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Minutes of the meeting of the
Runnymede LOCAL COMMITTEE
held at 2.30 pm on 2 December 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

1/13 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE [Item 1]

Apologies were received from Miss Marisa Heath.

2/13 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING [Item 2]

The minutes of the meeting held on 30 September 2013 were agreed and signed.

3/13 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST [Item 3]

No declarations of interest were received.

4/13 PETITIONS [Item 4]

PETITION RESPONSE – MARINA CLOSE

The Committee considered the report and added some additional points.

The Local Committee agreed that

i) they noted the petition response, and

ii) they suggested that residents of Marina Close be encouraged to maintain the strip of highways land in question, and

iii) they suggested that if residents wished to increase the height of the fencing at this location, they should do so at their own expense and subject to planning permission required from Runnymede Borough Council.

PETITION – LIMES ROAD EGHAM

A petition had just been received from residents of Lime Road and surrounding areas in Egham, in response to the Surrey County Council consultation about Controlled Parking Zones. It was agreed that the petition would be considered at the next Committee on 24 February, when a report on the Controlled Parking Zones consultation would be presented.

Some members commented that they had been contacted by residents who felt that there had been insufficient provision for those without computer access to submit their views, and that some residents were very opposed to the introduction of Controlled Parking Zones in their streets.

5/13 WRITTEN PUBLIC QUESTIONS [Item 5]

No written public questions had been submitted.

6/13 WRITTEN MEMBER QUESTIONS [Item 6]

No written member questions had been submitted.

7/13 HIGHWAYS UPDATE AND PLANS FOR 2014-15 [FOR DECISION] [Item 7]

Item 7a : **A30/St Jude's Road Pedestrian Improvements** (Tabled item)

Mr Andrew Milne (Area Highways Manager North West) apologised to members for the late presentation of this report, which the chairman had agreed to table in response to new information received concerning the costs of this scheme.

Mr Milne summarised the reasons why the Committee had agreed previously to develop the improvements scheme:

- * a survey showing that 2,200 pedestrians had crossed at this junction within a twelve hour period;
- * a letter from Surrey Police urging the Committee to improve safety for pedestrians at this junction;
- * the rate of serious injuries and fatalities (two) at this site in the preceding five years;
- * a petition from local residents which had attracted 1174 signatories, one of the largest ever received by the Runnymede Local Committee;
- * the need to balance the aims of reducing injury/accidents whilst minimising traffic congestion on this busy trunk route.

Mr Milne reminded members that the original estimated total cost in February 2012 had been £350k. However this was not a typical scheme for local committee funding and was complicated by the design requiring relocation of six sets of utilities, dedication of private land, licensing, extensive traffic management at a busy location, and drainage improvements (which had just

come to light). He explained that a revised total costing had been submitted of £628k. This included an additional £60k as a result of Virgin Media cables discovered through trial holes, which had not been disclosed by the company, as well as the drainage issues, and the need to remove trees on private land. He said it had proved difficult to estimate accurately the extent of traffic management costs, prior to detailed design stage. Following internal negotiations in Surrey Highways and with the contractor Kier, a revised budget of £600k was considered to be sufficient for the project.

Mr Milne then presented the options before members, recommending that they agree that the scheme should proceed using the Local Committee anticipated capital allocations for 2014-15 to enable the final phase of construction from April onwards.

Members discussed the importance of the project and thanked Mr Milne for the clarity of his presentation. They questioned whether there was any contingency budget should costs escalate further, and Mr Milne confirmed that there was approximately £30k of leeway within the 2014-15 budget, plus a discretionary aspect in provision of anti-skid surfacing at the approach to the junction (cost £40k) which could be omitted if other costs came to light during construction. It was also noted that the 2014-15 capital budget was subject to confirmation and that the Royal Holloway College draft masterplan (published autumn 2013) indicated the potential need for crossing points further down Egham Hill (A30).

The recommendations were proposed and seconded prior to voting, with all in favour bar one abstention.

AGREED that

- i) the previously agreed pedestrian improvements should still be installed at the junction despite the increase in the estimated cost of the works (detailed in Section 2 of the report);
- ii) the Committee's full anticipated 2014/15 ITS and capital maintenance budget allocations of £266,572 is allocated to the scheme to enable the improvements to be installed.

ITEM 7B – RUNNYMEDE HIGHWAYS UPDATE REPORT DECEMBER 2013 (Tabled)

It was noted that this report had also been tabled, to reflect changes in the information provided as a result of the A30/St Jude's Road report.

The local member requested that, if further capital funding became available as a result of underspend on the capital maintenance budget 2014-15, the road suggested in Table 6 line 4: Oak Tree Close, be removed from the LSR programme, and replacement of the worn anti-skid surfacing on Callow Hill, Virginia Water be substituted.

The local member proposed an alteration to the programme for 2013-14 (current year) and this was seconded.

AGREED

i) to remove the programme item Installation of VAS signs in Christchurch Road from the 2013/14 ITS programme (Table 1 of this report) and substitute installation of VAS signs in Lyne Road, at an equivalent cost.

8/13 MEMBER ALLOCATIONS EXPENDITURE [FOR INFORMATION] [Item 8]

Michelle Collins reminded county councillors of the deadline for applications for member allocation funding for 2013-14 and asked them to send details of expected requests as soon as possible.

9/13 FORWARD PLAN [FOR DECISION] [Item 9]

AGREED

The following items for its meeting on 24 February 2014:

- * Highways Update
- * Member Allocations
- * Controlled Parking Zone in Egham
- * Major Schemes consultation update
- * Plans to celebrate the anniversary of the sealing of Magna Carta 2015
- * Project Horizon roads programme
- * Forward Plan

10/13 LOCAL UPDATES AND CONSULTATIONS (NO REPORT) [Item 10]

In addition to noting the items listed, Mr Furey reminded the Committee and press that the consultation on Major Schemes (Egham) remained open for public comments until 15 December.

Meeting ended at: 3.45 pm

Chairman