

**MINUTES: of the meeting of the Tandridge Local Committee held at 10.15am on Friday 16 July 2004 at the Victoria Club, High Street, Lingfield.**

**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 A Dalrymple
- \* Mr Martin Fisher
- \* Mr Robin Harling
- Mr Alan Jones
- \* Mr Eric Morgan

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**51/04 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE [Item 1]**

Apologies were received from Mr Nicholas Skellett

**52/04 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 26 MAY 2004 [Item 2]**

Agreed. Noted that Item 6 on page 2 date should read 16 July 2004 and not 26 July as stated.

**53/04 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST [Item 3]**

There were none.

**54/04 PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS [Item 4]**

The Lingfield and Dormansland Fair Trade Group requested Members to consider recommending the use of Fair Trade coffee in Surrey County Council offices. The chairman agreed to investigate and respond in writing.

**55/04 MEMBERS' QUESTIONS [Item 5]**

District Councillor Tony Dalrymple commented on the improvement in the delivery of Surrey Matters and, in relation to one of its articles, asked how many people were on the waiting list of East Surrey Hospital. The chairman agreed to investigate and forward information to all Members.

**56/04 MEMBERS' ALLOCATIONS [Item 6]**

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

- £2,200 for Nutfield School wildlife garden proposed by Mrs Marian Myland.
- £3,500 towards rebuilding a wall in a conservation area in Lingfield - proposed by Mrs Elizabeth Sampson.  
[Note: This bid was brought forward from the last meeting [Para 46/04] [Item 6] and was agreed subject to funding from other sources, including the District Council, also being secured.]
- £3,200 towards sports facilities in Godstone, reallocated from a previously agreed project which was not completed - proposed by Mrs Marian Myland.
- £2,000 towards the refurbishment of the children's play area in Timber Hill Road, Caterham - proposed by Mrs Sally Marks.  
[Note: This was subject to funding from other sources, including the District Council, also being secured.]
- A verbal request for £150 towards a summer playscheme in Godstone - proposed by Mrs Marian Myland.  
[Note: This was subject to further details being brought to the next meeting.]

Mr Harry Pettifor gave notice that he had received a bid from the Tatsfield Responders which he would bring to the next meeting and passed on the thanks of the Warlingham Scouts for funding they had received.

#### 57/04 **TANDRIDGE LOCAL COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME 2004/05** [Item 7]

Following a private meeting to discuss the proposed tasks for this year, the Local Committee and Support Officer presented a paper outlining the proposed work schedule. The Committee **AGREED** the priorities for the Local Committee and Community Support Team for 2004/05 as set out in annex 1 with no amendments.

#### 58/04 **ANNUAL REPORT FROM SURREY TRADING STANDARDS** [Item 8]

The Committee received a report from Surrey Trading Standards outlining the work of the department in Tandridge over the last twelve months. A video, which described how vulnerable people were being taken to their bank by unscrupulous rogue traders to withdraw cash and how this was being tackled nationally, was shown during the break and Members and the public were able to visit the mobile advice van which was parked outside.

Members asked for further information on a number of points which the attending officer agreed to research. The LCPO was asked to circulate the information to Members.

Trading Standards agreed to forward their information to parish councils and to look at varying the sites of the mobile advice van.

The Local Committee subsequently **AGREED**:

- (i) To help combat the menace of 'uninvited workmen' preying on the elderly by encouraging other agencies to carry Trading Standards campaign material
- (ii) To encourage other agencies/individuals to pass any information to Trading Standards which might prevent the sale of age restricted good to underage teenagers
- (iii) To pass on any information to the service that will help achieve both the business plan priorities for 04/05 and enable Trading Standards to plan their work activity for 06/07 to better reflect the needs of Surrey consumers and businesses.

[NOTE: The meeting adjourned for refreshments at 11.20 pm. The meeting recommenced at 11.45 pm]

**59/04 PETITIONS [Item 9]**

There were none.

**60/04 PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS [Item 10]**

Four members of the public spoke and received responses. Mr Jeffrey read a question on behalf of the parishes in north Tandridge on the subject of speed restrictions. Mr Jeffrey wanted an equivalent scheme to that of south Tandridge which has undergone a process of assessment and where new speed limit signs have been introduced. After some debate the Local Transportation Director agreed to bring a report to the next local committee meeting. Mr Collard asked about flooding on the A22 at Wray Lane and the Local Transportation Director agreed to investigate and to respond in writing. Mr Spurgen of Chaldon parish council raised the issue of grass cutting in Tandridge as it has been a source of concern this year. As this matter was the subject of a report [Item 13] before this Committee his comments were noted. Mr Maiklam voiced concern about Hathersham Lane where there is a lack of speed enforcement and signs need replacing. The Local Transportation Director agreed to investigate. The Local Transportation Director tabled a letter he had received as the correspondent was unable to attend the meeting to ask his question. Mr Ellis wrote on the subject of illegal and inconsiderate parking. It was felt that his concerns would best be addressed by a future report to committee on decriminalised parking.

**61/04 MEMBERS' QUESTIONS [Item 11]**

There were none.

**62/04 UPDATE FROM THE LOCAL TRANSPORTATION DIRECTOR [Item 12]**

The Local Transportation Director gave a brief update on local issues. The first vehicle activated sign in Tandridge was installed at the top of Snatts Hill on 18 June 2004 and has been working well. Although the legal limit is 40 mph, the sign lights up when drivers reach speeds in excess of 36 mph. The sign is not intended as a speed restriction warning but raises awareness of a potentially dangerous junction. It appears to be having an effect.

A short video of the jetpatcher at work was shown to Members and the Local Transportation Director answered questions and detailed the work it has done in Tandridge.

He then went on to list the major projects that are currently being undertaken. These included the resurfacing of Lingfield High Street, which was in progress outside the meeting; improvements to the A25 at Bletchingley; Godstone Road, Caterham; the mini roundabout at Chichele Road/Bluehouse Lane in Oxted and the Safe Routes to Schools programme. He also reported on the south Tandridge speed limit programme and the traffic island in Warlingham.

**63/04 GRASS CUTTING IN TANDRIDGE [Item 13]**

The Committee received a report detailing the procedure and programme for cutting grass in Tandridge. There were no officer recommendations but the Members expressed a wish

- For grass cutting to be brought forward by one month and
- Asked the Local Transportation Director to find out whether this is possible, and
- To report back on how grass cutting is supervised to ensure that it is adequately cut and
- To look at the possibility of using the same contractor for the District and County grass cutting.

**64/04 FELBRIDGE SAFETY SCHEME – SPEED LIMIT CHANGES [Item 14]**

The Committee received a report detailing recommended changes the speed limit in Felbridge. As part of the legal process

The Committee **AGREED**:

- (i) To advertise the proposed speed reductions in the Felbridge area as set out in Table 1 of the report and that any objections or comments received be considered by the chairman in consultation with the Local Transportation Director.

**65/04 SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOLS [Item 15]**

The Local Committee received this report on the progress of the Safe Routes to Schools programme for information and noted the content. Concern was raised about the programme in Lingfield School where children using Vicarage Road are endangered by buses reversing blind. The attending officer explained that the scheme is reviewed regularly and agreed to arrange a visit to the school.

**66/04 SAFETY CAMERA PARTNERSHIP [Item 16]**

The Local Committee received this report for information, noted the content and requested that further information be brought to the next Local Committee meeting on 1<sup>st</sup> October 2004.

**[Meeting Ended: 1.15 pm]**

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**Chairman**