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SCC LOCAL COMMITTEE IN ELMBRIDGE – 14 September 2015

AGENDA ITEM 6

PETITIONS

1. To receive a petition with 14 signatures from a resident, Mrs Janis Roberts, requesting Surrey County Council to change the traffic flow in Faulkners Road. The petition states:

A lot of traffic including cars, commercial vans and heavy goods vehicles turn left from the Burwood Road and right from the Queens Road using Faulkners Road as a short cut, often travelling at high speed. The road is in most parts narrow and residential.

If Faulkners Road were to become a one way system the problem of speeding would be exacerbated and encourage even more large vehicles to use the road as a cut through from the Burwood Road.

Proposal to resolve this problem:

No left turn from the Burwood Road into Faulkners Road and no right turn from the Queens Road into Faulkners Road.

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2. To receive a petition with 14 signatures from a resident, Miss Cyatana Curham, requesting Surrey County Council to introduce controlled parking in Faulkners Road with residents permits. The petition states:

Proposal: Controlled parking along the narrow section of Faulkners Road from near the junction with Queens Road to the beginning of the nursery school. This would give adequate parking for the residents of Faulkners Road and Mills Road whilst leaving the wider section of the road towards the Burwood Road for non-residents. Because of the narrowness of the road double lines along the residential side of the road. A ban on commercial transit vans parking in the road.

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3. To receive a petition with 466 signatures from a resident, Mr Mark Sugden, requesting Surrey County Council to stop the closure of Claygate Youth Club. The petition states:

For the first time in 28 years the children of Claygate are facing the fact that there will no longer be a youth club for them. Where else will they go? They need a safe environment to meet and to keep them off the streets. What else is there for them to do in Claygate that doesn't cost them money they cannot afford? Please help us to convince Surrey County Council that this is an important facility in our Community.

PETITION RESPONSE

The Community Youth Work Service recognises that there is disappointment from the Claygate community that the resource allocation system proposals show that Surrey County Council (SCC) staff will be withdrawn from Claygate Youth Centre subject to Elmbridge Local Committee approval. The proposals show that Claygate Youth Centre would continue to provide youth work but become what is known as a 'Community Spoke' – there are no plans to close the Youth Centre. We are exploring, with the help of the community, interested stakeholders and charities, is a joined-up approach to maintaining high quality youth work at Claygate Youth Centre.

SCC are prepared to support this transition with a minimum of one night provision by SCC staff until a suitable organisation or funder can be arranged to take this on. In fact, we are prepared that the transition will take much longer than that. Our plan, subject to approval of the changes, is that the current offer of 3 evenings per week will be staffed by SCC until Christmas 2015, reducing to 2 evenings per week until Easter 2016. We would hope that by this stage community groups and/or a suitable charity will have taken on the work, and we will support in this transition. In the unlikely event that this hasn't happened, SCC will maintain one evening a week staffed by SCC workers from Easter 2016 onwards, until such a time as suitable group/s can be found.

SCC are offering the building for free, plus training, resources, advice, support and maintenance costs to any community group or charity that is willing to fund and/or staff the Youth Centre, for as many evenings per week as they wish. There will be high levels of support offered from the Community Youth Work service in Elmbridge, in particular, the Senior Practitioner. Claygate Youth Centre and those delivering youth work will remain part of the Community Youth work Service network. This is a similar plan to other areas in the County.

It may be that one or more community groups or charities will in fact be able to offer more than the 3 nights that is currently offered to the young people in Claygate. There is a lot of potential in this plan.

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SCC values Claygate Youth Centre as an essential part of the Claygate community, and acknowledges the fantastic work that has happened there over many years by SCC staff and the local community. Subject to Local Committee approval of the proposals, those SCC staff will continue to work within the Borough and will be able to play a vital role in maintaining good community links in Claygate and making the transition and Community Spoke a real success.

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