



Minutes of the Local Committee for Woking  
(General Agenda)  
meeting held at 7.30 pm on 18 November 2003  
at  
Lakers Youth Centre, Goldsworth Park, Woking.

Members present:

Mr David Rousell - Chairman  
Mr Geoff Marlow – Vice-Chairman  
Mrs Elizabeth Compton  
Mrs Margaret Hill

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**Part One – In Public**

[All references to items refer to the agenda for the meeting]

93/03 **Apologies for absence** [Item 1]

Apologies for absence were received from Mrs Sheila Gruselle and Mrs Val Tinney.

94/03 **Minutes of last meeting held on 22 October 2003** [Item 2]

Confirmed as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman.

95/03 **Declarations of interests** [Item 3]

No declarations of interest in accordance with Standing Order 58 were made.

96/03 **Petitions** [Item 4]

No petitions in accordance with Standing Order 62 were received.

97/03 **Written Public Questions** [Item 5]

**This question was received from Mr Geoffrey Weddell**

According to the council's own data, traffic along Brewery Road, Horsell frequently exceeds 50 mph with some individuals approaching 60 mph. Within the last three weeks, there has been a three-car pile-up in the center of Horsell Village (which is fed by traffic from Brewery Road) and a serious accident outside the doctor's surgery on Brewery Road, when a car traveling at high speed left the road and demolished a lamp post and also the parking restriction sign. People were injured in both of these accidents. Whilst the addition of a new pelican crossing outside Brewery Road Car Park is welcome, it will be situated too close to the junction with Chobham Road to have any impact on traffic speed.

On other, similar roads, such as Oriental Road and Woodham Road, Horsell, the council has painted occasional parking bays on the road surface so that the vehicles occupying these bays act as a natural brake for other vehicles using the road. Why has this cheap, easy solution not been adopted in Brewery Road? What is the council planning to do to relieve the residents of the burden of speeding motorists?

**Steve Child, Local Transportation Director, responded:**

At the time of the introduction of the Controlled Parking Zone in Woking in 1990, the decision was made, in conjunction with the Police, not to provide any parking bays on Brewery Road, as it was felt at the time that this could have led to significant traffic delays at peak times. It should be noted that outside the hours of control of the Controlled Parking Zone, traffic on Brewery Road would revert to free flow, with little or no on-street parking.

Woking Local Transportation Service (LTS) has purchased interactive signs which light up to remind speeding drivers of the speed limit. These are being used at a number of sites throughout the Borough, supported with Police enforcement. Brewery Road is on the list of sites for the New Year which will benefit from these signs and Police enforcement.

Woking LTS will be holding an open Community Forum for Horsell residents on Tuesday 9 December, at which residents will be able to raise transportation issues, including Brewery Road.

98/03 **Written Members' Questions** [Item 6]

There were no Member questions.

## **Executive Functions**

### **99/03 Youth Council proposal for Members' Allocation [Item 7]**

Chris Hayes from Woking Borough Council (WBC) and David Blake from Surrey County Council (SCC) explained that both councils are joint partners in the Youth Council. The Youth Council started in January 2003. There are places for up to 24 Youth Councillors between 11-18 who live, work or study in the borough to meet bi-monthly. Woking Borough Council has provided £10,000 to the Youth Council for projects and the County Council has allocated £5000 for the Youth Council's proposals.

The Youth Council discussed ways of spending the £5000 at their last meeting. It had been hoped that proposals could be ready for presentation to the Local Committee, but this had not been possible.

Rebecca Armitage from the Youth Council listed some of the proposals being discussed:

- i. A music event in the summer to showcase some of the local youth talent, possibly at Woking College. A family event is being planned during the day as well as an evening event for young people. Some of the money could be used for pre-booking the lighting, sound systems etc. This event would help the Youth Council make links with young people.
- ii. Advertising for the Youth Council and forms for young people to get in touch.
- iii. A website linked to the SCC and WBC sites, and possibly a phone line to get feedback from young people.
- iv. CCTV for the skate park for safety and prevention of vandalism.
- v. A graffiti project.
- vi. Litter bins that appeal to young people.

Mrs Hill, who had been at the Youth Council meeting, added that there was a lot of lively debate around the proposals, and the Youth Council is keen to put across the positive view of youth.

David Blake explained that young people often get negative press. Journalists are not allowed to approach young people for their views. He and Chris Hayes are working with the Youth Council to look at opportunities to present the youth point of view to the press. In addition, Woking Review has offered the Youth Council a regular column in the newspaper.

Mr Rousell thanked the officers and Rebecca for their presentation. He explained that when they come back to the Local Committee with their final proposals, it will be important to explain what outcomes are expected and what the benefits will be for Woking.

**RESOLVED**

The Youth Council will come back to the Local Committee on 28 January 2004 to present their recommendations for spending the £5000 Members' Allocation.

**100/03 Discussion on key issues within the community [Item 8]**

The Committee agreed to adjourn the meeting to enable open discussion with members of the community. Key issues discussed included things for young people to do, bus services and highways. Annex 1 sets out details of these discussions.

**101/03 Outcomes of discussions with community [Item 9]**

The meeting was formally reconvened.

**RESOLVED**

Officers were asked to follow up questions raised during discussions. These are set out in Annex 1.

**102/03 Exclusion of the Press and Public [Item 18]**

There was no business that required the public to be excluded from the meeting under Section 100(A) of the Local Government Act 1972.

[The meeting ended at 9.00 pm]

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Chairman

## **Summary of issues discussed by Goldsworth Park residents**

### **Young People**

- i. In response to a question regarding whether the Youth Council should part fund some of its own initiatives, it was explained that as the Youth Council is still finding its feet, officers do not want to burden them with funding issues. As the Council matures it is expected that they will find funding sources.
- ii. In response to a question on whether the Youth Council will be raising money for good causes, it was explained that during the first year the Council is getting to grips with its role. Lots of issues have been raised. Officers will support the issues raised by the Youth Councillors, but will not tell them what to do.

It is possible that fundraising could be part of the music festival. The Youth Councillors have also recognised that they have skills they would like to pass onto others, for example, providing young people with gymnastic and trampolining coaching. It was noted that Link Leisure work with disabled children.

- iii. Gareth Morgan, the Police Community Support Officer, said that young people want a dry warm place that they can go with their mates for a chat, and not a youth club where they get organised. The high turnover of youth workers means that continuity is lost. David Blake explained that high turnover of staff is mainly due to the cost of living. Lakers Youth Centre is accessible to young people, with the activities built around informal education. The Youth Service also works with local schools, which helps the youth workers get known. Amongst other things, they try to help young people realise the consequences of their actions on others, eg fear of crime.

The Police Community Support Officer pointed out that some young people just like to hang around on the street, often in well-lit areas for their own safety. The majority of young people are not disruptive, but there is a small core who are.

- iv. Young people often would like to go to the pictures, but cost can make this prohibitive. The Pool Room at the Big Apple is a good place to go, but it is not big enough for everyone. Transport to and from the town centre is not good enough.
- v. Issues such as literacy and numeracy can be addressed through an interest in football etc, by encouraging young people to look up information on football players on the internet etc. This is supported by the Youth Service.

- vi. Mr Rousell and the Chairman of the PCPG encouraged Rebecca to pass on the message to her peers that young people would be welcome at a whole host of meetings if they were interested in attending.

### **Public Transport**

- i. Issues raised to do with buses by the Youth Council spokesperson and others included:
  - a. The bus from Goldsworth Park was felt to be slow, busy and unreliable.
  - b. The 91 bus does not go to the Leisure Centre, only the station, which is not helpful.
  - c. The last bus home from the town centre needs to be later.
  - d. There are only two buses per day that go to Woking High and the cost is high, which means people walk. Many young people walking have been robbed.
- ii. In response Stephen Child explained that a lot of money has been spent on bus routes 91, 34 and 35. SCC is carrying out a review of bus services over the next few months, which will hopefully result in some creative ideas for dealing with the current problems.
- iii. The Youth Shoutabout raised the idea of a combination ticket for transport and access to the cinema etc. This is being looked at through the Community Safety Strategy.

### **Highways Issues**

- i. In response to a question regarding who is responsible for what part of the road, the sheet in annex 2 was circulated. In addition it was noted that WBC is responsible for street cleaning, the removal of abandoned vehicles and rubbish. SCC removes things that are dangerous, including wet leaves and dead animals. Regarding leaves, there is an interface between the County and the Borough as wet leaves are often considered a safety hazard, therefore they are the responsibility of SCC. Dry leaves are waste and therefore the responsibility of WBC.
- ii. Regarding the roadworks at Lockfield Drive, it was noted that following SCC/WBC discussions, it was felt that they would not cause a big problem over Christmas. It was suggested that hatchings on the Parley Drive roundabout may help with congestion.
- iii. Due to the amount of development around the town, there is often the need to dig up the road. This work is coordinated as well as possible.
- iv. Stephen Child agreed to find out the timescale of the roadworks along Old Woking Road and inform Ian Rickard if appropriate.

- v. Regarding overgrown vegetation on the roundabouts at Amstell Way and Triggs Lane, Stephen Child agreed to review the policy on cutting vegetation on roundabouts as well as investigating the situation at these two roundabouts.

### **Community Safety**

- i. Nuisance callers – the advice from the PCSO regarding nuisance callers was to note down descriptions and contact the PCSO or Neighbourhood Specialist Officer.

**SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL****LOCAL TRANSPORTATION SERVICE**

Surrey County Council is the Transport Authority responsible for all transportation matters, such as, maintaining and improving roads and public transport. A Local Committee consisting of both County and Borough Councillors represents Surrey locally. The Local Transportation Service works to this Committee responding to customer needs and undertaking work programmes to maximise benefit to the local community. Services delivered locally can be described as follows: -

- Maintenance:
- Drainage - gully cleaning, highway flooding
  - Signs and road markings - renewal, cleaning
  - Winter Maintenance - Pre-salting, snow clearance
  - Environmental Maintenance - Overgrown vegetation, weed control, tree cutting, tree maintenance
  - Street Lighting
  - Major Maintenance Schemes - Carriageway renewal
  - Traffic Lights
  - Emergencies: Road traffic accidents, residual clearing
  - Fencing and barriers
  - Surface deterioration e.g. potholes
  - Streetworks management
- Integrated Transport:
- Signs - new and replacements
  - Pedestrian crossings
  - Speed management - appraisals
  - Road safety - Accident Working Group with Surrey Police
  - Safe routes to school
  - Street light improvements
  - Improvement schemes to maximise safety and user convenience
  - Footway improvements
  - Public transport development - bus borders, Real Time Passenger Information
- Customer Service:
- Vehicle crossovers
  - Skip and scaffolding licences
  - Road closures
  - Response to enquiries - public and Councillors
  - Co-ordination with Statutory Undertakers
  - Illegal signs
  - Traffic orders



Also:

Bus services

Highway structures

On street parking

Development Control (LTS liaison)

Rights of Way (LTS liaison)