

**DRAFT MINUTES: of the meeting of the Surrey County Council Local Committee held at 6.30pm on Monday 20 February 2012 at the RBC Council Chamber, Civic Centre, Addlestone.**

**Surrey County Council Members**

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

**Runnymede Borough Council appointed members**

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

**PART ONE - IN PUBLIC**

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

**1/12 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE [Item 1]**

Apologies for absence were received from Mrs Mary Angell, and Councillor Terry Dicks.

**2/12 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING HELD ON 5 DECEMBER 2011 [Item 2]**

The minutes were approved and signed.

**3/12 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST [Item 3]**

None received.

**4/11 WRITTEN MEMBERS' QUESTIONS [Item 4]**

None received.

**5/11 PETITIONS [Item 5]**

None received.

**6/11 WRITTEN PUBLIC QUESTIONS [Item 6]**

One question had been received:

1. Question from Mr John Healy, a resident of Virginia Water and spokesman for the Stroude Road Accident Blackspot Campaign

"Would the Committee please advise on the current status and planned programme regarding (a) the implementation of road safety improvements at the Accident Blackspot (40mph sector near Great Fosters and the location of 3 fatalities and various other incidents and near-misses), and (b) the high rate of incidents experienced in the 30mph residential sector?

Please include the status regarding the road lighting project being funded with the help of BELRON."

**The Chairman has given the following reply with advice from the Highways team:**

The Local Committee is aware that there has been significant ongoing correspondence between Mr Healy, Surrey Highways staff, the Police, and County Councillors Mel Few and Yvonna Lay since this matter was raised at the last Committee meeting on 5 December 2012.

It is understood that the present position with regard to implementing road safety improvements at this location has already been clearly advised, and that Mr Healy is aware of the recent vegetation work that has been carried out, and County Councillor Mel Few's commitment to fund the provision of a Vehicle Activated Sign from his member allocation.

As previously stated, it remains the case that Surrey Highways staff intend to implement the installation of the VAS and double white lining system in the early part of this coming financial year.

With regard to the issue of incidents within the 30mph section, there is no further update to give beyond the response that was provided by Committee during the meeting of 5 December 2011.

However, with regard to the street lighting improvements proposed by BELRON, I can confirm that Belron have received preliminary quotes for this work from Surrey County Council's street lighting contractor, and remain in direct dialogue with them. As this is a privately funded initiative, it is of course up to Belron to determine whether or not they wish to proceed with this work, having considered it fully."

Mr Healy asked the following supplementary question:

I appreciate the efforts made by members of the Local Committee and the improvements as a result of the cutting back of roadside foliage, but I would like to know exactly **when** the installation of the Vehicle Activated Sign, and the double white lines on the carriageway will take place.

Mr Healy was advised that, once Surrey Highways had confirmed dates for this work, they would let him know.

The local member Mrs Yvonna Lay pledged to allocate funding from her 2012-13 allocation towards a second Vehicle Activated Sign at the location.

## 7/11 **HIGHWAYS UPDATE REPORT** [Item 7]

Mr Andrew Milne tabled a revised report for decision with an additional annex 2, and presented an update on the current position of schemes undertaken for 2011-12, noting that there had been some delays on schemes which were design only due to capacity issues. He then outlined the capital funding of £133k available for new schemes in the coming financial year 2012-13, and asked members to review Table 3 of the report which incorporated potential schemes which had been discussed at an informal meeting.

The local member asked that the scheme listed at line 20 (Christchurch Road) in Annex 2 should also be listed in Table 3, and Mr Milne agreed to amend this. He also agreed to circulate to members the detail of a five year strategic plan for Surrey which included the Runnymede Roundabout, subject to funding availability.

### **RESOLVED**

- i) to note the progress with the ITS highways and developer funded schemes;
- ii) to note the Community Pride spend position;
- iii) to note that a further Highways update report will be brought to the next meeting of this Committee;
- iv) to approve the list of ITS schemes shown in Table 3 of the report, for progression in 2012-13 financial year, and authorise the NW team manager to promote and progress any necessary Traffic Regulation Orders associated with the progression of these schemes, and authorise the NW team manager to resolve any objections that may be received together with the divisional member and the chairman and vice-chairman of this Committee.

## 8/12 **SURREY 2012 OLYMPICS PROGRESS REPORT** [Item 8]

Mr Surriya Subramaniam of Surrey County Council was unable to attend the Committee due to unforeseen circumstances, but Mr Chris Hunt, Head of Leisure at Runnymede Borough Council, outlined plans for the Olympic Torch Relay event on Tuesday 10 July 2012 at Egham. He said that the exact route and time of the relay would be announced officially around eight weeks in advance of 10 July, according to latest information from LOCOG. Runnymede Borough Council was leading on arrangements for managing the event, and sought 150 volunteers to assist as stewards on the day. It had been agreed that community activities to entertain the crowd would be organised, and Mr Hunt said that he was in contact with Royal Holloway College, Procter and Gamble and borough staff about volunteering. Additionally, the Surrey Ambassadors recruited centrally could be involved, in particular where they had local knowledge of Egham. He advised that Runnymede Borough Council had drafted an Event Management Plan.

Members suggested that the Chertsey and Egham Rotary Clubs, and the Chertsey Regiment could be contacted about potential volunteers on the day.

## 9/12 **YOUTH SERVICE: LOCAL PREVENTION FRAMEWORK** [Item 9]

Mr Anthony Durno introduced Mr Chris Beck as the new Youth Support Service manager for Runnymede. He went on to outline the aims and process of the Local Prevention Framework (LPF), noting that following an opportunity for organisations to submit a pre-qualification questionnaire in Summer 2011, the Youth Task Group had met several times to discuss the local needs and finally in January to assess presentations from the organisations which had submitted bids. He said that, whilst the Group felt there were some good elements in the presentations, there had not been a good enough fit between the needs outlined and the bids presented so did not recommend awarding the contract.

Members of the committee had a number of questions and comments - they wished to be kept informed individually about proposals for services at the various youth centres in the borough and the governance arrangements for use of the centres and suggested that partnership groups in particular areas should also be kept updated.

Mr Durno advised that, between the February and June Local Committees, the plan was to EITHER go back to the "market" and re-run the tendering exercise in the hope of attracting more suitable bids OR to arrange provision of LPF activities through Surrey County Council e.g the Youth Support Service – he confirmed that a firm proposal would be submitted to the 18 June Local Committee.

Mr Few, as a member of the Task Group, queried whether the tender documentation for the LPF mini-competition had been detailed and specific enough about local needs, and Mr Durno agreed that in hindsight the documentation might be improved.

### **RESOLVED**

- i) to delegate authority to the Assistant Director for Young People, in conjunction with the Committee chairman and the chairman of the Youth Task Group to pursue further options for the prevention of NEET and offending in Runnymede with a view to having resources in place for Summer 2012 and;
- ii) to bring an update progress report back to committee at the next formal meeting on 18 June 2012.

## 10/12 **YOUTH SMALL GRANTS PROGRAMME** [Item 10]

Mr Durno also presented this report for decision, and members raised no objections to the proposed process, praising the simplicity and design of the application form.

### **RESOLVED**

To agree the process for approving Youth Small Grants as set out within paragraphs 2.3 to 2.6 of the report.

## 11/12 **MEMBER ALLOCATIONS FUNDING** [Item 11]

Mrs Michelle Collins (Team Leader West, Community Partnerships Team) presented the report and noted a correction: at paragraph 2.14 the Vehicle Activated Sign would come from capital (not revenue as stated).

Miss Marisa Heath moved that the project described at 2.9 should include an additional £1500 capital to come from her member allocation funding.

### **RESOLVED**

- i) to agree the proposed expenditure (described in paragraphs 2.2 to 2.14 and 2.15 at Annex 1) from the Member Allocations budget 2011-12 **with an additional £1500 from Marisa Heath's capital for the project at 2.9;**
- 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 3.1 and 3.2.

## 12/12 **FORWARD PLAN** [Item 12]

Members requested that, in addition to the report on Joint Task Group recommendations on yellow lines, there should also be a suitably detailed report on whether to proceed with advertising meter parking in town centres across Runnymede.

### **RESOLVED**

to agree the Forward Plan contained in the report, **with the addition of an item on Town Centre Parking proposals.**

## 13/12 **LOCAL UPDATES** [Item 13]

Noted.

[Meeting ended at 19:25]

Chairman's signature \_\_\_\_\_