

**MINUTES: of the meeting of the Tandridge Local Committee held at 10.15am on Friday 26 March 2004 at the Council Offices, Station Road East, Oxted.**

**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

**16/04 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE [Item 1]**

Councillor Martin Fisher gave his apologies and Councillor Eric Morgan substituted.

**17/04 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 30 JANUARY 2004 [Item 2]**

Agreed.

**18/04 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST [Item 3]**

There were several declarations of interest in relation to the Education Report [Item 7] none of which were prejudicial. Mr Peter Langham is governor of two schools; Councillor Alan Jones is governor of a Croydon school; Mr Nick Skellett is a governor of Oxted School; Mrs Elizabeth Sampson is a governor of Oxted School; Cllr Richard Allen is a governor of two schools; Councillor Eric Morgan is a governor of Oxted school; Cllr Barbara Harling is a governor of Hurst Green school and Councillor Tony Dalrymple is a governor of The Warwick school.

**19/04 PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS [Item 4]**

There were none.

**20/04 MEMBERS' QUESTIONS [Item 5]**

There were none.

**21/04 MEMBERS' ALLOCATIONS FOR 2003/04 [Item 6]**

The Committee was asked to consider requests for funding set out in Annex 2 of the report and **AGREED** the following requests:

- £3,500 towards Message in a Bottle scheme for vulnerable people

- £1132 for Tandridge Access Group
- £1907 for a four-day playscheme for disabled children in Tandridge

all proposed by Peter Langham as chairman of the Health and Social Care Forum.  
Proposals for 2004/05 funds will be considered at the next Committee meeting.

22/04 **EDUCATION REPORT FOR TANDRIDGE 2002-2003 ACADEMIC YEAR** [Item 7]

The Committee received a report with a view to discussing school education in Tandridge in the primary and secondary schools and identifying areas where Members can support their local schools. Headteachers from the three secondary schools and six headteachers from local primary schools attended along with the headteacher of a local specialist school catering for children with physical and learning difficulties, and all were invited to comment on the current challenges and opportunities facing their schools.

The Committee **AGREED**:

- to identify any new ways in which they might be able to support Tandridge schools, given their local knowledge and the information in this report
- to give feedback to the Children & Young People's Select Committee on any issues of concern

In response to (a) above, the Committee identified the following:

- to write to Tandridge school heads to thank them for their hard work and for the high standards achieved in local schools
- to support heads in lobbying government on budget and workplace reform issues. The Chairman of the Local Committee will write a letter from this Committee on the budget, workplace reform and issues of recruiting governors
- that individual local councillors will become directly involved in working with other authorities to improve the education welfare and social support that pupils at school in Surrey but living in other authorities receive. The Local Director and Local Education Officer will take this forward
- that Councillors will visit their local schools whenever possible - this already happens but schools would welcome even more input from Councillors
- that Councillors will think more about the admissions process, especially the cross border issues of the implications of Surrey pupils going to Kent grammar schools
- to do all they can to support all Tandridge schools to improve on their already high standards of achievement
- to do anything that they can helpfully do to assist schools to work in confederations and gain the benefits from joint working

23/04 **THE FIRST VEHICLE ACTIVATED ROAD WARNING SIGN IN TANDRIDGE**  
[Item 8]

The Committee received this report for information describing the arrangements for a new vehicle activated road warning sign to improve road safety at the junction of Snatt's Hill and the A25 at Oxted.

The Committee was very supportive of the proposal.

[NOTE: The meeting adjourned for refreshments at 11.35 am. The meeting recommenced at 11.55 noon]

24/04 **PETITIONS** [Item 9]

There were none

25/04 **PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS** [Item 10]

Four members of the public spoke and received responses on the day. Mr Michael Bedford commented on the danger to cyclists at the A22 junction with Godstone Road in Caterham, which was the subject of a committee report at [Item 18], and asked for his submission to be circulated to Members. Mr Bristow commended the Local Transportation Service, their contractors and their staff on the excellent work carried out on resurfacing Station Road East, Oxted with minimum disruption to traffic and local businesses. Two Lingfield residents spoke in support of installing a footpath in Newchapel Road, Mr Grinyer offered to make his land available and Mr Elvidge pledged £2,000 from the Mormon Chapel in order to facilitate the scheme. The scheme is one of several recommended on the Local Transportation Plan [Item 13] and prioritisation is the subject of an Advisory Group meeting on 23 April 2004.

26/04 **MEMBERS' QUESTIONS** [Item 11]

Mr Peter Langham asked how the £5m raised from Prudential borrowing was to be spent. The Local Transportation Director responded that this money was to be spent on maintenance work. £750,000 worth of schemes have been identified in Tandridge by the Local Transportation Service but given that the money is to be split between 11 boroughs and districts, it is unlikely that they will all be successful. Negotiations are still at a very early stage. The chairman requested that Members be involved in the process of prioritising schemes.

District Councillor Tony Dalrymple welcomed the public interest in Newchapel Road and added that the Police were unable to carry out speed checks there for safety reasons.

27/04 **COMMUNITY TRANSPORT IN TANDRIDGE** [Item 12]

This item was WITHDRAWN.

28/04 **LOCAL TRANSPORT PLAN - PROGRESS IN 2003/04 AND PROGRAMME FOR 2004/05** [Item 13]

The Committee received a report on the progress and achievements of the Local Transport Plan (LTP) schemes and were asked to suggest a priority list of schemes for LTP funding in 2004/05. The Local Transportation Director noted that, due to the success of their schemes and in view of meeting recommended targets in this period, the budget had been increased from £24m to £27m for next year. Despite teething problems with the new contractor, work is now going well and most of the programme of works still outstanding at Christmas had now been completed. The Local Transportation Director therefore felt confident that the contractor would be able to fulfil all of the obligations for 2004/05 as scheduled. The chairman asked for regular updates on progress so that Members could be reassured of this.

The Committee **AGREED:**

- (a) to note the suggested LTP programme for 2004/05 set out in Annex 2 of the report, and
- (b) that the LTP Advisory Group should discuss and finalise the programme for approval by the Local Committee in May 2004.

[NOTE: Councillor Richard Allen left at 12.20 pm]

29/04 **CATERHAM ON THE HILL AREA TRANSPORT STUDY REVISED ACTION PLAN** [Item 14]

The Committee received a report recommending road safety improvements in the Caterham on the Hill area.

The Committee **AGREED**:

- (a) to carry forward £43,000 and to refer £80,000 from LTP funds in 2004/05 for discussion in the LTP Advisory Group, and
- (b) the revised Action Plan as shown in Annex A.

30/04 **TITHEPIT SHAW LANE. WARLINGHAM** [Item 15]

The Committee received a report which addressed concerns following the advertising of a Public Notice to introduce traffic-calming measures to Tithepit Shaw Lane.

The Committee **AGREED**:

- (a) the construction of a puffin crossing without a hump on the D1382 Tithepit Shaw Lane, located between the two entrances to Warlingham County Secondary School.
- (b) in view of the objections received, to put on hold any further consideration of traffic calming measures in Tithepit Shaw Lane, until after the completion of the scheme currently being constructed by the London Borough of Croydon in the Wentworth Way area and the following schemes which are included in the LTP: the three pedestrian refuges on the B269 Limpsfield Road, Warlingham to Hamsey Green, the zebra crossing in Westhall Road and the above Tithepit Shaw Lane puffin crossing.
- (c) that, when the above schemes are completed, the traffic study (which was previously agreed would take place 6 months after completion of the LB Croydon Scheme) will be carried out, and further consultation will take place on traffic issues in Warlingham.

31/04 **D408 STATION ROAD, LINGFIELD PROPOSED WAITING RESTRICTIONS** [Item 16]

The Committee received a report detailing measures to deter parking on Station Road, Lingfield. As part of the planning application for the old Geest Factory, the housing developer has agreed to fund new street lighting and a traffic island to a maximum value of £20,000 and the scheme calls for parking restrictions associated with the traffic island which require Committee approval.

The Committee **AGREED** to:

- (i) approve the advertisement of the proposed Traffic Order for “at any time” waiting restrictions on Station Road, Lingfield from the station access road for a distance of approximately 180 metres and that any objections or comments received be considered by the Chairman of the Local Committee in consultation with the Local Transportation Director.
- (ii) note the proposed scheme shown on Annex A.

32/04 **NORTH PARK FARM QUARRY HAUL ROAD PROPOSED BANNED MOVEMENTS ON B2235 GODSTONE HILL, GODSTONE** [Item 17]

The Committee received a report on the extension of the existing 30 mph speed limit and the introduction of a No Left Turn for northbound vehicular traffic on Godstone Hill. The intention is to direct heavy vehicle to the site via the motorway in preference to the A25 and the narrow roads through residential Godstone. All measures proposed are to be funded by the developer.

The Committee AGREED to:

- (a) approve the advertisement of the proposed extension to the 30mph speed limit in B2235 Godstone Hill and that any objections received are considered by the Chairman of the Local Committee in consultation with the Local Transportation Director.
- (b) approve the advertisement of the proposed No Left Turn for vehicular traffic from B2235 Godstone Hill into the proposed haul road and that any objections received are considered by the Chairman of the Local Committee in consultation with the Local Transportation Director.

[NOTE: Marian Myland left at 12.55 pm]

33/04 **A22 GODSTONE ROAD CATERHAM FOOTWAY/CYCLEWAY** [Item 18]

The Committee received a report on the safety of cyclists on the A22 Godstone Road, Caterham. An existing gap in central reservation of the A22 at the junction with Godstone Road was recently closed as part of the works on the safety barrier. As an alternative, it was suggested that cyclists could use the existing footway on the west side of the A22 from Godstone Road to link up with the cycleway to the north of the M25 at junction 6. The report seeks approval to re-designate the footway to shared use. Mr Peter Langham made the point that this provided a safer alternative option to the closed gap and, as such, should be welcomed by local residents.

The Committee AGREED:

- (i) To designate the footway on the west side of the A22 between Godstone Road Caterham and Quarry Road as a shared use footway/cycleway.
- (ii) in view of the previous report to this Committee on the proposed LTP Programme for 2004/05 [Item 13], to refer discussion of the funding of this scheme to the LTP Advisory Group. These funds would come from the LTP money set aside for cycling.

**[Meeting Ended: 1.00 pm]**

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**Chairman**