

**MINUTES: of the meeting of the Tandridge Local Committee held at 10.15am on Friday 30 January 2004 at the Soper Hall, Harestone Valley Road, Caterham.**

**County Council Members**

- \* Mrs Sally Ann B Marks - Chairman
- \* Mr Peter Langham - Vice-Chairman
  
- \* Marian Myland  
Mr Harry Pettifor
- \* Mrs Elizabeth Sampson
- \* Mr N W Skellett

**District Council Members**

- \* Mr Richard Allen  
Mr Steve Altria
- \* Mr A Dalrymple
- \* Mr Martin Fisher
- \* Mrs Barbara Harling
- \* Mr Alan Jones

\* = Present

1/04 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** [Item 1]

Mr Harry Pettifor and Councillor Steve Altria. No substitution was made.

2/04 **MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 21 NOVEMBER 2004** [Item 2]

Agreed.

3/04 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** [Item 3]

There were none.

4/04 **PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS** [Item 4]

There were none.

5/04 **MEMBERS' QUESTIONS** [Item 5]

There were none asked in advance but District Councillor Martin Fisher was concerned about an article in the County Border News which said that Members were not giving enough leadership to the Youth Forum. The article explained that £10,000 had been offered from the County Council's members' allocations to spend on worthwhile local projects. He had received an apologetic email from two members of the Youth Forum who were upset by the article as it made them seem ungrateful.

Jane Wilson of the Youth Service explained that the Youth Forum had now met four times. She explained that, as the Youth Forum is independent, the young people would only ask councillors to come along when they would like to meet them. Until then, they will take actions forward themselves. Ann Osborn, Local Director, had been invited to meet the Youth Forum and said she would be pleased to go. It was AGREED that Councillor Fisher would not forward the email to the editor but would respond to the young people and ask

them what they would like to happen. Jane Wilson will discuss with the Youth Forum how best to respond to the County Border News.

6/04 **MEMBERS' ALLOCATIONS FOR 2003/04 [Item 6]**

The Committee was asked to consider a number of bids from their allocations.

The Committee **AGREED** the following requests:

- Nutfield £5,000 towards a skateboard park, subject to a positive local consultation and TDC funding being agreed
- Caterham Community Church - £4,000 towards setting up an internet café

The Committee further **AGREED**:

- to ring fence the £5,700 for the Doorstep Green Project in Godstone, which failed following objections arising from local consultation, and put it towards a shelter and cycle rack in Godstone, subject to further information being brought to a future Local Committee.

7/04 **ADULTS AND COMMUNITY CARE SERVICES REPORT [Item 7]**

The Committee received a report detailing the services provided by Adults and Community Care in Tandridge during 200/03 and asking Members to agree the recommendations. Mr Nick Skellett congratulated the reporting officers of the Adults and Community Care Services whose performance brought the Social Care rating up to 2 stars in the recent inspection and merited 3 stars on their performance. He was concerned that high standards be maintained. District Councillor Tony Dalrymple said that it was a good report but noted there was no acknowledgement of the Douglas Brunton Centre, a district establishment in Caterham, which supports work with vulnerable people in the community. Jayne Godden-Miller, from the District Housing Department, attended and presented information to the Committee in support of joint working with county officers in providing effective care to local residents. Councillor Dalrymple asked for further information about the recruitment of a Community Support worker, which Roger Deacon, Area Director for Adults & Community Care East, agreed to provide. On the point of taxi vouchers, it was noted that some parish councils are not taking up the opportunity to attract matched funding from the Countryside agency by supporting the scheme. The Local Director was asked to investigate.

The Committee:

- (a) noted the report
- (b) commented on areas for further development
- (c) identified service developments that could be supported through the allocation of Members' grants

and, in relation to (c) above they identified the following priorities which may come back to the local Committees as bids for funding from Members' allocations:

- further support for taxi vouchers, as demand is outstripping current provision
- message in a bottle scheme, to provide a bottle containing essential personal information which can be kept in the fridge and which can easily be accessed by emergency services, even after a fire.
- meals on wheels

Members were also interested in promoting the Circles of Support project. The aim is to identify a list of key people who form the main contact for vulnerable people living alone

which might include the milkman and the postman and any members of the local community who would agree to become involved.

**[NOTE: District Councillor Barbara Harling left 11.30 am]**

8/04 **SURREY YOUTH DEVELOPMENT SERVICE ANNUAL PLAN FOR THE DISTRICT OF TANDRIDGE 2004-05** [Item 8]

The Committee received a report detailing the Youth Development Service Plan and were asked to endorse it before it goes to the Head of Community Service and the portfolio holder for Youth Service for ratification. After some discussion it was

**RESOLVED** that the Committee

endorse the Youth Development Service Annual Plan for the district of Tandridge for 2004-05 and further

**AGREED** that the Chairman would write to the Head of Community Service and the portfolio holder with some suggestions for amendments to the plan, which included:

- difficulties of recruitment.
- the need to reprovide the Godstone Road, Caterham Youth Centre quickly
- concerns about lack of provision in Caterham-on-the-Hill.

**[NOTE: The meeting adjourned for refreshments at 11.45 am. The meeting recommenced at 12.00 noon]**

9/04 **PETITIONS** [Item 9]

The Committee received a petition from Mr John King, the Chairman of the Godstone Preservation Society who was concerned about illuminated crossing lights in the middle of Godstone. These were recently disconnected to effect repairs to the road and he wanted them to remain disconnected as they were intrusive and potentially hazardous.

The Chairman accepted the petition on behalf of the Committee for consideration at a future Local Committee meeting.

10/04 **PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS** [Item 10]

There were none.

11/04 **MEMBERS' QUESTIONS** [Item 11]

District Councillor Tony Dalrymple observed that there is no 'matters arising' item on the Local Committee agenda and, therefore, suggested that it would be useful to have a brief actions follow-up sheet circulated with the papers, particularly for Highways issues, so that progress on decisions taken could be monitored.

The Chairman discussed this with the Local Director and the Committee **AGREED** that this would be put in place.

12/04 **UPDATE ON THE A22 CRASH BARRIER** [Item 12]

The Local Transportation Director updated the Committee on the A22 Safety Barrier. Work started on 19 October. Due to effort and teamwork, and despite a two-week break at Christmas, the work is due to be completed within budget six weeks early. The Surrey Highways Partnership has arranged a small exhibition to explain the scheme and to celebrate the early completion on 5 March 2004.

District Councillor Tony Dalrymple drew the Committee's attention to a negative letter from a resident in the Mirror and the Chairman, on behalf of the Committee, **AGREED** to write to the editor in response.

District Councillor Dick Allen congratulated the Local Transportation team on the excellent work but mentioned that there are points where the glare shields are less effective due to the relative height and suggested warning markers be placed on the road northbound at Tillingdown farm where the road narrows to a single carriageway and is used by lorries. The Local Transportation Director agreed to look into this and to report back.

13/04 **BLUEHOUSE LANE, LIMPSFIELD POSSIBLE FOOTWAY SCHEME** [Item 13]

The Committee received a report on the proposed footway scheme for Bluehouse Lane and were asked to agree the officer's recommendation. The Chairman invited the local District Councillor for Limpsfield, Colin Hall, to speak on behalf of local residents in favour of the recommendation. Although there was disappointment that option one, which was to purchase private land from home owners on one side of the road to widen it sufficiently to build a proper footpath, could not be put in place as residents were not willing to sell, this was understood and the alternative (b) below was therefore welcome. The Chairman of Limpsfield Parish Council, Colin Walker, was also present and added that a letter from the police demonstrated that they, too, were in support.

The Committee **AGREED**:

- (a) in light of the results of the consultation, not to progress with a footway scheme on this section of Bluehouse Lane
- (b) to progress with a road marking scheme to delineate a new edge of carriageway to assist pedestrians.

14/04 **C218 BUXTON LANE, WHYTELEAFE** [Item 14]

The Committee received a report recommending the extension of the existing 30mph speed limit on Buxton Lane/Hayes Lane and it was recorded that Buxton Lane is not, in fact, in Whyteleafe but in Caterham. Members commented that there was local support for the scheme and it was welcome. Mr Peter Langham asked for further information about the subsequent closure of Kenley Close and Stuart Eastmond, the reporting officer, agreed to check the details and report back.

The Committee **AGREED** to

- (a) approve the advertisement of the proposed extension to the 30mph speed limit in Hayes Lane and that any objections received be considered by the Chairman of the Local Committee in consultation with the Local Transportation Director.

15/04 **JACKASS LANE, TANDRIDGE** [Item 15]

The Committee considered this report, which had first come to Committee in September 2003 [**107/03 Item 13**] and again in November [**130/03 Item 15**].

The Committee AGREED:

- (a) that Jackass Lane remains permanently open.
- (b) that the traffic and accident situation in Jackass Lane be monitored in conjunction with the roundabout at the junction of the A25 with Tandridge Lane.

**[Meeting Ended: 12.30 pm]**

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**Chairman**