



# SURREY

## COUNTY COUNCIL

### **Minutes of meeting**

#### **LOCAL COMMITTEE (Surrey Heath)**

**Date:** Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2006

**Time:** 7.00 PM

**Place:** Kings International College, Camberley

### **Members present:**

#### **Surrey County Council [6]**

Mr Maurice Neighbour (Camberley East)  
Mr Fred Chipperfield (Camberley West)  
Mrs Lavinia Sealy (Chobham & Bisley)  
Mr David Ivison (Heatherside & Parkside)  
Mr Alan Peirce (Windlesham)  
Mr Chris Pitt (Frimley Green & Mychett)

#### **Surrey Heath Borough Council [5]**

Cllr Richard Brooks  
Cllr Vivienne Chapman  
Cllr Edward Hawkins  
Cllr Patricia Pearce  
Cllr Terry King

All references to items refer to the Agenda for the meeting.  
The meeting was preceded by an Open Public Question Time. The notes of this are in Annex A.

### **Part 1. In Public - Part A.**

#### **01/06 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Borough Councillor Moira Gibson.

#### **02/06 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING – 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2005**

The minutes of the last meeting were agreed and signed by the Chairman.

#### **03/06 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None.

#### **04/06 PETITIONS**

None

#### **05/06 PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

Three questions were received. The responses are detailed in Annex B

The Chairman suspended Standing Orders to allow County Councillor Andrew Crisp, Executive Member for Schools, Children and Community Services, to give an oral update.

Cllr Crisp stated that most of the additional information had already been stated in Open Public Question Time (Annex A). There will be an Executive meeting on Tuesday and youth centers would be discussed then. It is likely to take up to six months to decide any closures. More agencies are coming on board to address the needs of young people e.g. Health and there is a culture change happening. Surrey County Council does not have the shutters down and wants to hear from the Borough Council, young people and the wider community.

Standing Orders were reconvened.

#### **06/06 MEMBERS QUESTIONS**

None

#### **07/06 UPDATE REPORT ON SELF RELIANCE**

Jane Biscombe, Local Committee and Partnership Officer (Surrey Heath) presented the report. Members were informed of the plans to gain charitable status for the ODAC (Old Dean Advice Centre) This will help ensure the sustainability of the centre via increased and wider funding streams. The constitution of the management committee is being reviewed to increase community participation.

Members see the ODAC project as highly successful and understood the reasons for the developments at the St Michael's project.

RESOLVED

Surrey County Council's Local Committee (Surrey Heath) noted the progress being made to achieve the sustainability of the ODAC

**08/06 MEMBERS' ALLOCATIONS**

Members were urged to seek projects for the next round of Members Allocations (2006 / 07) In 06 / 07 the level of funding will be £11,000 per County Member plus £35,000 capital.

Concerns were raised at the level of funding given to schools but Members felt that this was good use of the money and that many projects have gone ahead that would otherwise not have been progressed as they are not covered by schools budgets. Members also commented that funding for churches was of benefit to the wider community as many other groups use church facilities.

Paragraph 26 should read The Base after school club at Bisley.

RESOLVED

The Local Committee (Surrey Heath) agreed the allocations detailed in paragraphs 7 to 35. Members also agreed that any returned funds be allocated to the Taxi Voucher Scheme and Lavinia Sealy asked for the remaining funds (£38.64) from her allocation to go to this scheme also.

**FOR INFORMATION ONLY**

**09/06 FORWARD PLAN**

This report was for information only.

The date of the July meeting is the 6<sup>th</sup>, not the 13<sup>th</sup>.

**10/06 TASKS COMMISSIONED BY THE LOCAL COMMITTEE**

This report was for information only.

Part B – Transportation.

**11/06 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

As in 01/06.

**12/06 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None

**13/06 PETITIONS**

None

**14/06 PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

None

**15/06 MEMBER QUESTIONS**

None

### **16/06 DECRIMINALISED PARKING ENFORCEMENT (DPE) IN SURREY HEATH - AGENCY AGREEMENT**

The report was presented by Ian Haller, Local Transportation Manager. A replacement Annex A was circulated. The agency agreement has been agreed by the Head of Legal Services from both SCC and SHBC. DPE will be brought in on 20<sup>th</sup> April 2006, this agreement sets out the financial framework and exit strategies etc.

The costs detailed include service and operating costs. Controlled Parking Zones (CPZs) will be dealt with locally and delegated to the Local Committee. The deficit and surplus charges will fall to the Local Committee, the business permits in service areas will bring in some revenue and should result in a small surplus. The deficit from last years CPZ charges did not include business permits in service areas. There are no plans to extend the CPZ at present but this depends on how parking is arranged in those areas due to the town centre development. Section 106 funds will be used to review parking restrictions in that case. The Borough Council will directly employ the wardens.

#### **RESOLVED**

The Local Committee (Surrey Heath) agreed the terms of the Agency Agreement as set out in Annex A and recommended approval to the Head of Transportation and the Portfolio holder.

### **17/06 DECRIMINALISED PARKING ENFORCEMENT IN SURREY HEATH - PARKING MANAGEMENT PLAN**

The report was presented by Ian Haller, Local Transportation Manager. The main significant change is for both SCC & SHBC to be able to consider charges in outlying areas to resolve parking issues. Enforcement will be equitable across the Borough.

Questionnaires have been sent out regarding parking around Frimley Park Hospital and some have been returned already. Members thanked officers for this consultation.

#### **RESOLVED**

The Local Committee (Surrey Heath) approved the Parking Management Plan as shown in Annex A to the report.

### **18/06 2007/08 INTEGRATED TRANSPORT PROGRAMME TASK GROUP REVIEW**

The report was presented by Ian Haller, Local Transportation Manager. The programme was reviewed on 16<sup>th</sup> February 2006 and the listed schemes are at various stages. LTP(2) starts in 2006 and Surrey's LTP group has issued scheme ranking criteria that is not influenced by scheme costs. This document is in its infancy and will change year on year.

Paragraph 9 lists the favourable schemes for construction in 2007 / 08.. Officers need to consider schemes in advance and design in one year and build in another as resources do not allow to do both in one year.

The task group were concerned at the cost of some of the schemes, given the amount of the annual devolved budget. This led to the inclusion of recommendation 2, to clarify how intermediate schemes (centrally funded) are prioritized.

#### RESOLVED

The Local Committee (Surrey Heath):

1. approved the task group recommendations for the 2007/08 Integrated Transport Programme, as set out in the report and Annex A and agreed that these be progressed within the available budgets and resources.
2. agreed that a letter be sent to the Local Transport Plan Group, on behalf of the Local Committee, requesting information as to the current programme and how intermediate scheme priorities were being determined.

#### **19/06 LOCAL ALLOCATION EXPENDITURE 2006/07**

The report was presented by Ian Haller, Local Transportation Manager. This capital funding is not ring-fenced to Transportation but in Surrey Heath it is traditionally allocated to the Local Transportation Service. The amount for 06 / 07 is £100,000 plus carry-over. The underspend is of concern but is attributable to staff vacancies, the funds cannot be spent if there are not the officers to do the work.

#### RESOLVED

The Local Committee agreed that:

- i. the Local Allocation budget for 2006/07 of £139,000, subject to confirmation of the out turn, be noted,
- ii. the management of the Local Allocation budget be vested with the Local Transportation Manager in consultation with the Chairman of the Committee or in their absence by their delegated representatives,
- iii. that the projects, as set out in Annex A be agreed and progressed within the available budgets and resources.

#### **20/06 A322 GUILDFORD ROAD, BISLEY PROPOSED PEDESTRIAN AND CYCLE IMPROVEMENTS**

The report was presented by Ian Haller, Local Transportation Manager. This is a centrally funded scheme and is not funded from local budgets. GOSE (Government Office of the South East) have approved the acquisition of the common land.

Members noted that the Parish Councils do not fully support some elements of this scheme and would welcome talks with engineers as the scheme is progressed. There are concerns that a Toucan crossing and not a Pelican crossing is being put in and that cycleways and pedestrian pavements are shared. Ian Haller has written to the Chairman of the Parish Council and is happy to meet to discuss this issue. The original Task group included Parish representatives who approved this scheme.

Central Government is encouraging cycleways and the Local Transportation Service is duty bound to offer a range of transport options to local people. This scheme legalizes the current use of the footpaths by cyclists and will increase safety by the use of signage. Members however, still had concerns, particularly about safety at night.

## RESOLVED

The Local Committee (Surrey Heath)

- i. approved the use of the footways along Guildford Road, Bisley as shared cycleways / footways, as shown in Annex A,
- ii. agreed to advertise a notice in accordance with the Traffic Regulation Act 1984 the effects of which will be to:
  - (a) implement one new and convert an existing crossing to toucan crossings as shown in Annex A,
  - (b) revoke the existing 'No Entry' traffic Order as shown in Annex A; and subject to no objections being maintained the order be made,
- iii. Agreed that the Local Transportation Manager in consultation with the Chairman of the Local Committee resolve any objections received in connection with the proposals.

### **21/06 BROADWAY ROAD BRIDGE**

The report was presented by Ian Haller, Local Transportation Manager. An additional plan numbered 3246/301 was tabled. Paragraph 8 should read 40 mph speed limit, not 60. The parapet will over-hang land not owned by SCC. Landowners have been contacted for the use of their land but officers have been unable to trace all owners. Notices have been displayed but have not been beneficial in locating the owners. SCC has the highway rights on the road but is seeking to acquire the subsoil. The temporary bridge is needed to facilitate working.

## RESOLVED

The Local Committee (Surrey Heath) approved the scheme shown on drawings 3246/102, 106 rev. A, 107 rev. A, 109 and gave authority for the promotion of any necessary planning applications and orders and the compulsory acquisition of land as shown on drawing 3246/301

## **FOR INFORMATION ONLY**

### **22/06 PARK ROAD PETITION RESPONSE**

This report was for information only.

The response has already been sent to avoid local people having to wait for a response. Local people would like to have a community speed watch if the funds were available. Mark Barry is the Police Officer leading on this.

### **23/06 TASKS COMMISSIONED BY THE LOCAL COMMITTEE (TRANSPORTATION)**

This report was for information only.

In Deepcut, work has started at the junction with Lake Road. There are ongoing discussions with the Ministry of Defence regarding Bellew Road / Blackdown Road. Ian Haller will ensure Members are kept advised of developments.

Members offered their thanks to County Councillor Maurice Neighbour for Chairing the Committee over the past year.

The meeting finished at 8.53 pm

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Chairman.

Open Public Question Time notes.  
Surrey County Council's Local Committee in Surrey Heath  
9<sup>th</sup> March 2006, Kings International College

**1. Mr Jewitt-Harris, St Paul's.**

What consultation will be done with the parents and young people who attend Club Shout at Frimley Green Youth Centre?

**Reply from County Councillor Andrew Crisp, Executive Member for Schools, Children and Community Services**

There has been no consultation yet as these are only proposals. There will be formal consultation if closures become a definite option.

**2. Dave Martin, Judo Club**

I run the Judo club at Frimley Green Youth Centre with over 100 young people, some with special needs. Who is the best person to put our concerns to?

**Reply from County Councillor Andrew Crisp, Executive Member for Schools, Children and Community Services**

I am the person to speak to. The wider issue here is that many other groups use County buildings and have in the past been charged very low rental levels. This will need to be looked at carefully.

**3. Dan Burbell, Frimley.**

Here is a petition from the young people who use the centre, they don't want it to close.

**Reply from Maurice Neighbour, Chair of the Local Committee.**

We will take this as an unofficial petition and pass it on to Cllr Crisp.

**Reply from County Councillor Andrew Crisp, Executive Member for Schools, Children and Community Services**

No final decision has been taken. There are two parts to this issue. We are not planning on reducing front line youth workers but there is also the issue of the buildings. Ofsted put us in the Top 10 in the Country but said we are too buildings based, so we need to look at other options.

**4. Claire Clayton, Frimley Green.**

Young people are always labelled jobs when they hang about and now we have somewhere to go and can make a difference to the lives of other young people. Will there be somewhere else for us to go?

**Reply from County Councillor Andrew Crisp, Executive Member for Schools, Children and Community Services**

I agree you need safe places to go and we know young people value these provisions. There will be other places, these could be coffee shops, cafes or snack bars.



**Reply from Lavinia Sealy, County Councillor for Chobham and Bisley.**  
Frimley Green Youth Centre provides valuable peer education which saves costs and educates young people. Could this be traded to local schools?

**Reply from County Councillor Andrew Crisp, Executive Member for Schools, Children and Community Services**  
There is nothing to prevent this.

**5. Pauline Martin, Lightwater**

SCC does not meet the Government standard for youth workers so why reduce the number further?

**Reply from County Councillor Andrew Crisp, Executive Member for Schools, Children and Community Services**  
SCC will not be cutting the number of front line youth workers.

**6. Jonathan Clayton**

I am a volunteer mentor for young people with non-custodial sentences. There are few positive influences in young people's lives, Frimley Green Youth Centre is one of those positive influences. What criteria were used to select it for possible closure?

**Reply from County Councillor Andrew Crisp, Executive Member for Schools, Children and Community Services**

It is important to get a good geographical spread and we aim to have two centres in each Borough. Work is being done in the background on what could happen in Frimley Green, looking at how the community could be involved, reducing revenue costs and raising hire charges. I am happy to talk to community members about possible solutions.

We need to be wary of stereotyping young people. We have closed 12 centres in the last 6 years in other areas and crime levels have not risen.

**7. Cyril Pavey, Camberley**

Will the Local Committee arrange for a public leaflet about concessions for older people in the Borough?

**Reply from Carolyn Rowe, Area Director.**

Surrey County Council's Adults and Community Care look at these concessions and the Citizen's Advice Bureau is also a good source of advice as is the Borough Council.

**Reply from Maurice Neighbour, Chair of the Local Committee.**

Carolyn will talk to colleagues at the Borough and get back to you.

**8. Anne Twyford, Shout Youth Club**

Young people don't become criminals if a youth centre shuts, they might become a nuisance though. Can you say that there will be somewhere safe to go?

**Reply from County Councillor Andrew Crisp, Executive Member for Schools, Children and Community Services**

I have pledged to Members that no provision will shut until alternative provision is put in place.

**9. Margaret Williams, Bagshot.**

Bagshot Library is extensively used by pensioners and children from local schools. How will they get to Camberley if the library is closed? What do we say to these people? Is cost effectiveness taken into account?

**Reply from County Councillor Fred Chipperfield, Councillor for Camberley West.**

Tell Older people that the Government gave SCC one of the lowest grants in the UK, so SCC needs to make savings or put up Council tax.

**Reply from Alan Peirce County Councillor for Windlesham**

There are 526 active users of this library, out of 4,100 residents in Bagshot. We should seize the opportunity to address the specific needs of the wider community.

**Reply from County Councillor Andrew Crisp, Executive Member for Schools, Children and Community Services**

We are interested in looking at alternative arrangements including volunteers, relocation and mini-libraries.

**10. Mr Maynard, Frimley**

If badgers are being culled to stop the spread of TB, can we cull the ones holding up the new car park at Frimley Park Hospital?

**Reply from Maurice Neighbour, Chair of the Local Committee.**

This is not an option at the current time.

**11. Mrs Parsons, Tomlinscote School.**

What will happen to staff if Frimley Green Youth Centre closes? How will you replace the provision? Schools cannot afford to pay for the peer education sessions.

**Reply from County Councillor Andrew Crisp, Executive Member for Schools, Children and Community Services**

Teams will not be disbanded and would stay in geographical areas and still support sex education. No charges for this are envisaged.

**12. Dr Jennie Jewitt-Harris**

If Frimley Green Youth Centre closed, what provision will be made to take young people to other centers?

**Reply from County Councillor Andrew Crisp, Executive Member for Schools, Children and Community Services**

We have not looked at this yet as these are only proposals.

**13. Duncan Clark, Borough Councillor for Bagshot**

Bagshot youth club was sold in 1999. We were promised peripatetic youth work but this doesn't always happen. What action will the Local Committee take to support the library?

**Reply from Maurice Neighbour, Chair of the Local Committee.**

These are both important facilities for the local communities and we need to wait until a decision is made.

**14. Mr Williams, Windlesham Parish Councillor**

£1,500 was spent refurbishing the library two years ago. Will the Local Committee resist closure?

**Reply from Alan Peirce County Councillor for Windlesham**

I am undecided.

**15. Diane Carroll, Frimley Green**

Is the Committee 100% against these closures and will you lobby other Councillors to vote against these closures.

	Bagshot Library	Frimley Green Youth Centre
Mr Maurice Neighbour (Camberley East)	Would not support closure	Would not support closure
Mr Fred Chipperfield (Camberley West)	Did not commit	Did not commit
Mrs Lavinia Sealy (Chobham & Bisley)	Did not commit	Would not support closure
Mr David Ivison (Heatherside & Parkside)	Did not commit	Would not support closure
Mr Alan Peirce (Windlesham)	Did not commit	Would not support closure
Mr Chris Pitt (Frimley Green & Mychett)	Did not commit	Would not support closure

**16. Bob Smith, Frimley**

When will there be publicity on the closure of the Wilton Road civic amenity site?

**Reply from Jane Biscombe, Local Committee and Partnership Officer**

Officers are working on this at the moment, There will be posters and press adverts very soon. I will find out some more detail and get back to you.

**17. Joanne Proctor, Parkside**

Have the Local Committee considered how many residents have garages and driveways and so don't need a resident's permit?

**Reply from Ian Haller – Local Transportation Manager**

It is too early to judge the results of the questionnaire, resident's permits may not be needed.

**18. Sue Curvey**

Bagshot has no traffic calming but Lightwater does. I support applications for traffic calming in Bagshot.

**Reply from Ian Haller – Local Transportation Manager**

We have had objections at previous attempts but we will add this to the assessment list.

**Reply from Alan Peirce County Councillor for Windlesham**

It would be useful to explore this again. Double parking is an issue and Bagshot is used as a rat-run.

**19. Wendy Canterland**

I support Bagshot traffic calming. The M3 traffic is very noisy, we need lower speed limits like 20 mph.

**Reply from Maurice Neighbour, Chair of the Local Committee.**

We will look into this.

**20. Anne Twyford**

Will the A30 bus lane be reviewed?

**Reply from Ian Haller – Local Transportation Manager**

It is currently under review, Officers met last week to discuss this. Cameras to catch people using the bus lane at times when they shouldn't are not an option at present.



Item 5 Public Questions – three received.

**1. Question received from Borough Councillor Alan Whittart.**

On behalf of the young people and residents of Frimley Green can I please ask what criteria was used to reach the decision to close Frimley Green Youth Centre when it has far exceeded its targets for engaging young people and what alternative arrangements are SCC intending to put in its place as Frimley Green has a history of difficulties with young people and anti social behaviour resulting in the Police having to pursue Dispersal Orders and Anti-Social Behaviour Orders and what are SCC intending to do with the building/site once it has been closed?

**Reply from David Waine, Area Youth Manager, Youth Development Service**

The proposal to close Frimley Green Youth Centre is part of an option that was agreed by the Surrey County Council Executive following recommendations made by a team of consultants (Robson Rhodes) who had been commissioned by Surrey County Council to identify revenue savings of 50 million pounds for the year 06/07.

The Youth Development Service budget is almost entirely made up of staffing costs and costs attributed to its building portfolio, and any revenue savings would therefore have to come from one of these areas of expenditure. In order to minimise cuts to youth work staff, the proposal includes the closure of a number of youth centres across the county. The model used was one that retained 2 Youth Centres in each Borough / District and that took into consideration social and educational need as well as appropriate geographical spread across the Borough.

If the decision is taken to close Frimley Green Youth Centre every effort will be made to maintain a level of youth work provision in the community and to continue to work closely with partners and other agencies including the police in a variety of ways and in a variety of locations.

No decision has yet been taken to close Frimley Green Youth Centre, but it is important to note that capital receipts from the possible closure and sale of any Youth Centres would be used to reinvest in the remaining youth centres across the county to ensure that they are well resourced, fit for the purpose of delivering high quality youth work. A further oral update may be given at the meeting.

**2. Question received from Dr Jennie Jewitt-Harris**

As Frimley Green Youth Centre houses the only youth club for children (aged 14-19) with learning difficulties i.e. Club Shout which meets on a Tuesday evening, what arrangements will be made for ensuring that these vulnerable teenagers still have a youth centre that they can easily access, and that provides the same level of trained staff and facilities, and what provision will be made for transporting these children to another venue of the same flagship standards? Have these children and their carers been consulted and can this consultation data be made available to them?

**Reply from David Waine, Area Youth Manager, Youth Development Service**

We recognise that Club Shout is a very valuable piece of youth work that goes some way to meeting the some of the social and developmental needs of these particular young people.

If a decision is made to close Frimley Green Youth Centre and sell it off, all user groups will get an appropriate period of notice. Club Shout is part of the youth work provision at Frimley Green Youth Centre and we would make every effort to continue to deliver this valuable piece of youth work in an alternative venue. It is important to know that the staff who are involved in supporting Club Shout will still be employed, and that their skills and commitment will not be lost to the young people in the community.

The decision to adopt the Robson Rhodes recommendation was made by the Executive but I am not aware of any consultation that has taken place specifically with this group of young people or their carers. A further oral update may be given at the meeting.

**3. Question received from Borough Councillors Duncan Clark, John Faulkner and Bryan Ward.**

Would the committee indicate whether it supports the proposal to close Bagshot library, and if so on what criteria does it support the closure?

What alternative library facilities does it intend to provide in the event of closure, especially for those members of the community such as young children, disabled people, and those on low incomes, who are unable or cannot afford to travel independently to an alternative location?

If the committee does not support closure, will it take appropriate action to ensure that Bagshot library remains open, including partnership working with other local authorities and voluntary organisations if appropriate?

**Reply from Chris Norris, Head of Libraries.**

Bagshot library was chosen by the BDR as one proposed for closure as it is one of the smallest and least used, housed in relatively poor premises. Lightwater is less than two miles away, and Camberley approximately three.

One of the major criteria used for selection was "population capture" i.e. the proportion of households within two miles of a static library. If Bagshot were to close, this would not change materially.

If the Executive decides on 14 March to recommend the closure of Bagshot library, there will be a period of consultation to ensure that the most appropriate alternative provision is put in place. The County Council recognises both the need to ensure access to library services for vulnerable people and the role of libraries and library buildings in communities. Alternative library provision is likely to take the form of a mobile library or a "mini-library" in community premises, while Surrey Heath Borough Council has indicated a willingness to work with the County Council on community provision. A further oral update may be given at the meeting.