka advised that the peak period for shuttle buses to and from Royal Holloway College would be from 7.30-9.30am and 2.30 to 4.00pm. In addition to traffic lights on the A30 at Egham Hill and the Games Lane on A30 bypass, the ORN would include restrictions on the A4 near Dorney (the venue for rowing events). She said that, throughout the period of operation, there would be a dedicated officer monitoring traffic flow and in direct contact with the London control room. A full report on the route testing carried out in August 2011 was due at the end of October, but early results had indicated a need for some signal tweaking on the A4, and an M25/M4 incident management strategy. She explained that Surrey County Council would be responsible for implementing a procurement and operations plan, whilst the ODA would issue the Traffic Regulation Order as part of the statutory consultation on the route at the end of October. Surrey Police would be contracted to carry out traffic compliance enforcement on the ORN.

Members made a number of comments, including querying use of Surrey Police rather than local traffic wardens for traffic compliance: the estimated length of time for Games lane operation (6am-6pm) given peak times for Games traffic being much shorter: querying the rationale for closing a section of the Runnymede roundabout; a suggestion that LOCOG model the impact of M3 closure on the route in addition to M25/M4; and the importance of restoring the A30 and roundabout to normal soon after the end of the Paralympic Games.

Ms Agbabiaka agreed to forward the final report on the results of ORN testing to the Local Committee when available. She confirmed that the lane markings would be temporarily painted on the carriageway with roadside signs, and a physical barrier on the Runnymede roundabout, and that all works would be implemented by Surrey Highways.

Mrs Angell proposed the motion which was seconded by Mr Furey and agreed unanimously:

RESOLVED

that Surrey County Council should return the roads on the Olympic Route Network to normal by the end of September 2012.

40/11 **COMMUNITY RESILIENCE** [Item 8]

Mr Ian Good (Head of Emergency Management) introduced the report, reminding members of an informal background briefing they had received earlier in the summer. He highlighted the event “Runnymede Prepared” which would be held in Chertsey on 12th November to inform and advise the public about what they could do to prepare for flooding. Organised by the Surrey Resilience Forum, the event

would include stalls and presentations by the Environment Agency, the National Flood Forum, and a Chobham community group which had prepared for flooding.

Members welcomed the report and requested copies of the event poster for display around Chertsey.

41/11 TOWN CENTRE PARKING CHARGES [Item 9]

The chairman advised members that he had been informed that a Surrey County Council task group would be re-examining the business case for the proposed parking charges later in October, and his suggestion that the item be deferred was accepted.

42/11 STREET LIGHTING REPLACEMENT PROGRAMME [Item 10]

Mr Paul W Smith gave a presentation on the benefits and costs of the PFI-funded street lighting replacement programme, which would replace approximately 70,000 lampposts older than 15 years. He advised that the programme would commence in the Runnymede area during the last quarter of 2012, but noted that as progress in other areas was ahead of schedule this could be brought forward by up to six months. He informed members that he was already liaising with Runnymede Borough Council's technical officer Mr Steve Fuggles, in relation to the mini-project to upgrade St Jude's Road, Englefield Green.

In answer to members' questions, Mr Smith confirmed that conservation area lamp columns would be replaced on a like for like basis without additional cost, and that existing brackets e.g. for Christmas lights or hanging baskets, would be re-installed. If residents' groups wished to install additional heritage lamps, the costs of the columns available were shown on the slides.

43/11 SURREY FIRE AND RESCUE ANNUAL REPORT [Item 11]

Mr Mark Barrett (Borough Manager, Surrey Fire & Rescue Service) introduced the annual report by noting that only two individuals in Runnymede had suffered any injury as a result of domestic fires and there had been no deaths during the period. The number of primary fires (property-related) attended had fallen from 129 to 93 during the period, which was a very low figure to maintain.

Members asked about the consequences for individuals found to have made malicious false calls, the funding for the Youth Engagement Scheme, the serious fire dealt with at Painesfield Drive in Chertsey in summer 2011, and availability of the Community Room at Chertsey fire station.

44/11 CHRISTCHURCH ROAD SPEED LIMIT [Item 12]

Mr Andrew Milne introduced the report, noting that as the latest speed survey data indicated good compliance with the speed limit at school drop-off/collection times, there had been no accidents in the previous three years, and the Police remained opposed to a change in the limit, the recommendation was to retain the existing limit.

The local member expressed continued dissatisfaction at the discrepancy between the limit outside this school and St Ann's Heath a mile along the road, and questioned whether the detailed speed data he had received separately, tallied with the summary data presented in the report. Mr Milne agreed to discuss this following the meeting.

Another member noted that this location had been reviewed on three separate occasions (twice at the request of the previous local member) since the Local Committee came into being.

RESOLVED

that the existing 40 mph speed limit remain unchanged.

45/11 GREEN LANE SPEED LIMIT REVIEW [Item 13]

Mr Andrew Milne presented this item. The local members for the location expressed their support for change, noting that there had been nine reported injuries over the preceding period.

RESOLVED

- i) to note the results of the speed limit assessment undertaken;
- ii) to authorise the advertisement of a Speed Limit Revocation Order that would have the effect of revoking the existing speed limit and introducing a 30mph speed limit (by virtue of the existence of a system of street lighting) to the length of the C127 Green Lane shown in Annex A;
- iii) to agree that, subject to no objection being received the order be made and the proposed change to the speed limit implemented;
- iv) to agree that any objections to the revocation of the existing 40mph speed limit and introduction of a 30mph speed limit should be considered and resolved by the Area Team Manager (NW) in consultation with the Divisional Member and Chairman, and that this issue only be returned to Committee if any objections prove insurmountable.

46/11 HIGHWAYS UPDATE REPORT [Item 14]

Mr Andrew Milne advised members that he had just been informed that the £20k set aside in the revenue maintenance budget for Controlled Parking Zones would not be required in the current financial year, so he would propose a re-allocation of this funding in his next Update report to the December committee. He also noted that the Community Pride funding was still to be spent according to individual members' priorities.

Members discussed the allocation of Section 106 infrastructure funding from developers, noting that in the past this had been determined by officers within Transport for Surrey (development control) but that for the future there were moves to increase member involvement in decisions about appropriate use of such funds, which would be reviewed at a joint workshop to be held at Runnymede Borough Council in December. Some members said that they opposed the use of funding for additional cycle routes in the borough.

47/11 LYNE ROAD WIDTH RESTRICTION [Item 15]

The local member Mr Few highlighted an omitted reference in Annex 1, that the entrance to Bridge Lane should include a sign stating "No Through Road", an essential deterrent to HGVs accessing the road unnecessarily. Mr Milne agreed to address this.

RESOLVED

- i) to note the results of the consultation;
- ii) to agree the proposed relocation of the width restriction, and give authority to any legal notification/orders that may be necessary for its implementation.

48/11 MEMBER ALLOCATIONS FUNDING [Item 16]

The chairman advised that Miss Marisa Heath had confirmed that she wished to allocate £5,000 to the Egham Royal Show 2012 (at paragraph 2.8).

RESOLVED

- i) to agree the proposed expenditure (as described in paragraphs 2.2. to 2.11 and **as amended at 2.8**) from the Member Allocations Budget 2011-12;
- ii) to note the expenditure approved by the Community Partnership Team Manager and the West team leader under delegated powers since the last Committee, described at 3.0.

49/11 FORWARD PLAN [Item 17]

RESOLVED

to agree the Forward Plan contained in the report.

50/11 LOCAL UPDATES [Item 18]

Ms Carter asked members to note that the consultation period for the Aggregates Recycling Policy had been extended to 28 October 2011.

[Meeting ended at 20.43 pm]

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