

**MINUTES: of the meeting of the Tandridge Local Committee held at 10.15am on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2007 at Oxted Community Hall, Church Lane, Oxted.**

**County Council Members**

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

**District Council Members**

- \* Councillor Richard Allen
- \* Councillor Martin Fisher
- \* Councillor Alan Jones
- \* Councillor Eric Morgan
- \* Councillor Brian Perkins
- \* Councillor Jeremy Pursehouse

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**50/07 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE [Item 1]**

Apologies were received from Mr David Hodge and Mr Ken Rimington.

**51/07 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 22 JUNE 2007 [Item 2]**

Accepted.

**52/07 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST [Item 3]**

There were none.

**53/07 PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS [Item 4]**

No formal questions were received prior to the meeting and no members of the public asked informal questions.

**54/07 MEMBERS' QUESTIONS [Item 5]**

There were none.

**55/07 COUNTY COUNCILLORS LOCAL ALLOCATIONS FOR 2007/08 [Item 6]**

Members have been allocated £11,000 each for 2007/08 plus £35,000 for capital projects for voluntary sector organisations in the local area giving a total of £101,000.

The Committee considered the bids at Annex A of the report and AGREED as follows:

- Holland School improvements to toilets      £5,000.00  
(As agreed in principle at informal meeting in July)
- Tandridge Voluntary Service Council      £3,100.00

• Tandridge Youth Forum	£10,000.00
• Warlingham Village School	£3,500.00
• Message In A Bottle scheme	£1,000.00
• Woldingham Parish Church	£3,000.00

A request from East Surrey Carers Support Association that the remainder of their earlier application for £3,500 be put towards their Christmas event at no further cost to Committee was also APPROVED.

Mrs Myland informed Committee that she would be bringing a bid to a future committee in respect of Nutfield's Millennium Hall, which was recently destroyed by fire and which will need help to supplement the anticipated insurance settlement in order to rebuild.

The newly approved applications represented a figure of £50,365 leaving a balance of £50,635.

#### 56/07 **COMMUNITY SAFETY IN TANDRIDGE 2007 - 08** [Item 7]

The Area Director introduced this report, which sought to update the Local Committee on the community safety work in Tandridge with a focus on joint work through the Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership (CDRP). This was supported by representations from Keith Price, Assistant Chief Executive, on behalf of Tandridge District Council; Tandridge District Inspector Elaine Burtenshaw of Surrey Police, B Division; officers from Surrey Fire & Rescue Service and Trading Standards. Information was also received from the Youth Development Service.

District Inspector Burtenshaw took questions on speed limits, parking and the statutory powers of the PCSOs, which are currently being standardised across the county.

Mrs S Marks proposed a MOTION that:

The Chairman, on behalf of the Committee, write to the Chief Constable, in support of increased powers for PCSOs.

This was seconded by Mr P Langham and unanimously AGREED.

Keith Price, representing Tandridge District Council, took several questions on fly-tipping and the Chairman commended District staff for their prompt response in clearing sites that had been reported to them.

Trading Standards officers reported on under-age sales in Tandridge, which are comparatively low, and gave information about licensing conditions and tackling the problem through training of sales staff. They also took questions on cold calling, the House of Horrors project and the Internet and reported on tightening of legislation.

Surrey Fire & Rescue Service officers reported on local initiatives and took questions on a number of local partnerships forums including the Community Incident Action Group (CIAG); Joint Action Group (JAG); Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership (CDRP); Local Strategic Partnership (LSP). They also took questions about Community Action Days (CADs) which are public events intended to raise awareness of community safety issues in local communities.

The Committee:

- (i) NOTED the work of the Crime & Disorder Reduction Partnership in Tandridge,
- (ii) CONSIDERED how the Local Committee and County Council services could support the work of the Crime & Disorder Reduction Partnership, and
- (iii) AGREED that the Area Director, in consultation with the Local Committee Chairman, agree the allocation of Surrey County Council community safety funding allocated to the Crime & Disorder Reduction Partnership, in accordance with the community safety strategy priorities.

**57/07 LIBRARIES REPORT [Item 8]**

This report had been discussed in some detail in draft at a Tandridge Local Committee business meeting in July and was brought to formal committee to formally approve the recommendations. As the outcomes increase the opening hours of local libraries, there was no objection. However, Mrs Myland requested confirmation that this report did not extend to mobile libraries and the Chairman asked whether it was necessary to close both Caterham Libraries on a Monday. The Area Libraries Manager agreed to look into this and report back outside the meeting.

It was RESOLVED that the Local Committee (Tandridge):

- (i) support the approach of seeking improvements to opening hours and services through efficiency gains from self-service new technology,
- (ii) support the proposed new Group structure – three Groups of libraries, A ('Town' centre), B ('District' Centre) and C ('Local' Centre), with a geographic / strategic approach,
- (iii) welcome the resulting improvements in opening hours in Libraries in Tandridge, by 19 5 hours per week, as detailed in Annex E (revised).

[Note: The meeting adjourned for refreshments at 11.30 am and reconvened at 11.45 am]

**58/07 PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS [Item 9]**

Three members of the public spoke on a specific issue, namely, the increased traffic-flow of lorries accessing the quarry in Chalkpit Lane and its impact on the local area particularly at school pick up and drop off times which is causing a great deal of concern in the local community. A number of representatives from the local Press, who have been following this issue, were also in attendance.

In his dual role as Divisional Member for Oxted and Leader of Surrey County Council, Mr Skellett took the opportunity to thank the Press for their interest and made a statement. He shared the concerns of the local community and listed the meetings he has attended recently on this subject and ways in which Surrey County Council is taking the issues forward. Primarily, he gave details of the Leader's webpage, which can be accessed from Surrey County Council's website, [www.surreycc.gov.uk](http://www.surreycc.gov.uk), where residents can register their concerns directly and read the latest statement. A group of community representatives has also been set up to liaise with the local authority. In brief, he explained that the quarry is acting within the law in bringing landfill loads into the quarry as well as taking out extracted minerals and that, because the operating licence was approved by the Environment Agency, this is not within the control of the local authority. However, the police have been monitoring speed and the operator is reinforcing this message with his contractors. Surrey County Council welcomes, and will explore, any suggestions that may mitigate the situation. Members asked that Councillors be kept informed as this situation crosses ward and divisional boundaries and has a knock on effect.

The Chairman accepted some supplementary questions before bringing this item to a close.

**59/07 MEMBERS' QUESTIONS [Item 10]**

There were four written questions from Mr K Rimington and informal questions from District Councillor Martin Fisher; Mrs M Myland and Mrs S Marks.

The Local Highways Manager read and responded to Mr Rimington's questions (appended as Annex 1) in his absence. District Councillor Martin Fisher reminded the Committee that a review of on-street parking restrictions was overdue and asked for an update of progress. The

Local Highways Manager said that the legal notice would be in the Press by Christmas and, if there were no significant objections, could be completed in this financial year. However, he did warn that delays might be possible due to the level of detail and formatting and competition for resources across the County.

Mrs Myland asked about a speed reduction scheme for the area north of the A25 as there are no speed limits on lanes particularly in Nutfield Marsh and Little and Big Common Lanes. The Chairman suggested it be added to the list of schemes for villages. The Highways Group Manager (East) said that all schemes are prioritised once per year and reviewed quarterly and that it would have to meet the prioritisation criteria before it could be progressed.

Mrs Marks pointed out that Woldingham was already on the list for speed reduction through villages and had been agreed as a priority almost a year ago and was concerned about the delay. The Local Highways Manager responded that it would be completed in this financial year and that the legal advertisement would go into the Press within the next month. Mrs Marks then queried whether an order had been placed with the sign makers and the Highways Group Manager (East) explained that the internal process is for signs to be ordered when confirmation is in place.

The Chairman expressed his disappointment at the time slip and asked that timelines be put in place for future schemes.

**60/07 VERBAL UPDATE BY THE HIGHWAYS GROUP MANAGER (EAST) [Item 11]**

The Highways Group Manager (East) updated Members on local developments not requiring a full report. A briefing note was tabled for information [appended at Annex B]. He took questions from District Councillor Alan Jones on the East Grinstead relief road and Judges Corner roundabout. Members were assured that discussions were taking place on East Grinstead and that the funding for Judges Corner had been ring-fenced and would be carried forward to the next financial year if progress on the acquisition of the necessary land was delayed. They were further assured that this scheme would be put out to tender and would therefore not be in competition with other Surrey County Council schemes for priority. The Chairman asked that more detailed questions be taken up outside the meeting.

On the subject of potholes, District Councillor Jeremy Pursehouse asked that a full report be sent to Members and the Highways Group Manager agreed to forward information to the Committee clerk for circulation.

**61/07 POPLAR WALK, CATERHAM [Item 12]**

Following a review of Parking Controls within Tandridge a request had been made to amend the time limit for Poplar Walk. This report sought an amendment to the existing Traffic Regulation Order.

The Tandridge Local Committee AGREED that:

- (i) the maximum length of stay for on-street parking within Poplar Walk be increased from 30 minutes to 1 hour.
- (ii) that authorisation is given to the Highways Group Manager (East) in consultation with the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Local Members to consider and resolve any objections to the proposals advertised.

**62/07 C70 OUTWOOD LANE RAILWAY BRIDGE [Item 13]**

This report sought funding for the investigation and construction of a solution to the accident problem in the vicinity of the railway bridge in Outwood Lane and Mrs Myland spoke in support.

The Local Committee (Tandridge) AGREED that:

- (i) The Accident Working Group proposals for the Outwood Lane site near Poundhill Cottage, just south of the single-track bridge, be progressed.
- (ii) Bletchingley Parish Council be requested to consider contributing to the proposal for a priority give way at the bridge.

**63/07 A22 WAPSES LODGE ROUNDABOUT [Item 14]**

This report sought agreement to scheme details for improvements to A22 Wapses Lodge roundabout. Mrs Marks spoke in support of the scheme and asked if consideration could be given to speed management measures north of the roundabout such as rough surface rumble strips. The Highways Group Manager (HGM) said he would review the scheme and take this into consideration.

In response to a question from District Councillor Jeremy Pursehouse on the state of the underpasses, he explained that there was currently no budget available for improvements but that he would look at signage. The key drivers were safety and dispersal of water. He also agreed to research other budgets that might be accessed.

In response to comments from District Councillor Richard Allen, the HGM said that it would not be possible to co-ordinate the improvement works with resurfacing of the road without incurring unwelcome delays and the Chairman asked for an officer update in the post design stage.

Additional recommendations were added to ensure that Members were kept informed, that the project was comprehensive, financed from this year's budget and brought in on time.

RESOLVED that the Local Committee for Tandridge agree:

- (i) The scheme shown in Annex A is approved for construction this financial year.
- (ii) that officers produce options for the enhancement of the subways and central island space to the roundabout
- (iii) that officers report back to the Chairman, Vice Chairman and the local County Councillor.
- (iv) that officers use available funding from this financial year's Local Transport Plan Integrated Transport Budget for Tandridge to progress the work.

**64/07 £100,000 FOR HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE IN TANDRIDGE [Item 15]**

This report sought to discuss options for use of the £100,000 made available to the Local Committee for highway maintenance work in Tandridge during 2007-08 and to make recommendations. The proposals were considered to provide a reasonable solution for use of maintenance monies, which are in great demand. Mrs Myland expressed her appreciation.

The Local Committee (Tandridge) AGREED that:

The £100,000 for highway maintenance work in Tandridge be allocated for gully cleansing, ditch and grip work, carriageway surface re-profiling in Rook Lane and a scheme for The Avenue, Nutfield.

**65/07 MINOR CHANGES TO FOOTWAYS TO IMPROVE ACCESSIBILITY [Item 16]**

This report sought approval for a schedule of footways improvements such as dropped kerbs to facilitate wheelchair access from £15,000 for accessibility improvements agreed by Committee in June. The proposed work meets the objectives of the Local Transport Plan for Surrey.

District Councillor Brian Perkins spoke in support of the project on behalf of the Tandridge Access Group. In response to a question from Mrs Ann Hare, who is the TAG secretary, the Local Highways Manager confirmed that contractors are given guidance and the works inspected afterwards to ensure compliance with regulations and the Highways Group Manager added that Surrey County Council would not pay for schemes unless they are compliant.

The Local Committee for Tandridge **AGREED** that:

The schedule of footway improvements listed in Annex A be progressed.

**[Meeting Ended: 1.05 pm]**

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**Chairman**