

MINUTES: of the meeting of the Tandridge Local Committee held at 10.15am on Friday 18th March 2005 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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18/05 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE [Item 1]

There were no apologies. However, the meeting began with a minute's silence as a mark of respect to Mrs Elizabeth Sampson, who died suddenly at her home in Dormansland on Sunday 30th March, 2005. The chairman took the opportunity to comment warmly on the contribution Councillor Sampson has made over the years both to her division in Lingfield and to the Local Committee, which she chaired from April 2002 to May 2003 and which she continued to serve as an enthusiastic Member until her death. She will be sadly missed.

19/05 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 28 JANUARY 2005 [Item 2]

Agreed.

20/05 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST [Item 3]

There were none.

21/05 PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS [Item 4]

There were none.

22/05 MEMBERS' QUESTIONS [Item 5]

There were none.

23/05 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:

- **£1,173 for St Andrews Hall Limpsfield Chart, repairs**
- **£2,100 for Tandridge Access Group guide**
- **£2,242 for Bletchingley Village Hall repairs to flooring**
- **£850 for uniforms for St John Ambulance Juniors**
- **£750 for Nutfield Summer Playscheme**
- **£2,000 for repairs to the Endeavour scout hut in Godstone**
- **£1,500 for repairs to the Guide Barn, Warlingham**
- **£2,000 for repairs to the Tatsfield Women's Institute**
- **£1,700 for a bus shelter in Weatherhill Road, Smallfield**

The small amount remaining in the budget will be rolled forward into the next financial year.

24/05 **TANDRIDGE YOUTH FORUM** [Item 7]

A representative of the Tandridge Youth Forum was present to update the Local Committee on the progress of the Youth Forum, its future plans and structure and on the disbursement of the £10,000 agreed from Members' allocations in 2003/04 for youth initiatives.

A recent recruitment drive has produced several new members for the group who will form the core when the existing members have moved on and part of the funding will be used to allow them to have a team building weekend to prepare them for what this entails. Sub groups will meet on a regular basis to deal with considering, agreeing and disbursing a further £10,000 which the Committee agreed earlier in the year.

Despite the equipment malfunctioning, Che Ramsden was able to give a very instructive verbal presentation and to answer Members' questions with confidence and humour. The chairman thanked both Che, for an excellent presentation, and the headteacher of Oxted School for allowing her to attend during school hours at such a busy time in the school calendar.

25/05 **EDUCATION REPORT FOR THE TANDRIDGE DISTRICT 2003-2004 ACADEMIC YEAR** [Item 8]

This report summarised information relating to the education of pupils within the district, and highlighted issues of concern to headteachers, governors and LEA officers. It was pointed out that information shared with Children's Services would be covered in the Tandridge District Multi-Professional Team report which is available on the Surrey website.

As the content of the report had previously been brought to an informal meeting which involved all Members, the discussion was brief. School heads who were present were therefore able to contribute their comments. They were congratulated on the fact that Tandridge schools continue to perform well.

Members **AGREED** to identify ways in which their support of schools, and/or pupil groups, could facilitate further improvements to education within the district.

These included actively encouraging membership of Boards of Governors; raising issues around effective delivery of training for new school governors and supporting the development of confederations.

26/05 **CONSULTATION DRAFT OF THE SOUTH EAST PLAN** [Item 9]

The South East England Regional Assembly published an initial draft version of the South East Plan for public consultation. Comments were invited by 15 April 2005. The Committee was invited to provide comments on the policies and proposals. The views of the Committee were to go to the Executive of the County Council, to inform its response to the South East Plan, on 29 March 2005.

This report detailed the consultation points to be considered with respect of the South East Plan (SEP) which will comprise the Regional Spatial Strategy for the Region and eventually replace both current Regional Planning Guidance for the South East and the Surrey Structure Plan (and all other Structure Plans in the South East). The scope of the SEP will be much broader than that covered under the current arrangements. It seeks to provide a long-term strategy to 2026 for the Region that goes beyond traditional land-use and transportation boundaries, to cover greater integration with issues such as health, culture and education/skills.

Members were informed that it is the intention of both Government and the South East Regional Assembly (SEERA) that the SEP will play a key role in regional decision making, particularly on housing, transport and economic investment in the region, and will therefore have considerable influence on the Regional Housing, Economic and Transport Strategies and the deliberations of the Regional Boards being set up.

The policies and proposals in the SEP raise a number of key issues in terms of its spatial implications, the broad basis for the housing distribution, the provision of infrastructure and the role of the Regional Hubs.

As Members had had a previous opportunity to consider the content at an informal meeting and to respond, the report was taken as read.

The Local Committee **AGREED** to endorse the contents of this report to the Executive and make such other comments on the SEP to be conveyed to the Executive as it considered appropriate.

In respect of this, Mr Nicholas Skellett pointed out that, at this stage Members should concentrate on deciding which of the options they preferred and the chairman agreed to reflect this back to the Executive with the Members' comments on the plan prior to the Executive meeting. [NOTE: See Executive Report 29 March 2005 – Item 9 Comments included in Annex.]

27/05 **SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL'S CRIME & DISORDER REDUCTION STRATEGY 2005** [Item 10]

The Local Director brought this report to introduce the new Crime & Disorder Reduction Partnership Strategy for Tandridge. The Tandridge Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership (CDRP) is a statutory group, constituted at district and borough level. The County Council is a key partner in the eleven Surrey CDRPs, represented in Tandridge by the Local Committee Chairman and Local Director. The County Council contributed both officer time, through a number of working groups and initiatives, and direct resources - £18,000 - in 2004/05. This contribution will be continued in 2005/06

The Tandridge Local Committee **AGREED** to endorse the Crime & Disorder Reduction Partnership Strategy 2005-08 and its continuing financial support.

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

28/05 **PETITIONS** [Item 11]

There were none.

29/05 **PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS** [Item 12]

There were none.

30/05 **MEMBERS' QUESTIONS** [Item 13]

There were three written questions, which received written responses from the Local Transportation Director.

31/05 **BRIDLEWAY NO 398 DORMANSLAND – PROPOSED DIVERSION** [Item 14]

This Rights of Way report was withdrawn at the request of the applicant and, pending advice, may be brought to the next committee meeting on 27 May 2005.

32/05 **VERBAL UPDATE BY THE LOCAL TRANSPORTATION DIRECTOR** [Item 15]

It was noted that this would be the last Committee meeting which Simon Nielsen would attend as Local Transportation Director and the chairman took the opportunity to thank him for his hard work during his brief tenure and to wish him well in his new job. The Local Transportation Director went on to update the Local Committee on progress of priorities of the local transportation team.

[NOTE: It was further noted that this would be the last Committee meeting which Mr Harry Pettifor would attend as Surrey County Councillor for Warlingham as he is standing down after 8 years. The chairman and his colleagues congratulated him on his service to the Council, his Division and to the Local Committee and wished him well in his retirement. His departure leaves a vacancy on the Tandridge Cycle Network Task Group, which he has chaired very successfully, and Members were asked to consider volunteering for this role and for interested parties to contact Shelley Benson in the Local Transportation Service.]

33/05 **TANDRIDGE LOCAL ALLOCATION 2005/06** [Item 16]

This report sets out how the Local Allocation could be used to make up the shortfall in Local Transport Plan (LTP) funding in 2005/06 and to progress any low cost projects not included on the LTP.

The Committee **AGREED** that:

- a) the Local Allocation be used for transportation schemes
- b) the £100,000 for 2005/06 be allocated as set out in Table 1 of this report

34/05 **RAIL ISSUES IN TANDRIDGE** [Item 17]

Although train services and stations are not directly the responsibility of the County Council, both Passenger Transport Group and Tandridge Local Transportation Service have worked to deliver improvements where possible.

This report detailed the main developments in both train services and facilities at train stations over the last financial year and expected work for the coming one.

The Committee **AGREED** to comment on the content of the report. Comments were duly noted by the attending officer.

35/05 **CATERHAM VALLEY TOWN CENTRE AUDIT** [Item 18]

Shelly Benson of the Tandridge Local Transportation Service gave a presentation for information on the work undertaken with local representatives in November 2004 and updated Members on progress on the work agreed.

[NOTE: The Chairman reminded Members of the buffet lunch following the next committee meeting on 18 March 2005 and the subsequent meeting.]

[Meeting Ended: 1.00 pm]

Chairman