

**SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL LOCAL COMMITTEE IN SPELTHORNE**

**Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2013 at Spelthorne Borough Council Offices, Knowle Green, Staines.**

**County Council Members:**

**Mr Richard Walsh (Chairman)\***  
**Mr Victor Agarwal\***  
**Mr Ian Beardsmore\***  
**Mrs Carol Coleman\***  
**Mrs Caroline Nichols**  
**Mrs Denise Saliagopoulos\***  
**Mrs Denise Turner-Stewart\***

**Borough Council Members:**

**Councillor Colin Davis\***  
**Councillor Gerry Forsbrey**  
**Councillor Isobel Napper\***  
**Councillor Jean Pinkerton\***  
**Councillor Joanne Sexton\***  
**Councillor Richard Smith-Ainsley\***  
**Councillor Robert Watts\***

**\* = present**

(All references to items refer to the Agenda for the meeting)

**1/13 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE (Item 1)**  
Apologies for absence were received from Mrs Caroline Nicholls.

**2/13 MINUTES (Item 2)**  
The minutes of the meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> October 2012 were approved as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman.

There were points to note:

i) Mrs Coleman said that regarding the item on Goods Vehicle Operators Licences (74/12), progress had been made in Ashford regarding HGVs turning right from the industrial estate on Challenge Road through the residential housing roads to reach Feltham Road. SCC has obtained agreement from the operators that this will no longer happen. Also see 4/13 in these minutes.

ii) Mr Walsh wished it noted that Cllr Watts has confirmed that Spelthorne Borough Council's representative on the Surrey Flood Risk Partnership Board (75/12) will be Sandy Muirhead, Head of Sustainability and Leisure.

**3/13 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 3)**

There were no declarations of interest.

**4/13 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS (Item 4)**

The Chairman updated the Local Committee on progress regarding him writing on behalf of the Local Committee to the local MP, to ask him to make representation to give local authorities increased powers. Members had expressed concerns at the 8<sup>th</sup> October Local Committee in Spelthorne about how little power the local authority has to restrict the movement and parking of HGVs.

See copies of the correspondence, attached to these minutes at Annexe 2.

**5/13 PETITIONS (Item 5)**

There was one petition received from Mr Atma Singh Dhaliwal who presented a petition (a total of 163 signatures submitted online) which reads:

"We the undersigned PETITION Surrey County Council to install a Pedestrian or Zebra Crossing on Town Lane (opposite Town Farm Way)."

The Committee resolved to provide an answer to the petition at the next Local Committee on 18<sup>th</sup> March 2013.

**6/13 MEMBER QUESTION TIME (Item 6)**

Three Member questions were received: one from Mr Richard Walsh and two from Mr Victor Agarwal. The questions and responses are set out in Annexe 1 to these minutes.

**7/13 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME (Item 7)**

Four Public questions were received. The questions and answers are set out in Annexe 1 to these minutes.

**8/13 ANNUAL REVIEW OF ON-STREET PARKING IN SPELTHORNE (Item 8)**

The Chairman welcomed Jack Roberts (SCC) who presented the report. Mrs Denise Saliagopoulos, Chairman of the Spelthorne Local Committee Parking Task Group, thanked Jack and members of the parking team for their work. SCC Divisional members present commented on the proposals for their own division:

**Staines.** Mrs Denise Saliagopoulos expressed concern regarding the cost of parking permits in the Moormede Estate and restricting visitor spaces. Jack explained that visitor permit numbers are restricted so that they remain with residents and not sold on to commuters. There is a maximum of 120 visitor permits that can be issued each year.

**Staines South and Ashford West.** Mrs Denise Turner-Stewart confirmed that in consultation with residents and ward councillors, a request has been made for this item to be withdrawn (reference 0126). The request to withdraw came about due to concern regarding parking issues at the surgery. Committee members were happy for 'advisory' white line restrictions near the surgery to be painted instead.

Note: the junction with Station Crescent is with Stanwell Road, not Church Road.

**Ashford.** Mrs Carol Coleman acknowledged that many residents have commented on the proposals in the report, especially in Village Way. She proposed that the single line placement should be amended. In answer to a query, Jack confirmed that parking on double and single yellow lines is allowed when dropping off and picking up children from school, but stopping on zigzag lines is not allowed for this purpose. Parking enforcement is carried out by Spelthorne Borough Council.

At this point Standing Orders were suspended and the Chairman asked the public in the public gallery if they were satisfied with the amended proposal. They replied yes, providing the situation can be reviewed in one year. Standing Orders were then resumed.

**Laleham and Shepperton.** Mr Richard Walsh requested that the proposal for Ford Close junction with Watersplash Road (0167) be withdrawn. He has evidence that the majority of the residents in the road are not in favour.

**Stanwell and Stanwell Moor.** Mr Victor Agarwal has not received any residents' comments to date. He requested that the parking team advertise the proposals fully.

There was discussion regarding other roads that could be considered and queried how the list was drawn up. Jack confirmed that that it was from previous requests received by the parking team. Sandy Muirhead was thanked for the close working between SCC and Spelthorne Borough Council via the Parking Task Group.

**Resolved to agree:**

- (i) That the proposed amendments to on-street parking restrictions in Spelthorne as described in the report and shown in detail on drawings presented at the committee meeting as Annexe A are agreed, subject to the following changes:

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- the withdrawal of the 'Station Crescent / Church Road' named proposed in the report, drawing number 0126, to be replaced by access protection white line advisory marking;
  - that the proposal for Village Way in the report, drawing 0127, is amended to extend the single yellow line on the south side of the road to the boundary of house numbers 85/87 (and to exclude naming house numbers 39/41 in the report), and that this is revisited in a period of 12 months;
  - that the Ford Close proposal is withdrawn, drawing 0167.
- (ii) The Local Committee allocates funding as detailed in paragraph 6.1 of the report to proceed with the introduction of the parking amendments.
- (iii) That 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 Spelthorne as shown on the drawings in Annexe A be advertised and that if no objections be maintained, the Orders be made.

**9/13**

**HIGHWAYS UPDATE (Item 9)**

The Chairman welcomed Nick Healey, Area Team Manager (Highways) for NE Surrey, who presented the report. Nick updated the Committee on various points, including the Fordbridge roundabout crossing, stating that work is due to start this week. Nick confirmed that works to Grosvenor Road will now be funded from central funds, by 31<sup>st</sup> March 2013.

**Resolved to agree:**

- (i) To re-assign the Parking allocation to enhance the general maintenance programme funded under the Local Issues allocation (paragraph 2.3 refers).
- (ii) That no extensions to the Borough-wide Freight Study should be commissioned (paragraph 2.8 refers).
- (iii) New 7.5t weight restrictions in B377 Feltham Road and C233 Chertsey Road, subject to the Divisional Member providing funding from next Financial Year's Divisional Allocation (paragraphs 2.10 to 2.18 refer).

- (iv) The budget allocations for next Financial Year (2013-14) detailed in Table 4 (paragraph 2.27 refers).

**10/13**

**BID TO THE DEPARTMENT FOR TRANSPORT FOR CYCLE SAFETY SCHEMES (Item 10)**

The Chairman welcomed Duncan Knox and David Sharpington (SCC), who introduced the report. The Officers stated that they had to meet Department for Transport criteria when developing the bid. Duncan would like to come back to the Committee later in the year, to run a cycling workshop to identify any future schemes, should further funding become available at a later date.

**Resolved to agree:**

- (i) That the Walton Bridge Links, off-road segregated cycle paths scheme is approved, subject to the outcome of the funding bid.
- (ii) That the Kingston Road, Staines-upon-Thames, off-road segregated cycle path schemes is approved, subject to the outcome of the funding bid.

*(Items 11 and 12 were taken in reverse order.)*

**12/13**

**SURREY FAMILY SUPPORT PROGRAMME  
Troubled Families Programme (Item 12)**

The Chairman welcomed Liz Borthwick, Assistant Chief Executive from Spelthorne Borough Council, who introduced the report as an information item. The Surrey Family Support Programme is the name given locally to implement the Government's Troubled Families Programme. Spelthorne Borough Council is to partner with Elmbridge Borough Council for the following reasons:

- Similar number of families
- Both are part of the choice based lettings organisation
- More cost effective
- More efficient for other agencies such as health, voluntary sector.

Each Council will receive approximately £250,000 each from SCC's Troubled Families government funding. There will be two new posts to cover both Spelthorne and Elmbridge: one team manager and one co-ordinator.

**Resolved to note:**

- (i) The implementation of the Surrey Family Support Programme in Spelthorne.

**11/13 YOUTH SMALL GRANTS: Applications for approval (Item 11)**

The Chairman welcomed Leigh Middleton (SCC), who introduced the report.

Cllr Isobel Napper declared an interest, as she is on the Board of VAIS, one of the bidders. Cllr Napper was invited to stay for this item, as only SCC members can vote.

It was suggested that those who do not receive funding should apply to their SCC councillor for funding from SCC councillor member allocation funding.

Mrs Coleman proposed alternative amounts to be awarded. Mr Walsh seconded. A vote was taken by SCC members: 2 for, 4 against. Therefore it was not carried.

**Resolved to agree:**

- (i) To approve the Officer recommendations in paragraph 2.2 of the report on the award of funding – that all remaining funding is allocated.
- (ii) That the remaining funding (£6,710\*) should be allocated to the received bids as shown in Item 11 Annex B:
  - to award £2,000 to the Phoenix project
  - to award £1,000 to Fair Tunes for 'Be Inspired Radio'
  - to award £1,960 to VAIS for the YES! Project
  - to award £500 to the 8<sup>th</sup> Ashford Scout Group for modification of existing minibus
  - to award £500 to Studio ADHD Centre for 'Fishing Project'
  - to award £500 to Dramatize Theatre Company for a projector
  - to award £750 to Woodcraft Folk for environmental education and adventure weekend activities.

\* Note: an additional £500 has been allocated to Spelthorne and is included in the agreed awards above.

**13/13 LOCAL COMMITTEE FUNDING Member Allocations (Item 13)**

James Painter introduced the report.

**Resolved to agree:**

- (i) The items presented for funding from the Local Committee's 2012/13 revenue funding as set out in Section 2 of the report and summarised below:

**ITEM 2**

<b>PROJECT</b>	<b>Member</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
Shelter for the Storm St Nicholas Church	Richard Walsh	£1400
Community space for Staines Library	Denise Saliagopoulos	£1920.88
Replacement minibus for Spelthorne Mental Health Association*	Victor Agarwal Ian Beardsmore	£2600 £2000

- (ii) The items presented for funding from the Local Committee's 2012/13 capital funding as set out in Section 2 of the report and summarised below:

<b>PROJECT</b>	<b>Member</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
Shelter for the Storm St Nicholas Church	Richard Walsh	£1600
Replacement minibus for Spelthorne Mental Health Association*	Victor Agarwal Denise Saliagopolous	£7400 £5000

\*For the Replacement minibus for Spelthorne Mental Health Association Application - it was agreed that approved funds could be utilised against the cost of purchasing the replacement minibus and the cost of required adaptations.

- (iii) To note the expenditure previously approved by the Community Partnerships Manager and the Community Partnerships Team Leader under delegated authority, as set out in Section 3.
- (iv) To note any returned funding and/or adjustments, as set out within the report and also in the financial position statement at Appendix 1.

**14/13 FORWARD PROGRAMME 2012/13 (Item 14)**

Yvette Örtel introduced the report.

**Resolved to:**

- (i) Agree the Local Committee in Spelthorne Forward Programme 2012/13 as outlined in Annexe 1.

**15/13 DATE OF NEXT MEETING (Item 15)**

To be held on **Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2013** at 7pm in the Council Chamber, Spelthorne Council Offices, Knowle Green, Staines TW18 1XB. (6.30pm – 7pm: Informal Public Question Time.)

The meeting, which commenced at 7pm, ended at 9.58 pm.

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**SCC LOCAL COMMITTEE IN SPELTHORNE – 21<sup>st</sup> January 2013**

**AGENDA ITEM 6**

**MEMBER QUESTION TIME**

**1. Mr Richard Walsh will ask the following question:**

"Please can SCC officers inform the Local Committee of the current situation regarding Brooklands College applying to be a University Technical College (UTC)."

**Cass Hardy, SCC Commissioning Manager, Services for Young People, Children, Schools and Families, will give the following answer:**

"Brooklands College has decided not to proceed with its application for a University Technical College (UTC). Kingston University, its partner on the expression of interest, has withdrawn to focus on internal matters and without a university partner the application is invalidated.

We are continuing with our plans to commission a feasibility study to explore the need for a UTC in Surrey and also look at whether there is a need for colleges to offer direct provision for 14-16 year-olds, following the announcement that colleges can recruit year 10 and 11 students from September 2013."

**2. Mr Victor Agarwal will ask the following question:**

"Please can Spelthorne Borough Council confirm its charges for collection and disposal of large domestic white goods from residents' homes and indicate how this compares with other councils, specifically those whose boundaries join Spelthorne, including Hounslow?"

**Jackie Taylor, Head of Streetscene, Spelthorne Borough Council, will give the following answer:**

"The amounts for collection and disposal of white goods from domestic homes are as follows:

Spelthorne:	£45 for up to 3 items (£32 concessionary) plus £5 per additional item
Surrey Heath:	£30 for 1 item £15 for additional items
Runnymede:	£34 for 1 item £37 2-4 items £51 for 5-7 items

Elmbridge:	£34 for 1 item £43 2-4 items £51 5-7 items
Guildford:	£14.75 for 1 item £21-50 for 3-5 items
Hounslow:	£6.50 per item –minimum charge of £32-50."

### 3. Mr Victor Agarwal will ask the following question:

"More than a year after Abellio Surrey took over the 441/555/557 bus routes amongst others, why is it the phone number at bus stops in Stanwell and at Heathrow continue to display the incorrect Abellio number of 01932 745230, making it impossible for Stanwell and Stanwell Moor residents to track the frequent cancellations and delays?

Also given the number of times both residents have complained to me and I have personally experienced delays and cancellations, what are Abellio's official figures for punctuality and cancellations on the 441/555/557 routes?

For the financial year 2011/2012 how much subsidy did Surrey County Council pay Abellio and what is the agreed figure for 2012/2013?

When is the contract due for renewal and is there a break clause if certain performance standards are not met?"

### Paul Millin, SCC Group Manager, Travel and Transport will give the following answer:

"At those stops managed and maintained by Surrey County Council, the timetables for services 441, 555 and 557 show the current Abellio contact telephone number. However, most of the bus stops in the Stanwell/Heathrow area are owned and maintained by London Buses. It was identified that their timetables showed the correct Abellio telephone number for services 555 and 557, but not for service 441. This previously undetected error was to be rectified by them in autumn 2012.

Using data derived from the electronic Real Time Information/Tracking system, Abellio's figures for the percentage of on-time departures from the termini are:

441: August 2012 91.2%, September 87.4%, October 79.2% (Abellio are already taking action to remedy the decline in the figure)  
 555: August 2012 94.9%, September 94.2%, October 92.0%  
 557: August 2012 94.7%, September 86.3% (latter figure depressed by 3 day road closure at Chertsey for burst water main), October 92.8%

In 2011/2012, the value of Surrey County Council contracts held by Abellio for all the services they ran was £1.91m. Note that service 441 is operated by Abellio on a commercial basis, without a contract or subsidy from the County Council.

For 2012/2013 it is projected to be £1.98m (additional contracts held compared to previous year + inflationary uplifts). The individual amount for

services 555 and 557 is projected at £738,000; this is the same as 2011/2012 with an annual inflationary uplift applied.

Contracts are generally awarded to cover individual services, rather than being all-encompassing. Those with Abellio are scheduled to expire on various dates, including 31 August 2015 for the majority of their services in Elmbridge, Runnymede and Spelthorne, such as 555 and 557. The standard Bus Contract Conditions allow for the imposition of financial penalties if whole or part journeys are not operated without good reason and break clauses can apply if it is thought appropriate to exercise that option in extreme circumstances.”

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## AGENDA ITEM 7

### WRITTEN PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

**1. Mr John Carruthers will ask the following question:**

“There have recently been at least two meetings between SCC headed by its Leader and the Federation of Small Businesses (FSB), about encouraging local Surrey businesses to go for SCC issued work. This obviously helps Surrey employment and also recycles the money within Surrey.

As a member of FSB I obviously know this, but what about the rest of the Community and our local businesses? What action are you taking to ensure that at least Spelthorne area receives maximum benefit from this initiative? The sooner the better.”

**Andrew Forzani, SCC Head of Procurement & Commissioning will give the following answer:**

“There are a number of other initiatives beyond the work SCC Procurement is doing with the FSB, to target the wider business Community.

Central to this is the development of a series of networks under the 'Supply2Surrey' banner, whose key objective is to increase the amount of spend across Surrey with local suppliers.

The first network will focus on the Construction Industry ('BuildSurrey'). As will be the case with other future networks, this is not limited to the County but importantly includes representatives from the Districts and Boroughs, amongst other organisations. Terry Collier, Assistant Chief Executive at Spelthorne, sits on the Steering Committee. Further, Procurement representatives from each District and Borough have been provided communications to forward to their own local supply base around this initiative, including an invite to a large kick off event on February 7th.

To build awareness more generally, we are presenting at a number of forums outside of the FSB. These have included breakfast briefings to the Caterham Branch of Business Network International and later this month, an evening presentation as part of Waverley's annual Business Consultation. We will look to expand our presence at such events during the course of 2013 and would be very keen to participate in any held within Spelthorne."

**2. Mr Andrew McLuskey will ask the following question:**

"Following on from my request at the last meeting of this committee for officers to produce a report on Jimmy Savile and Duncroft - and in the light of the recently published Met/NSPCC report - can I reiterate my suggestion that officers produce as soon as possible a full report on the lessons to be learnt from this tragic episode?"

**Julian Gordon-Walker, SCC Head of Safeguarding, will give the following answer:**

"This is a national enquiry and there are lessons to be learnt for all local authorities. The County Council are working closely with all our partners to make sure that these are fully embedded throughout Surrey."

**3. Ms Nilufar Nathoo will ask the following question:**

"Why don't Spelthorne residents receive a 'Freedom Pass' like London residents who live next to us? This is for free public transport, ie train, tube, bus."

**David Ligertwood, SCC Transport Projects Team Manager, will give the following answer:**

"Shire authorities like Surrey County Council, Kent County Council and others are bound by different primary legislation than London is, and are funded in a different way. In terms of public transport and specifically bus services, the bus market outside London is deregulated. This means that commercial bus operators can run bus services where they feel there is a commercial opportunity to make money, and set the fares as they see appropriate. Where bus operators are unable to provide a commercial bus service because they believe there is not sufficient demand to make a profit, but there is a clear need, Surrey County Council as Transport Authority for the area, is required to fund such a service. During 2012/13 Surrey County Council will spend over £8 million supporting local bus services.

In London the bus market is regulated. Essentially this means that the Mayor, through Transport for London, specifies the bus services including hours of operation, service frequency, fares etc. Transport for London control the whole network and are able to offer schemes such as the Oyster card and the various permutations including the 60 plus. For 2012/13 London will spend some £1.8 billion on bus service contracts. Where the TfL bus services cross the border into Surrey we do of course recognise the many benefits some of our residents can enjoy, such as with the 403. Generally, TfL is able to

provide more frequent buses, longer operating hours and cheaper fares, which is what you might expect from a world city such as London. There are many residents in Surrey who are slightly envious of those who live on a TfL bus route.

Surrey, as Transport Authority, is also responsible for the English National Concessionary Travel Scheme (ENCTS) which I am sure that you are aware provides free travel after 9.30am for those people who are over 60 and disabled people. The ENCTS pass also allows free travel on TfL bus services. During 2012/13 Surrey is expects to spend £7.5 million funding this scheme. As an organisation we need to look carefully at how we spend our funds to ensure that our residents benefit across the county in a fair and equal manner. Given the financial pressures facing all local authorities, we have to take a firm line with any costs which are over and above the statutory requirements.”

**4. Mr John Seaman will ask the following question:**

“The Environmental Permit granted by the Environment Agency for the proposed Eco Park at Charlton Lane, Shepperton allows 350000 tonnes of waste to be accepted onsite each year. How many lorry movements would this generate and will (or have) these be included in the Spelthorne Freight Study?”

**Richard Parkinson, SCC Waste Group Manager, will give the following answer:**

“There are approximately 320 HGV movements each weekday associated with the current waste transfer operation at Charlton Lane. These will reduce to between 179 and 196 movements each weekday once the Eco Park is constructed. This is a result of a reduction in the quantities of waste being accepted at the site and reductions in volumes due to waste being processed at the site. The capacity of the site is limited by both the planning consent and the fixed throughput of the gasifier and anaerobic digester to 143,750 tonne per annum.

Whilst the Environmental Permit may permit up to 350,000 tonnes of waste per annum, the planning consent and physical capacity of the site mean that the maximum capacity of the Eco Park will always be limited to 143,750 tonnes per annum with the associated traffic movements as set out above.”

**Nick Healey, Area Highways Manager (NE) will give the following answer regarding the Freight Study:**

“The Freight Study included a review of GIS information relating to existing land uses, and local plan information relating to potential future land uses. As such the Charlton Lane site was highlighted as a waste site, but the study did not look at the detail of any future proposal. However the data gathered could be used as base data in the context of a Transport Assessment to predict the HGV traffic that could be expected on different routes once the proposed Eco Park is operational. There are no plans to undertake this work in the context of the Freight Study.”

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