

Minutes of the meeting of the  
**Elmbridge LOCAL COMMITTEE**  
held at 4.00 pm on 10 June 2019  
at Council Chamber, Elmbridge Civic Centre, High Street, Esher, KT10 9SD.

These minutes are subject to confirmation by the Committee at its next meeting.

**Surrey County Council Members:**

- \* Dr Peter Szanto (Chairman)
- \* Mr Mike Bennison (Vice-Chairman)
- \* Mr Nick Darby
- \* Rachael I. Lake
- Mrs Mary Lewis
- \* Mr Tim Oliver
- \* Mr John O'Reilly
- \* Mr Ernest Mallett MBE
- Mr Tony Samuels

**Borough / District Members:**

- \* Cllr David J Archer
- \* Cllr Steve Bax
- \* Cllr Andrew Davis
- \* Cllr Roy Green
- \* Cllr Peter Harman
- \* Cllr Mary Marshall
- \* Cllr Christine Richardson
- \* Cllr Mrs Mary Sheldon
- \* Cllr Graham Woolgar

\* In attendance

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**OPEN FORUM**

The questions and responses to the matters raised in the Open Forum are attached to the minutes.

**17/19 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN AND VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE LOCAL COMMITTEE FOR 2019/20 [FOR INFORMATION] [Item 1]**

Noted the appointment of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman for the 2019/20 municipal year. The new Chairman thanked John O'Reilly the outgoing Chairman for his Chairmanship in previous years.

**18/19 APPOINTMENT OF BOROUGH COUNCIL SUBSTITUTE MEMBERS [EXECUTIVE FUNCTION - FOR DECISION] [Item 2]**

**Resolved:**

To co-opt the substitutes for Borough Council members for the municipal year 2019/20 as listed in the report.

Reasons: Standing Order 40(f) requires the Committee, at its first meeting in the municipal year, to agree whether it wishes Borough Council members to be permitted to have substitutes.

#### **19/19 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND SUBSTITUTIONS [Item 3]**

Apologies for absence were received from Tony Samuels. Mary Lewis had indicated that she may be delayed in arrival.

#### **20/19 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST [Item 4]**

There were no declarations of interest.

#### **21/19 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS [Item 5]**

There were no Chairman's announcements. However the new Chairman indicated that he hoped that everyone could work together in a collaborative fashion for the benefit of the people of Elmbridge.

#### **22/19 WRITTEN PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS [Item 6]**

Two questions were received. The questions and responses are set out in the supplementary agenda for the meeting. The following additional questions were asked:

**Question 1:** Why would any funding required be sought from Local rather than Strategic CIL?

The Area Highways Manager responded that this was based on previous experience, although the decision on which funding is appropriate is a matter for Elmbridge Borough Council. The representative of the Parish Council indicated that the Parish Council had adopted the application form from the local spending board. It would not fund 100% of a project. The questioner asked when the consultation would start. The Area Highways Manager indicated that he hoped to be able to publish the report in the next few weeks and to then start the consultation with a view to reporting back to the Committee at its September meeting.

**Question 2:** Mr Sugden indicated that the answer to the question refers to the initial 10 clear ways approved by the Committee but a further 3 had been added at a later meeting and it was unclear whether the answer included these and whether the necessary highway works had been completed. The information was not available at the meeting, the questioner would be provided with a written reply. A member queried how residents can accept deliveries if the access to their property is within the bus cage and how dropped kerbs are affected. The Area Highway Manager indicated that kerbs would not be raised along the whole length of a bus cage and so dropped kerbs should not be affected.

#### **23/19 PETITIONS [Item 7]**

There were no petitions.

#### **24/19 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING [Item 8]**

Confirmed as a correct record.

## **25/19 MEMBER QUESTION TIME [Item 9]**

One question had been received. The question and response is set out in the supplementary agenda for the meeting. Cllr Woolgar asked whether householders without driveways would be able to charge electric vehicles outside their properties. The Area Highways Manager indicated that a pilot project is being considered but it unlikely to be possible in the near future.

## **26/19 HIGHWAYS UPDATE [EXECUTIVE FUNCTION - FOR DECISION] [Item 10]**

**Declarations of Interest:** None.

**Officers attending:** Nick Healey, Area Highways Manager

**Petitions, Public Questions/Statements:** None

**Member discussion –key points**

The completion of the new crossing in Long Ditton was raised. The Area Highways Manager apologised that the beacons are not yet operational, this was as a result of an accident which had damaged the equipment.

**Resolved to:**

- (i) Approve the capital maintenance programme detailed in Table 4 of the report to be funded from the £200,000 capital allocation for this Financial Year 2019-20.
- (ii) Approve three amendments and one addition to the Elmbridge parking review 2018-19 retrospectively, as set out in the report, allowing the relevant traffic orders to be made (subject to objections).
- (iii) Authorise the Area Highway Manager in consultation with the Chairman, Vice Chairman, and relevant Divisional Member(s) to undertake all necessary procedures to deliver the agreed programmes.

**Reasons:**

Committee's allocation of funding for carriageway patching needs to be prioritised to specific sites, which complement the countywide programmes of works.

To agree to amendments and additions to the Committee's recent Parking Review so these can be advertised.

Committee is asked to provide the necessary authorisation to deliver those programmes of work in consultation with the Chairman, Vice Chairman and relevant Divisional Member without the need to revert to the Committee as a whole.

**27/19 LOCAL COMMITTEE COMMUNITY SAFETY FUNDING [EXECUTIVE FUNCTION - FOR DECISION] [Item 11]**

**Resolved:** That

- (i) The committee's delegated community safety budget of £3,000 for 2019/20 be retained by the Community Partnership Team, on behalf of the Local Committee, and that the Community Safety Partnership and/or other local organisations be invited to submit proposals for funding that meet the criteria and principles set out at paragraph 2.4 of the report.
- (ii) Authority be delegated to the Community Safety Manager, in consultation with the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the local committee, to authorise the expenditure of the community safety budget in accordance with the criteria and principles stated at paragraph 2.4 of the report.
- (iii) The committee receives updates on the project(s) funded, the outcomes and the impact it has achieved.

Reasons: The report sets out a process for allocating the committee's delegated community safety budget of £3,000 to local organisations.

**28/19 REPRESENTATION ON TASK GROUPS AND EXTERNAL BODIES [EXECUTIVE FUNCTION - FOR DECISION] [Item 12]**

**Resolved:** That

The committee approves the membership of the task groups and appointments to outside bodies, as set out below for the 2019/20 municipal year:

- (i) The Elmbridge Community and Safety Partnership – Dr Peter Szanto
- (ii) Elmbridge Old Person's Advisory Body – Mr Ernest Mallett
- (iii) Parking Task Group – SCC members: Dr Peter Szanto; Mike Bennison; Elmbridge BC members: Cllr Andrew Davis, Cllr Steve Bax, and Cllr Roy Green. Terms of reference to be amended to add an additional Borough Councillor;
- (iv) Cycling and Walking Task Group – SCC members: Mr John O'Reilly, Rachael I Lake, Ernest Mallett; Elmbridge BC members: Cllr Andrew Davis, Cllr Janet Turner and Cllr Ashley Tilling, subject to his agreement;
- (v) Esher Transport Study Member Task Group – SCC members: Mr Tim Oliver, Dr Peter Szanto; Elmbridge BC members: Cllr David Archer;
- (vi) Brooklands Transport Study Member Steering Group – SCC members: Mr Tim Oliver, Mr John O'Reilly; Elmbridge BC members: Cllr Peter Harman;

- (vii) Hinchley Wood Schools Road Safety Improvements Member Task Group – SCC members: Mr Mike Bennison, Mr Nick Darby; Elmbridge BC member: Cllr Janet Turner

Reasons: The report proposes local committee task group membership for the forthcoming year to enable the provision of informed advice and recommendations to the committee. The appointment of councillors of the Local Committee to external bodies enables the committee's representation on and input to such bodies.

**29/19 LOCAL COMMITTEE DECISION TRACKER [FOR DECISION] [Item 13]**

The Committee noted the completed actions and agreed to remove these from the tracker.

**30/19 FORWARD PLAN [FOR INFORMATION] [Item 14]**

Noted the Committee's forward plan.

**31/19 DATE OF NEXT MEETING [FOR INFORMATION] [Item 15]**

Friday 6 September at 4pm, Elmbridge Civic Centre

Meeting ended at: 4.38 pm

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**Chairman**

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**SCC LOCAL COMMITTEE IN ELMBRIDGE – 10 JUNE 2019**

**OPEN FORUM IN ADVANCE OF FORMAL MEETING  
VERBAL PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

**Question 1: Mark Sugden**

Mr Sugden asked whether the County Council speeding policy of 2014 on the council's website is still current.

**Response:**

The Area Highways Manager responded that this is the current policy. Mr Sugden queried whether the County Council would be making any changes as a result of the recent research published by the DoT in 2018 on signed only 20mph limits. The Area Highways Manager indicated that he had recently attended an event on this subject and it seems that signed only 20mph zones only result in a speed decrease of between 1 and 2 mph. The only way to effectively reduce speeds is with traffic calming and there is a risk that signs alone may lead to an increase in speeds. As such the current policy will not be amended currently as the current evidence does not support any change.

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