MINUTES: of the meeting of the Tandridge Local Committee (Transportation) held at 2.30pm on Wednesday 19 February 2003 at Tandridge District Council Offices, Oxted

County Council Members

* Mr Peter Langham - Chairman
* Mrs Elizabeth Sampson - Vice-Chairman
* Mrs Sally Ann B Marks
* Marian Myland
* Mr Harry Pettifor
* Mr N W Skellett

District Council Members

* Mr Steve Altria
* Jill Caudle
* Mrs Tina Fry
* Mrs Barbara Harling
  Mr Alan Jones
* Mr Brian Perkins
* Mr Eric Morgan
  * = Present

PART ONE

IN PUBLIC

[All references to Items refer to the Agenda for the meeting]

11/03 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE [Item 2]

Apologies were received from Mr Alan Jones (Mr Eric Morgan substituted.)

12/03 MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS HELD ON 10 SEPTEMBER 2002 AND 17 SEPTEMBER 2002 [Item 3]

Agreed.

13/03 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST [Item 4]

Mr Eric Morgan; Mr N W Skellett and Mrs Elizabeth Sampson declared a personal but non-prejudicial interest in Item 10 (Blue House Lane) as they are all on the board of governors at Oxted School.

15/03 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME [Item 5]

Six members of the public submitted questions and these, and the written responses, are attached as Annex 1. Of these, Mrs Lisa Thurston and Mr John O’Brien attended and asked their questions in person and Ann Osborn read a question on behalf of Mrs Briault.
16/03 **MEMBERS’ QUESTION TIME** [Item 6]

A written question was received from Mr Colin White of Tandridge District Council in his absence and the written response is appended as Annex 2.

Members were asked to hold questions on the Blue House Lane report [Item 10] until the report had been presented.

17/03 **OLD LANE UPDATE AND REVIEW OF RAPID RESPONSE TEAM** [Item 7]

The Local Transportation Manager gave a brief verbal report on the ongoing drainage problem at Old Lane as follows:

“At the last transportation meeting on 19 November 2002 [Minute 87/02], the Committee agreed to contribute £3,500 to Tatsfield residents to enlarge a drainage outlet on a private road subject to a check on the legal position. The response from the Legal department is that it is legal to fund the work but only if Surrey County Council pays the contractor direct rather than passing the money on to a residents’ association.” As the Tatsfield residents had already pursued this matter, three quotes were already in place and officers have spoken to the residents who are now waiting for the work to be carried out.

The Local Transportation Manager also gave a brief verbal report on the Rapid Response Team. It consists of a two manned vehicle equipped with light tools and has been in place since 6 January. Although the statistics for the period have been distorted by poor weather, cold and wet, he was able to review progress in January with reference to the file of completed jobs, which demonstrated that of 693 requests for service (normally average 500) the Rapid Response Team attended to 200. Not all logged calls were within the remit of the Rapid Response Team and the seasonal increase in volume was unusual. However, 200 incidents of reported potholes, debris, knocked over signs, damaged security gates, etc. were successfully dealt with. The new service has proved a very great success.

Members of the Committee cited examples from their experience of the work of the Rapid Response Team and agreed that the team had proved competent and was to be congratulated on its success.

18/03 **SPEED MANAGEMENT IN TANDRIDGE** [Item 8]

The Committee received a joint report from the Local Transportation Manager and Surrey Police on speed management in Tandridge.

There followed some debate among Members on the use of roundels as a deterrent to speeding as, while they appear on roads in neighbouring counties, their general deployment is restricted in Surrey as a matter of policy. The reasons for this were unclear.

[Note: The Chairman offered to take this forward.]
Surrey County Council did not encourage the use of mirrors on blind spots as they have proven to be inefficient, unreliable and hard to maintain and are therefore only to be found on private access roads.

Members welcomed the joint approach to speed management in Tandridge.

19/03 **DECRIMINALISED PARKING ENFORCEMENT** [Item 9]

Surrey Police have issued a statement that from April 2004 they will no longer be enforcing any waiting or loading restrictions in Surrey. The Committee received a report detailing the work that has been undertaken by other Boroughs and Districts in Surrey and were asked to consider the options available to Tandridge with regard to decriminalised parking enforcement.

There followed a debate on whether Tandridge District Council had had sufficient opportunity to consider whether or not to act as an agent for Surrey County Council. It was generally held that a Tandridge scheme could not be self-financing and this was the reason why Tandridge District Council was unlikely to want to become involved.

**RESOLVED** that the committee:

a) note the content of this report
b) agree to the consolidation of all existing waiting and loading Traffic Regulation Orders, and
c) in anticipation of Tandridge District Council not wishing to be involved, agree to continue with discussions with Reigate and Banstead Borough Council in relation to carrying out on-street parking enforcement within Tandridge on our behalf

[Note: Resolution c) above was agreed without dissent.]

20/03 **SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOLS, OXTED SCHOOL, BLUEHOUSE LANE** [Item 10]

The Committee received a report on progress made on the Safe Routes to Schools project and was asked to consider progressing a scheme to implement measures in Bluehouse Lane as agreed with the Education Department in 2000.

There was a great deal of public interest in the traffic issues on Bluehouse Lane as residents were concerned at the lack of footways. However, the ensuing costs could not be met from Education funding and there were practical reasons, to do with the width of roads, which prevented footways being put into place. District Councillor Barbara Harling expressed disappointment that she had not been invited to join the task group
RESOLVED that the Committee agrees:

a) the recommendations of the Members Task Group set out in para 6 (in priority order):
   
i. road level pedestrian crossings with associated guard rail on Bluehouse Lane.
ii. road level pedestrian crossing on Station Road East.
iii. footpath improvement in the vicinity of Oxted school.
iv. options for junction treatment at Chichele Road junction with Bluehouse Lane/Station Road East.
v. footway improvement on Bluehouse Lane between Park Road and Water Lane.

b) that there should be a consultation consisting of a public exhibition and letter drop, based on these recommendations.

21/03 CATERHAM ON THE HILL TRANSPORT STUDY [Item 11]

The Committee received a report in relation to proposed measures for Caterham-on-the-Hill as part of a Transport Study recommended for public consultation by the Task Group. Further to public consultation on 11 September 2002 analysis of the responses indicated that there was good overall support for the measures. The report detailed a package of schemes developed for Caterham-on-the-Hill to enable a detailed design to be progressed.

RESOLVED that the Committee:

a) approves the Caterham-on-the-Hill action plan, shown in annex A, for detailed design and implementation, subject to funding.

b) agrees that the results of the consultation be made available to the public in the Caterham-on-the-Hill Library

22/03 CATERHAM BY-PASS [Item 12]

The Committee received a report giving an update on progress of a number of measures approved by the Local Committee on 17 September 2002 giving details of the accidents that have occurred since the installation of the lane reduction scheme on the northbound carriageway.

The report was noted.

24/03 PROPOSED PEDESTRIAN FACILITY, A22 GODSTONE ROAD, WHYTELEAFE [Item 13]

The Committee received a report giving details of three options for a pedestrian crossing facility outside the Safeways Express store/BP garage in Godstone Road, Whyteleafe where there is concern for the safety of pedestrians crossing at this point.
RESOLVED that:

i. Option three as shown in para 14 is progressed to detailed design, to allow construction to take place during the next financial year

The Committee agreed to delete the second recommendation.

25/03 PROPOSED TANDRIDGE CYCLE NETWORK [Item 14]

The Committee received a report in relation to the former Tandridge Partnership Area Transportation Committee meeting on 6 February 2002 when it was agreed that £10,000 be put aside for the investigation and development of a number of cycle routes put forward by the Tandridge Cycle Forum in the current financial year. A number of recommendations were made but after due discussion the Committee came to the conclusion that the list of recommendations was too broad and needed to be more closely defined.

It was AGREED that, in relation to the Network of Cycle Routes shown in Table 2, further detail is needed on the various plans, with maps and justification, so that decisions can be made for incremental additions to the routes already in existence in Tandridge

RESOLVED that:

This report be noted but that the recommendations not be approved.

26/03 TANDRIDGE HOME ZONE PROJECT [Item 15]

This item was received for information only.

27/03 REAL TIME PASSENGER INFORMATION REPORT ON PROGRESS [Item 16]

This item was received for information only.

[Meeting Ended: 5.05 pm]

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Chairman