

MINUTES: of the meeting of the Tandridge Local Committee held at 10.15am on Friday 3 December 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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86/04 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE [Item 1]

There were none.

87/04 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 1 OCTOBER 2004 [Item 2]

Agreed.

88/04 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST [Item 3]

There were none.

89/04 PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS [Item 4]

There were none.

90/04 MEMBERS' QUESTIONS [Item 5]

There were none.

91/04 MEMBERS' ALLOCATIONS [Item 6]

The Committee was asked to consider requests for funding set out in Annex 1 of the report and **AGREED** the following requests:

- £6,160 for taxi vouchers to cover the waiting list for this financial year.
- £800 towards camping equipment for South Godstone Scouts.
- £1,500 towards a security camera for Nutfield Village Hall
- £1,500 towards outdoor play space for Marden Lodge.
- £800 towards upgrading access for Woldingham Scouts.

Further bids:

- £2,676 for essential repairs to Crowhurst Village Hall as part of a matched funding agreement with Tandridge District Council and the Village Hall Management Committee was AGREED subject to funding from other partners being agreed.
- £10,000 for projects identified by the Youth Forum was AGREED in principle
- £1,000 for equipment for the Godstone Judo Club was deferred.

Mrs Marian Myland updated Members on outstanding allocations for Godstone from last year. The funding is now being diverted to:

- a meeting place for young people on the recreation ground, which is now at the final consultation stage having been approved by the District and parish councils, and
- sporting facilities in Godstone, South Godstone and Blindley Heath where the project is nearing completion.

92/04 **PLANNING AND COUNTRYSIDE SERVICE ANNUAL REPORT** [Item 7]

The Committee received a report on planning & development and countryside & heritage issues. Mr Nicholas Skellett cautioned that Members should not, at Local Committee, involve themselves in the fine detail of local enforcement issues as this was more appropriately the role of the Planning Committee who were represented among the Members present.

The Committee NOTED the contents of this report, particularly the shortcomings of the enforcement process, and the chairman MOVED and Members AGREED unanimously to lobby the government by writing formally to Peter Ainsworth, as chairman of the government's Environmental Audit Committee, for scrutiny of enforcement powers and resources.

The reporting officer agreed to take back Members' comments and to try to identify ways in which Members might receive more timely information on prospective cross-border developments. The Local Transportation Director, who performs this role centrally on behalf of the service, agreed to report to Committee at the appropriate time.

93/04 **TANDRIDGE LOCAL STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP** [Item 8]

The Committee received a report from the Local Director for Tandridge on the progress of the Local Strategic Partnership (LSP).

The Committee NOTED the content of the report and discussed ways in which the LSP could be most influential.

Members cautioned that the LSP was unlikely to receive independent funding in the near future and should set realistic targets that could be achieved through influencing partners to use their existing resources in an effective way which would coincide or complement each other and avoid duplication. The LSP could set aspirational targets on the understanding that these would take much longer to achieve. The remit of task groups should be well-defined and focussed.

94/04 **TANDRIDGE LOCAL COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS TO STANDING ORDERS** [Item 9]

Local Committees were charged by the Executive in April to formalise the variations in practice across the county in relation to local interpretations of the Standing Orders. Officers drafted a local protocol for approval.

The Committee AGREED to approve the Tandridge local protocol [Item 9 – Annex 1]

95/04 **LOCAL COMMITTEE WEBPAGES** [Item 10]

There was no accompanying report but the Local Media Adviser gave an online presentation to the Committee of their new webpages which link to Committee papers and Member contact details as well as giving information on the work of the Local Committee. This is an ongoing project which hopes to give more up to date information on Members allocations and forthcoming highways projects. The website address is: www.surreycc.gov.uk/tandridge.

[NOTE: Meeting adjourned for refreshments at 11.45 and reconvened at 12.00]

96/04 **PETITIONS** [Item 11]

A petition was received from the residents of Marks Road, Warlingham and Mr Harding, whose house had recently received extensive damage due to a freak accident in which a speeding car ended up in his lounge, asked the Committee to impose speed restrictions in this quiet residential road.

The Local Transportation Director responded that, while he sympathised with Mr Harding, speed checks carried out by the police showed that there was no evidence that this was anything but an isolated incident. It was, however, noted that, following the accident, road conditions were not normal and Mrs Sally Marks (chairman) requested that a second set of readings be taken by the police when the construction work on Mr Harding's property have been completed and traffic flow returns to normal.

Speed readings taken at the same time in the adjacent Limpsfield Road indicated that it should be a priority for speed management measures.

97/04 **PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS** [Item 12]

A written question was received from Mr R Bristow in relation to recent resurfacing work in Barrow Green Road and the Local Transportation Director (LTD) responded in writing. There were a further three informal questions all in relation to Item 14, the Local Transportation Plan, to which the LTD gave verbal responses or agreed to respond in writing at a later date.

98/04 **MEMBERS' QUESTIONS** [Item 13]

There were none. However, on behalf of the Committee, the chairman thanked officers for the speed with which the Local Transportation team resolved the congestion problems in Barrow Green Road. The Local Transportation Director said thanks were due to Stuart Eastmond, Principal Engineer; Gill Foster, Senior Engineer and the contractors, Carillion. Mr Harry Pettifor also congratulated the team on the standard of resurfacing on Limpsfield Road to Hamsey Green.

99/04 **LOCAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN SCHEMES FOR 2005/06 AND FIVE YEAR PROGRAMME** [Item 14]

The Committee received a report on the Local Transportation Plan (LTP) schemes for 2005/06 and the indicative programme for the period from 2006 to 2011.

The Committee **AGREED** to:

- (i) endorse the LTP implementation programme.
- (ii) delegate to the Local Transportation Director, in consultation with the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Committee, any acceleration or deceleration of the 2005/06 programme that may be required when the final Tandridge LTP budget allocation is made.

100/04 **DECRIMINALISED PARKING ENFORCEMENT PROPOSED ALTERATIONS TO WAITING & LOADING RESTRICTIONS FOR CONSOLIDATION ORDER** [Item 15]

The Committee received this report for information and Mr Nicholas Skellett drew attention to the need to keep the District and parishes involved in the process so that everyone fully understands the traffic orders. Mr Skellett **PROPOSED** that 6 meetings be held, one in each division, including the relevant District Councillors and parish representatives with maps and/or including site visits. This was **SECONDED** by Peter Langham and the Committee **AGREED**.

Mr Skellett also explained that the Executive had agreed that districts/boroughs should be used to extend their current role to include parking enforcement but, as Tandridge does not perform this function locally, Reigate and Banstead had been approved.

101/04 **B2028 WEST PARK ROAD JUNCTION B2037 SNOW HILL – JUDGES CORNER** [Item 16]

The Committee received a report providing information on the progress on the proposed roundabout scheme for information. Officers will put together an exhibition with information and maps next year for the benefit of parish councils and local residents.

102/04 **M25/A22 JUNCTION 6** [Item 18]

The Principal Engineer accompanied this report, brought forward from the last committee meeting, [84/04 - Item 18] with a presentation showing the flow of traffic at this junction and the ways in which the proposed changes would affect it. As well as being reassured that signs would be restored until the new scheme is in place and that the existing traffic lights would remain, Members were able to see the impact of the changes to the scheme and to assess the benefits. It was suggested, and agreed by officers, that the presentation be shared with Godstone parish council.

The Committee **AGREED** that the spiral road marking scheme be removed and replaced with conventional roundabout markings.

103/04 **WINTER MAINTENANCE** [Item 19]

There was no report with this item. However the Local Transportation Director gave a short presentation on the comprehensive planning and process for salting local roads in winter conditions which demonstrated the sophisticated measurements used to predict frost and ice and to identify those roads which need to be treated. A publicly available information leaflet will be sent to parish councils for information.

[Meeting Ended: 1.34 pm]

Chairman