

MINUTES: of the meeting of the Tandridge Local Committee held at 10.15am on Friday 27th January 2006 at the Council Offices, Oxted

County Council Members

- * Mr Peter Langham - Chairman
- * Mr David Hodge - Vice-Chairman
- * Mrs Sally Ann B Marks
- * Marian Myland
- * Mr Ken Rimington
- * Mr N W Skellett

District Council Members

- * Cllr Richard Allen
- * Cllr Martin Fisher
- * Cllr Jeffrey Gray
- * Cllr Robin Harling
- * Cllr Alan Jones
- * Cllr Eric Morgan

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01/06 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE [Item 1]

There were none.

02/06 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 31 OCTOBER 2005 [Item 2]

The minutes were agreed as accurate.

03/06 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST [Item 3]

Cllr Martin Fisher declared a personal interest in the Members' Allocation bid for Oxted Community Hall as he sits on the Management Committee.

Cllr Robin Harling also declared a personal interest in the Members' Allocation bid for Oxted Community Hall as he is a sponsor of the proposal.

04/06 PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS [Item 4]

There were none.

05/06 MEMBERS' QUESTIONS [Item 5]

There were none.

06/06 **MEMBERS' ALLOCATIONS** [Item 6]

Members have been allocated £11,500 each for 2005/06 plus £35,000 for capital projects for voluntary sector organisations in the local area giving a total of £104,000.

Members considered ten new requests for funding from the Members' Allocations budget as at Annex A of the report and decided as follows:

AGREED:

* Tatsfield in Bloom	£1,200
* Thursday Lunch Club	£2,000
* Caterham Scout Group	£1,000
* Caterham Health Check	£5,000
* Blindley Heath, Security Light	£1,400
* Dormansland Primary School	£1,500
* Repairs to headstone	£ 427
* Key Safes	£5,000
* Little Oaks Nursery	£ 300
* Oxted Community Hall	£2,500

AGREED IN PRINCIPLE:

An additional request of £3,500 was agreed in principle for ground works at Farleigh School, tabled at the meeting by Mr David Hodge. The works will enable improvements to the highway to aid access for residents.

The allocation was agreed subject to funding being agreed within the highways budget, to carry out the work to the roadway. The decision will then be ratified by the Chairman in consultation with the Local Transportation Service.

Taking into account a carry forward from 2004/05 of £1338, the remaining balance will be £35,678.

[NOTE: District Councillors Martin Fisher and Robin Harling declared a personal interest in the bid for the Oxted Community Hall and left the meeting until the decision had been taken.]

07/06 **HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE IN TANDRIDGE** [Item 8]

The Chairman introduced a number of local partners from the Primary Care Trust and Tandridge District as well as the Adult and Community Care Team who contributed to the report. The report highlighted a number of the local initiatives and challenges that services currently face in Tandridge. Members agreed that it was important to continue investing in services that support people in their own homes and prevent the need for acute or bed-care services. Members also discussed the need for healthy living programmes within schools, so that people understand the importance of good health from an early age.

The committee **AGREED** to:

- (i) Note the initiatives in progress and plans for the future
- (ii) Identify with partners any barriers to successful delivery of these initiatives
- (iii) Consider specific actions which the Local Committee can take to encourage and support successful delivery and outcomes with partners
- (iv) Continue to monitor and support this work
- (v) Encourage the Healthy Living Project Group to actively look to engage Life Education Centre style projects as one of the mechanisms in teaching young children the dangers of drugs on their bodies.

08/06 COMMUNITY STRATEGY UPDATE [Item 7]

Following on from the presentation delivered by the Area Director at the last Committee meeting in October 2005, Lynne Martin confirmed that actions are continuing to be developed on the four areas of Community Safety, Transport and Accessibility, Caterham Town Centre and Healthy Living. The latest draft of the community plan has been delayed. The Area Director will continue to update the Committee at the earliest opportunity.

After Item 7, the Chairman adjourned the meeting for a 15 minute break. The Committee reconvened at 11:46am.

09/06 PETITIONS [Item 9]

There were none.

10/06 PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS [Item 10]

There were no written questions submitted. The Chairman invited members of the public attending the meeting to ask any questions or make any comments to the Committee.

Miss Janet Rumble, or Commonwealth Road, Caterham addressed the Committee regarding problematic parking. Cars often block access to residents' property and parking on both sides of the narrow road causes access difficulties for both residents and emergency vehicles.

The Chairman asked the Local Transportation Manager to look into immediate improvements that could be made to improve the situation for residents.

Mr Andy Parr addressed the Committee regarding litter removal in roads. This often requires lane closures which causes delays. Mr Parr would like the Committee to consider ideas such as road side litter baskets next to junctions for drivers, which are used in Belgium.

At the Chairman's request, the Local Transportation services will look at the possibilities and provide Mr Parr with a written response.

Mrs Sally Ann B Marks asked a question on behalf of Woldingham Parish Council, regarding an assessment and planning exercise on the speeds and safety of roads in parishes north of the M25. The question was passed to the Local Transportation manager to investigate and provide a written response.

11/06 MEMBERS QUESTIONS [Item 11]

There were three written questions, one from Mrs Sally Ann B Marks, District Councillor Martin Fisher, and Mr Peter Langham which are attached to these minutes with responses as Annex A.

AGREED

That the Committee meets informally to discuss its priorities for additional parking restrictions before Decriminalised Parking Enforcement comes into force in September.

12/06 **SURREY HIGHWAYS PARTNERSHIP CONTRACT – PROGRESS REPORT** [Item 12]

The report sought to update the Local Committee Members on various aspects of Carillion's Surrey Highways Partnership contract. It also provided information on Carillion Highways Maintenance Ltd performance on both the East contract area and specifically relating to Tandridge.

The Chairman introduced Officers from Surrey County Council and Carillion Highways Maintenance Ltd. who attended to introduce the progress report and respond to any additional questions from the Committee.

The Committee **NOTED** the content of the report.

Mrs Sally Ann B Marks left the meeting after this item.

13/06 **B2028 WEST PARK ROAD – JUDGES CORNER** [Item 13]

This report reviewed the current situation with the proposed roundabout scheme in light of issues that have arisen over the design and estimated cost and the future Local Transport Plan programme in Tandridge.

The Committee heard that there has not been the land or revenue available to implement the roundabout scheme, which continues to be the case.

The Committee **AGREED**, by a vote of 8 to 1, with 2 abstentions, that:

- (i) The item be deferred to the next appropriate meeting;
- (ii) The Local Transportation Service consults with the local parishes on proposals.

Mr K Rimington and District Councillor Gray left the meeting after this item.

14/06 **DECRIMINALISED PARKING ENFORCEMENT AND A22 GODSTONE BYPASS CLEARWAY ORDER** [Item 14]

This report sought to give an update on the progress towards the introduction of Decriminalised Parking Enforcement in Tandridge and to rationalise the Clearway Orders and associated signs for the A22 Godstone Bypass. The Committee heard that good progress is being made and decriminalised parking enforcement is on course to be implemented on 4th September 2006.

The Committee **AGREED**:

- (i) To note the current progress towards implementation of Decriminalised Parking Enforcement in Tandridge.
- (ii) That all of the existing 24 hour Clearways in Tandridge be consolidated into a single Order, thus correcting the anomaly at the M25 junction and adding the section of the A22 Godstone Bypass to the south of the A25 (as shown on drawing No 53282/CW).

15/06 **INTEGRATED TRANSPORT SCHEMES - UPDATE** [Item 15]

This information report sought to update Members on progress with all integrated transport schemes funded from the Local Transport Plan, Local Allocation, central bid sources and, where appropriate, other contributions in 2005/06.

Elected Members had requested an update on all transportation projects at each Local Committee. The current situation was presented on Annexe A to the report.

16/06 **TANDRIDGE LOCAL COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

A paper was presented to Members with the following proposed dates for future Local Committee meetings:

- 23rd June 2006
- 29th September 2006
- 26th January 2007
- 23rd March 2007

The Committee **NOTED** the dates.

[Meeting Ended: 1:20pm]

Chairman

Members' Questions and Responses

1. Mrs Sally Ann B Marks asks:

I would like the Tandridge Local Committee to ask Officers to prepare a paper on the possibility of introducing a Residents' Parking Scheme in appropriate roads in parts of Tandridge and in Caterham in particular.

The experience of residents in certain roads in my Division has become almost intolerable and if they are to be able to continue to park near their homes then new measures will have to be undertaken. The huge increase in car ownership over the last few years has made it imperative that we look again at the policy that currently exists which is not to support such schemes.

My question therefore is to ask the Area Transportation Director,
"Please would you bring a paper to the next convenient Local Committee on this subject?"

The Local Transportation Service responds:

The Local Transportation Service currently has over 50 outstanding requests for either new parking restrictions or residents parking in Tandridge. Many of these requests were raised at consultation meetings held with the local representatives in each of the six County Divisions in Tandridge. These meetings considered the work required prior to the introduction of Decriminalised Parking Enforcement (DPE) and identified priorities for new parking restrictions.

A separate report to this committee outlines the progress made with implementing DPE by the Member Task Group. The planned start date for taking over enforcement from Surrey Police in Tandridge is September 2006. Once DPE is implemented there will need to be a period of time to review how the new arrangements and, in particular, the Parking Attendants, are operating in Tandridge before any new restrictions can be considered.

However, as part of the second Local Transport Plan (LTP), it will be necessary for the Local Committee to agree a Parking Strategy for Tandridge. This Parking Strategy could set out a timetable for the DPE review, could agree the first priorities for new parking restrictions and could consider the potential for Residents Parking Schemes. The Parking Strategy would also need to identify how this work could be funded.

In view of the above information, it is considered not appropriate to bring a specific report on Residents Parking Schemes in Tandridge at this time. The priority remains the introduction of DPE and, in due course, the Local Committee will be able to consider the implementation of new parking schemes as part of the Parking Strategy for Tandridge.

Residents Parking Schemes

Members should be aware that, as with any highway scheme, there are potential benefits and disbenefits of introducing Residents' Parking in an area.

The benefits are that the area may become less congested allowing residents easier access to their homes as commuters and shoppers are required to park elsewhere. In addition, access for service vehicles such as waste collection and the emergency services could be improved.

The disbenefits are that the parking may be displaced to other roads in the area and the amount of on-street space for parking will be reduced as junctions and accesses are kept clear as part of any scheme.

The costs of investigation, setting up and installing such schemes will need to be met from a capital budget such as the LTP. The costs associated with enforcement and administration will need to be funded from an annual fee for permits and it is possible that this will need to be supported using existing revenue budgets.

2. District Councillor Martin Fisher asks:

As part of the DPE process a report was brought to Committee in December 2004 and Peter & Wheeler Avenue was subsequently identified as a priority for curfew parking. It was indicated that it would be implemented once the DPE process was complete. Commuter parking is a major problem and, as the implementation of DPE has become protracted, can we now have a firm date when this will be implemented?

The Local Transportation Service responds:

The response is similar to that provided to Mrs Marks in question 1 above. There will need to be a period of review following the start of DPE in Tandridge to see how the new arrangements are working.

Members could agree to set the timetable for the review and also to agree the priorities for possible new parking restrictions as part of the Parking Strategy for Tandridge.

It has been suggested previously that Members could agree that the 6 priority sites identified by the divisional meetings held last year are progressed as a first phase. It is not, however, possible to set out a firm timescale for this work at this stage as it is dependent upon the outcome of the review.

3. Mr Peter Langham asks:

Since the introduction of the safety barrier and other safety measures on the A22 Caterham By-Pass please provide an update on the latest accident situation on this road.

The Local Transportation Service responds:

Table 1 below shows the personal injury accidents on the A22 Caterham By-Pass from 1998 - 2005. As the safety barrier was introduced at the end of 2003, details of the accidents in 2006 will need to be considered for the usual 3 year "after" study to be made.

It is encouraging to note that the accidents on the northbound carriageway of the A22 have decreased following the completion of the lane reduction (2002), resurfacing and safety barrier schemes (both 2003).

However, there has been an increase in accidents on the southbound carriageway of the A22 in 2005 which officers are currently investigating. Local Members will be kept advised of the situation and an update will be provided to a future Local Committee.

Table 1

	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Northbound Fatal	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0
Serious	1	1	0	2	3	2	0	0
Slight	6	3	6	19	7	2	3	0
Total	7	4	6	22	11	4	3	0*
Southbound Fatal	0	0	2	0	0	0	1	0
Serious	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	1
Slight	0	0	6	0	2	2	3	11
<u>Total</u>	0	0	10	0	2	2	4	12

* - accident data available to 31/10/05 on northbound carriageway