

**MINUTES: of the meeting of the Tandridge Local Committee held at 10.15am on Friday 21 May 2004 at St Mary's Community Hall, Church Lane, 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

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**34/04 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN [Item 1a]**

Ann Osborn, Local Director, convened the meeting and asked for nominations for chairman. Mr Peter Langham proposed Mrs Sally Ann B Marks and Mr Nicholas Skellett seconded. There were no other nominations, the committee voted in favour and Mrs Marks took the chair.

**35/04 ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN [Item 1b]**

Mrs Sally Marks nominated Mr Peter Langham for Vice-chairman and Mr Harry Pettifor seconded. There were no other nominations, the committee voted in favour and Mr Langham was duly elected.

**36/04 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE [Item 1c]**

Mrs Elizabeth Sampson gave her apologies and District Councillor Richard Allen gave notice of his late arrival.

**37/04 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 26 MARCH 2004 [Item 2]**

Agreed.

**38/04 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST [Item 3]**

District Councillor Martin Fisher declared an interest in Members Allocations [Item 6] as, in his position as treasurer of the Barn Theatre, he felt he had an indirect interest in the bid from the Robert Bouffler Trust. This was duly noted and he did not speak during the discussion on this item.

**39/04 PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS [Item 4]**

There were none.

40/04 **MEMBERS' QUESTIONS** [Item 5]

There were none.

41/04 **MEMBERS' ALLOCATIONS** [Item 6]

Ann Osborn, Local Director, gave a presentation on how the allocations had been spent over the past two years outlining the priorities, the range and the impact of the funds. The Chairman announced that this was Ann's last committee meeting in the role of Local Director as she was due to retire at the end of May and thanked her for her contribution to the work of the Tandridge Local Committee over the last two years.

In 2003, £10,000 had been allocated to young people to spend on projects they considered appropriate. The new Tandridge Youth Forum took responsibility for consulting with their peers and made a presentation to the Committee in which they detailed how the funding will be disbursed. The Chairman thanked them for all the work that had gone into the process and for their presentation. The Committee took the opportunity to ask questions and to congratulate the representatives who attended. Members of the Committee were invited to meet with the Forum at a future date to follow its progress and to offer support.

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

- £5,000 for 'Play Safely' towards apparatus for a playground in Queens Park, Caterham – proposed by Mr Peter Langham.
- £1500 for an opera production by young people in the Barn Theatre, Oxted received by the Chairman.
- £500 for an ICT project for older people at Whyteleafe School received by Mrs Sally Marks.
- £5000 to support a new playground at Limpsfield Chart proposed by Mr Nicholas Skellett.
- £4000 for an extension to the skateboard ramp at Felbridge Village Hall proposed by Mrs Elizabeth Sampson and presented by the Chairman in her absence.
- £6,500 for the second phase of the Warlingham Scouts project proposed by Mr Harry Pettifor.
- £2000 for a disabled sports festival run by Tandridge Leisure Limited proposed by Mrs Sally Marks.
- £4500 towards playground improvements to Hillcroft School proposed by Mr Peter Langham.  
[Note: This was less than the £5710 mentioned in the report but Mr Langham said that this revised figure would be adequate.]
- £1000 towards a Local Committee stand at public fairs in Tandridge proposed by Mrs Sally Marks and Mr Peter Langham on behalf of the Committee.

The Committee deferred a proposal from Mrs Elizabeth Sampson (who was absent) for financial support to replace an exterior wall at Lingfield Community Centre as there was insufficient information available.

However, the Committee **AGREED** to:  
delegate discretion to the Chairman if, on further investigation, the matter proved to be sufficiently urgent, on health and safety grounds, to warrant intervention before the next committee meeting [on 26 July 2004]. The Chairman said she would take advice and consult with Members.

42/04 **UPDATE ON THE TANDRIDGE COMMUNITY SAFETY STRATEGY** [Item 7]

The Committee received a joint report on the progress and achievements of the Tandridge Community Safety Strategy presented by Rob Price and Chris Schurr of Surrey Police. The Chairman took the opportunity to thank Rob Price for his support in progressing work on Domestic Violence and invited him, and Chris Schurr, to a future informal meeting.

[NOTE: District Councillor Richard Allen arrived at 11.40 am]

The Committee **AGREED**:

- (a) that the Chairman of the Local Committee and Local Director continue to be members of the Community Safety Partnership, and
- (b) gave their views on priorities for the use of this year's £18,000 County Council contribution in line with the Community Safety Strategy priorities and authorised the Chairman and Local Director to act on behalf of the Local Committee in agreeing this funding with the partnership.

43/04 **THE EAST SURREY RURAL TRANSPORT PARTNERSHIP – PROGRESS UPDATE** [Item 8]

The Committee received a report for information describing the progress that has been made in implementing new projects and detailing the composition of the partnership, funding arrangements and the role of Partnership Officer in taking this forward in Tandridge. Projects include Buses 4 U; taxi vouchers; moped hire and transport to hospital schemes.

[NOTE: The meeting adjourned for refreshments at 12.15 pm. The meeting recommenced at 12.25 pm]

[NOTE: The Chairman welcomed Simon Neilson who will be replacing Charlie Marsh, Local Transportation Director, when he retires in September 2004.]

44/04 **PETITIONS** [Item 9]

There were none.

45/04 **PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS** [Item 10]

Three members of the public spoke and received responses. Mr Bristow commented on TRANSCO digging up Station Road East less than 3 months since it was resurfaced. He also commented on the bus service in Oxted and, finally, mentioned his concern about overgrown hedges. The Local Transportation Director, Charlie Marsh explained that TRANSCO was tracing a leak, that the work was essential and that the Local Transportation Service was pressing for reinstatement of the surface; that buses were the responsibility of the Passenger Transport group and that he would give details to Mr Bristow after the meeting and that not all hedges are owned and maintained by the Local Transportation Service, although it will notify residents where there is a problem and will arrange to cut hedges and charge the owners for the service in extreme cases. Members pointed out that Parish Councils will often help in contacting local residents and that Tandridge Access Group has been successful where the District and Parishes have failed. Mr John Collard was concerned that vibration from traffic using the A22 at South Godstone was affecting the structure of his cottage causing the rendering to crack. Officers took his details and agreed to meet with him to discuss this further.

Angela Goad, a parish councillor for Godstone, commented on the proposals for a new pedestrian crossing on Godstone High Street. As this matter was the subject of a report [Item 14] before this Committee her comments were noted.

46/04 **MEMBERS' QUESTIONS** [Item 11]

There was one written question from Mr Peter Langham and a written response from the Local Transportation Director (attached) about reporting faults to the Call Centre. Mr Langham then asked a supplementary question reflecting his concern that when residents contact the Centre there is no mention of a time delay and no feedback. The Local Transportation Director has discussed this with the Customer Service Manager and agreed that something needs to be put in place.

District Councillor Steve Altria asked for, and was given, a brief definition of the role of a Highway Steward.

Mr Peter Langham then commented on the new Jet Patcher which had been used successfully in Chaldon to make quick repairs to potholes. The Local Transportation Director explained to the Committee that, while it was being used in Tandridge that week, it was a very expensive piece of specialist equipment which injects a mixture of aggregate and bitumen into holes and which then solidifies and sticks. The Local Transportation Director pointed out that, while it is an excellent piece of equipment, this is the responsibility of the contractor and not the Local Transportation Service.

47/04 **LOCAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN (LTP) AND LOCAL ALLOCATION PROGRAMME 2004/05** [Item 12]

The Committee received a report giving details of the proposed programme of highway improvement work and Local Allocation funds as agreed by the LTP Advisory Group at their meeting on 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2004.

The Committee **AGREED:**

- (i) the proposed LTP and Local Allocation programme and expenditure as set out in **Annex A** to the report.

The Committee was also asked to consider funding consultation for Woodhurst Lane in this financial year in preference to other possible deferred schemes.

The Committee **AGREED:**

- that, of £25,000 as yet unallocated, £5,000 be used for consultation on lorry movements around Hurst Green, and
- that the chairman would convene a small task group for this area.

48/04 **THE TANDRIDGE LOCAL TRANSPORTATION SERVICE HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE ALLOCATION AND ANNUAL MAINTENANCE PLAN 2004-2005** [Item 13]

The Committee received a report giving a breakdown of all highway maintenance allocations for the current year and a comparison with last year and including schedules of major maintenance and Prudential funded schemes.

**49/04 A25 HIGH STREET, GODSTONE [Item 14]**

The Committee received a report detailing options to improve facilities for pedestrians on the A25 at the southern end of the one-way system in Godstone and a further scheme for pedestrians in Godstone Green Road. The Local Transportation Director agreed to arrange a meeting with the Parish Council to investigate whether it was in a position to contribute funding.

The Committee AGREED:

- (i) that detailed design of Option 4 (single zebra crossing) is progressed during 2004/05 and that the construction is undertaken in 2005/06 or when funding levels permit, as a minimum, and
- (ii) Option 3 be progressed if additional funding can be raised.

**50/04 D444 BLUEHOUSE LANE, OXTED SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL SCHEME [Item 15]**

The Committee received a report giving details of an amendment to the proposed zebra crossing on Bluehouse Lane near Gresham Road, due to the proximity of a culvert.

The Committee AGREED the amendment to the scheme.

**[Meeting Ended: 1.15 pm]**

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**Chairman**