

MINUTES: of the meeting of the Tandridge Local Committee held at 10.15am on Friday 1 October 2004 at the Council Offices, 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 A Dalrymple
- * Mr Martin Fisher
- * Mr Robin Harling
- * Mr Alan Jones
- * Mr Eric Morgan

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67/04 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE [Item 1]

There were none.

68/04 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 16 JULY 2004 [Item 2]

Agreed.

69/04 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST [Item 3]

District Councillor Eric Morgan declared a non-prejudicial interest in Item 6, Members' Allocations, Limpsfield Parish Council bid.

70/04 PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS [Item 4]

There was one verbal question from a member of the public on the subject of bus routes which the Local Transportation Director agreed to take forward.

71/04 MEMBERS' QUESTIONS [Item 5]

There were none.

72/04 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:

- £3,800 for key safes and an additional £1,500 for installation proposed by Mr Peter Langham.
- £1,300 to the East Surrey Domestic Violence Forum Protective Behaviours Programmes proposed by Mrs Sally Marks.

- £2,000 towards the running costs of the Caterham Lunch Club for vulnerable adults with a history of mental health problems proposed by Mr Peter Langham.
- £1,500 to Tatsfield Voluntary Community Responders for equipment proposed by Mr Harry Pettifor.
- £2,200 to Oxted Band for replacement timpani proposed by Mr Nicholas Skellett.
- £2,500 to 1st Hurst Green Phantoms Explorer Scouts to purchase a go kart and safety equipment proposed by Mr Nicholas Skellett.
- £4,861.22 to the CR3 Youth Project (Skaterham) to lever in Biffaward funding of £48,612 to expand and improve the existing facility proposed by Mr Peter Langham.
- £750 towards the Express Yourself project for courses in Oxted School proposed by Mr Nicholas Skellett.
- £500 towards sound equipment for St Andrews Church proposed by Mr Nicholas Skellett
- £800 for environmental improvements in Limpsfield proposed by Mr Nicholas Skellett.

73/04 **DEVELOPING EARLY YEARS & CHILDCARE PLACES INCLUCING SELF RELIANCE PROJECTS IN TANDRIDGE** [Item 7]

The Committee received a brief report detailing the allocation of early years and childcare places in Tandridge and listing some self reliance projects in Tandridge.

The Committee **NOTED** the contents of this report, particularly that, despite being a rural district with highly dispersed communities, the provision of child care and early education places compares favourably with the rest of the county.

The Committee also discussed ways in which it could support the advancement of wrap around care provision in statutory nursery schools and asked the Chairman to pursue this on the Committee's behalf.

74/04 **SELF RELIANCE INITIATIVES IN TANDRIDGE** [Item 8]

The Committee received a report from the Local Director for Tandridge on the progress of self-reliance partnership initiatives. In particular, the School Community Worker posts in Caterham and Hurst Green. The Committee has supported both of these initiatives with, either finance from their local allocations and/or participation on their respective steering groups. The project workers, who were both employed in September, and representatives from the schools and Children's Service were in attendance and were invited to contribute. The Committee expressed concern about the reduced funding arrangements for the Hurst Green Project and the chairman agree to pursue this with the Children's Fund.

The Committee **NOTED** the content of the report and discussed ways in which they could continue to support self-reliance initiatives in Tandridge.

75/04 **SURREY FIRE AND RESCUE SREVICE ANNUAL PERFORMANCE REPORT IN TANDRIDGE** [Item 9]

The Committee received a report detailing the local performance of Godstone, Lingfield and Oxted Fire Stations.

The Committee **AGREED** to:

- note the performance of the Service within the Tandridge Area
- support the achievement of the Retained personnel at Oxted and Lingfield Fire Stations and acknowledge the availability offered by employers who release staff, and those who are self-employed

- (c) endorse the initiatives by The Service to reduce the hazards of fire and other incidents in the community, especially where there are those most vulnerable.
- (d) endorse the initiatives by The Service to undertake collaboration/partnerships that may realise scales of economy or effort and influence behaviour in the Community.
- (e) note that following evaluation of these initiatives further funding may be required in order for them to be successfully implemented.

The Chairman reminded the reporting officer that Surrey Fire & Rescue Service can apply to the Committee for funds to support their initiatives within local schools which may help to support the preventive work with children.

76/04 **BEST VALUE REVIEW OF PASSENGER TRANSPORT** [Item 10]

The Committee received this report, which had been rescheduled from the February meeting, and which details the findings and recommendations of the Best Value and Halcrow reviews commissioned by the County Council and asked Members to comment before it goes before the Executive Committee for ratification at the end of October.

The Committee, having met informally to discuss this matter previously, duly **NOTED** the content of the report.

[NOTE: Meeting adjourned for refreshments at 11.55 and reconvened at 12.10]

77/04 **PETITIONS** [Item 11]

A petition was received from Mrs P Hormati with regard to speed management on Burntwood Lane, Caterham where residents considered that the restrictions imposed on Whyleave Hill/Salmons Lane may be having a knock on effect.

The Local Transportation Director responded.

A petition from the residents of Marks Road was accepted but not read as none of the petitioners could be present on the day. It was therefore postponed to the next Committee meeting.

78/04 **PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS** [Item 12]

There were no formal questions but two members of the public made comments. The recent works, including a mini roundabout in Chichele Road/Bluehouse Lane were considered to be successful but inconsiderate parking in Barrow Green Road was undermining the effectiveness of the new measures and leading to congestion. Members were aware of the problem and District Councillor Martin Fisher raised the issue under Members' questions.

79/04 **MEMBERS' QUESTIONS** [Item 13]

District Councillor Martin Fisher agreed that the scheme in Chichele Road was a step forward and had indeed been beneficial to the flow of traffic especially during the morning school run. However he had some reservations, namely, the lights on the adjacent zebra crossing had still not been finished off and were not working and he wanted to know whether the post-works audit of the junction had been carried out. He also pointed out that, while the new safety barrier was a good idea in principle, children using the junction were still walking round on the wrong side and he suggested that an officer should visit the local school to talk about road safety. He also endorsed the general concerns about parking in Barrow Green Road.

The Local Transportation Director responded to all of the points raised and pointed out that:

Chichele Road mini roundabout was designed to be driven over and not round and was generally working well. Stage III of the safety audit would address any outstanding issues in relation to all of these points.

The delay in completing the lighting connections to the zebra crossing were due to problems with the electricity company and were being addressed at a senior level in the County Council. New schemes are being delayed until this is resolved as it is unacceptable to leave crossings incomplete.

The safe routes to school officer will visit the school to discuss the new arrangements and to stress the safety issues.

Parking schemes were generally not being progressed until the introduction of decriminalised parking enforcement. However, it was proposed to progress schemes that were urgent and a report brought to the next committee.

Mr Nicholas Skellett commented that the congestion issue on Barrow Green Road was too pressing to wait until the next Committee meeting in December and, following discussion, the Committee **RESOLVED** to delegate responsibility to the Local Transportation Director in consultation with the Chairman to advertise parking restrictions at agreed sites. It was also agreed that interim measures to deter inconsiderate parking would be put in place.

District Councillor Tony Dalrymple asked whether the Police could be formally invited to attend future Committee meetings on a regular basis to respond to traffic issues on road safety. He also commented on the delay in repairing and replacing damaged or defaced road signs. The Local Transportation Director gave a brief overview of the process involved and agreed to meet with District Councillor Dalrymple to address specific issues in his area.

Mr Peter Langham asked when the urgent drainage problem in Ninehams Road would be addressed. The Local Transportation Director responded with a summary of the situation and an expectation that a scheme would be progressed this winter.

Mrs Elizabeth Sampson asked about West Street in Dormansland and the Local Transportation Director arranged to meet with her to discuss this.

80/04 **TATSFIELD, CHELSHAM & FARLEIGH AND WOLDINGHAM – SPEED MANAGEMENT** [Item 14]

The Committee received a report on improved road safety in Tatsfield, Chelsham & Farleigh and Woldingham following a question raised at the last Committee meeting on 16 July. [60/04 Item 10] Residents were concerned that the speed management plan in the south of the district had not been extended to the north of the county.

The Committee **AGREED**:

- (i) to allocate £7,000 from the Local Allocation for traffic speed surveys in the Tatsfield, Chelsham and Farleigh and Woldingham areas
- (ii) to consider the inclusion of a scheme for each village for speed management in these areas on the future programme for the Local Transport Plan.

81/04 **REVIEW OF ROAD TRAFFIC CASUALTIES IN TANDRIDGE 2003** [Item 15]

The Committee received this report for information and Mr Nicholas Skellett asked a question about the rules governing the placing of street furniture. He cited one instance where it was causing an obstruction. The Local Transportation Director agreed to investigate and respond to Mr Skellett outside the meeting.

82/04 **TANDRIDGE CYCLE NETWORK** [Item 16]

The Committee received a report informing Members of the progress made by the Tandridge Cycle Network Task Group, set up recently to develop opportunities for cycling in Tandridge, coordinate the implementation of schemes and monitor the success of new schemes against Local Transportation Plan objectives.

The Committee **AGREED**:

- (i) the strategy for implementation of a cycle network in Tandridge.
- (ii) that the Task Group be delegated responsibility for the ongoing development of proposed priorities and monitoring of the strategy.
- (iii) that the Task Group provide regular reports on progress to the Local Committee.

[NOTE: Marian Myland asked to be replaced on the Task Group due to other commitments.]

83/04 **HARESTONE VALLEY ROAD, PROPOSED ROAD SAFETY MEASURES** [Item 17]

The Committee received this report detailing the proposed traffic calming in Harestone Valley Road adjacent to Caterham School which sought authority to advertise the measures whereby, if no objections were received, the scheme could be constructed before April 2005.

The Committee **AGREED** to:

- (i) advertise the proposed traffic calming measures as shown on Annex A to this report, and
- (ii) if no objections are received to proceed with the construction of the scheme.

84/04 **M25/A22 JUNCTION 6** [Item 18]

At the Local Committee in May 2004 Members agreed to set aside £22,000 to fund the design and installation of a revised traffic layout at the M25/A22 Junction 6. This report updated Members on the progress with this scheme.

The Committee considered the officers recommendations but reached no agreement and the Local Transportation Director agreed to consider Members' comments and to bring a report back to the next Committee meeting on 3rd December.

85/04 **HIGHWAY MAJOR MAINTENANCE ALLOCATION PROCESSES** [Item 19]

This report was received for information.

[Meeting Ended: 1.34 pm]

Chairman