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Minutes of the meeting of the
Runnymede LOCAL COMMITTEE
held at 2.30 pm on 30 September 2013
at The Council Chamber, Civic Centre, Station Road, Addlestone KT15 2AH.

Surrey County Council Members:

- * Mr Chris Norman (Chairman)
- * Mrs Yvonna Lay (Vice-Chairman)
- * Mrs Mary Angell
- * Mr Mel Few
- * Mr John Furey
- * Miss Marisa Heath

Borough / District Members:

- * Cllr Derek Cotty
- * Cllr Richard Edis
- * Cllr Alan Alderson
- Cllr Paul Tuley
- Cllr Patrick Roberts
- * Cllr J M Edwards

* In attendance

15/12 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE [Item 1]

Apologies were received from Councillor Paul Tuley and Councillor Patrick Roberts.

16/12 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING [Item 2]

The minutes of the meeting held on 8 July 2013 were approved and signed.

17/12 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST [Item 3]

No declarations of pecuniary interest were received.

18/12 PETITIONS [Item 4]

A petition from 25 residents of Marina Close, Chertsey was received, calling for clearance of rubbish left and provision of new fencing panels, at the boundary between properties and the mobile home park, following cutting back of vegetation by Surrey County Council contractors. It was agreed that a written response would be provided.

Lyne Road Width Restriction:

The lead petitioner, Mr T Warmington, summarised his concerns about the relocated width restriction, and members commented.

The Local Committee agreed that the existing 6'6" width restriction should be retained.

19/12 WRITTEN PUBLIC QUESTIONS [Item 5]

No written public questions were received.

20/12 WRITTEN MEMBER QUESTIONS [Item 6]

No written member questions were received.

21/12 SURREY FIRE AND RESCUE ANNUAL REPORT [FOR INFORMATION] [Item 7]

Mr Paul Kenny outlined the targets set and achieved by the Surrey Fire and Rescue Service in the Runnymede area. He noted that there had been no increase in dwelling fires over the previous year, and the Service had improved on its partnership work with the various event organisers in the borough through the Fire Protection Group. He also explained the contingency plan which had been put into operation during the brief strike by members of the Fire Brigades Union earlier in September.

The chairman thanked him for his summary.

22/12 SURREY FIRE AND RESCUE CONSULTATION - SPELTHORNE [FOR COMMENT] [Item 8]

Mr Eddie Roberts (East Area Commander, Surrey Fire & Rescue Service) gave the background to the proposal to locate a single fire station in the borough of Spelthorne, replacing the two current ones for a more central location. He advised members that the distribution of fire stations in Surrey was uneven, and that in order to meet the ambition of making an appliance available within ten minutes of an emergency call in every area of the county, a plan of optimal locations county-wide had been drawn up.

In relation to the implications for the Runnymede area, he noted that the proposed location was projected to lead to an improved average response time in Runnymede, moving from 8 minutes 36 seconds to 7 minutes 18 seconds, as laid out in the report.

He advised that the consultation period had been extended to Monday 4 November, with the Cabinet taking a final decision in December 2013.

The Cabinet members on the Local Committee (Mr Furey, Mrs Angell, Mr Few and Miss Heath) declared that they would abstain from comment on the proposals, since they would be involved in taking the final decision.

A borough councillor asked about the location of the new fire station and Mr Roberts confirmed that a site in Ashford was favoured due to its excellent road links.

23/12 EGHAM MAJOR PROJECTS [FOR DECISION] [Item 9]

Mr Paul Fishwick of Surrey Highways outlined the two schemes submitted as "mini-bids" for funding from the Local Transport Body: Enterprise M3. Across the county, three schemes had achieved "priority scheme" status and one of

these was the Runnymede Roundabout, the other two being in Guildford and Camberley. A longer list of potential schemes for funding included the Egham Sustainable package. He said it was proposed that an eight week public consultation period about the detailed plans be carried out, to enable a detailed business case to be put forward in summer 2014 prior to a final decision. He undertook to report to the Local Committee on the results at their meeting in February 2014.

Members were fully supportive of the proposed schemes and asked officers to ensure that they were kept fully informed of the consultation approach so that they could help to promote it.

The Local Committee (Runnymede) agreed

- i) to note the progress made so far with the Local Transport Body;
- ii) to note the draft proposals for both the Runnymede Roundabout and the Egham sustainable transport package;
- ii) that officers undertake public consultation for a period of 8 weeks from Monday 14 October to Sunday 8 December 2013, and report the feedback to the Members' Task Group and the Local Committee meeting in February 2014.

24/12 RUNNYMEDE PARKING REVIEW [FOR DECISION] [Item 10]

Members challenged the implication of the report's section 3.2 St Judes Road, "this will allow residents to park outside their properties unrestricted during the day" and it was agreed that this was not an assumption that any Surrey resident should make about on-street parking: it was agreed that the reference should be removed. The local member raised a query about the proposed length of yellow lines at 3.5 Addlestone: Crockford Park Road (69).

Mr Jack Roberts advised members that the proposed changes would be advertised to the public later this year with a 28 day period for comments to be submitted, and any unresolved objections to be discussed with the local member and chairman.

The Local Committee (Runnymede) agreed that:

- i) the proposed amendments to on-street parking restrictions in Runnymede, as described in the report and shown in detail on drawings in Annex A be agreed;
- ii) the local committee would allocate funding as detailed in paragraph 5.1 to proceed with the introduction of the parking amendments;
- iii) the intention of the county council to make an order under the relevant parts of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 to impose the waiting and on-street parking restrictions in Runnymede, as shown on the drawings in Annex A, would be advertised and if no objections are maintained, the orders will be made.

iv) if there are any unresolved objections, they will be dealt with in accordance with the county council's scheme of delegation by the parking strategy and implementation team manager, in consultation with the chairman/vice chairman of the Committee and the appropriate county councillor.

25/12 HIGHWAYS UPDATE [FOR INFORMATION] [Item 11]

Mr Andrew Milne (Area Highways Team Manager) tabled a revised report including the latest budget position on maintenance, and noted that £6,000 had been allocated for capital maintenance work in Village Road, Thorpe. Members asked about the very low spend on drainage (£1,300 showing), the programming of cleaning of road signs, and requested that in future, an annex showing planned works as well as committed budget be included in the Update report. It was also suggested that the Local Committee would like to receive more advance information about planning development-related highway works, in order to advise local residents accurately. Mr Milne undertook to provide further information at the Local Committee's informal meeting.

26/12 COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP 2012-13 [FOR INFORMATION] [Item 12]

Ms Sylvia Carter, as the Surrey County Council officer attending the Community Safety Partnership, introduced the report and noted the expenditure detailed at Annex 1 and the resident survey summary at Annex 2. Mrs Wendy Roberts (Community Safety Officer, Runnymede Borough Council) advised that many of the residents' priorities related to anti-social behaviour and that the first actual crime to appear on the priority list was burglary. She noted that the RBC crime and disorder committee had recently asked for co-ordinated work to address litter levels and dog fouling in the borough.

Members of the Committee expressed concern about speeding, and queried the police response to this, and cycling on the pavements especially in Addlestone. Neighbourhood Inspector Roger Nield of Surrey Police explained that the Roads Traffic Unit undertook continuous enforcement in relation to speeding (wherever it was safe to stop offenders) and made periodic attempts to crack down on pavement cycling. He also noted that the Annual Crime Summit would take place on the evening of 6 February 2014 at the Chertsey Halls.

Mr Furey suggested that the chairman write to the Police Crime Commissioner to express regret that dedicated funding to support the community safety partnerships had ceased.

27/12 MEMBER ALLOCATIONS 2013 [FOR INFORMATION] [Item 13]

Members noted the report.

28/12 FORWARD PLAN ITEMS [FOR DECISION] [Item 14]

The Local Committee agreed the following items for 2 December:

- Controlled Parking Zone (Egham) consultation results;
- Highways Budget and Schemes for 2014-15;

- Highways Update
- Member allocations information

29/12 LOCAL INFORMATION UPDATES [Item 15]

Meeting ended at: 4.25 pm

Chairman