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Minutes of the meeting of the
Mole VALLEY LOCAL COMMITTEE
 held at 2.00 pm on 6 March 2013
 at Council Chamber, Pippbrook, Reigate Road, Dorking, Surrey, RH4 1SJ.

Surrey County Council Members:

- * Mrs Clare Curran (Chairman)
- * Mrs Helyn Clack (Vice-Chairman)
- * Mr Stephen Cooksey
- * Mr Tim Hall
- * Mr Chris Townsend
- * Mrs Hazel Watson

Borough / District Members:

- * District Councillor Valerie Homewood
- * District Councillor Raj Haque
- * District Councillor Philip Harris
- * District Councillor Chris Hunt
- * District Councillor Simon Ling
- * District Councillor Charles Yarwood

* In attendance

Open Forum

An open forum was held at the start of the meeting; topics discussed ranged from updates on petitions from previous committees, flooding on the Deepdene roundabout and signage on cycle routes.

59/12 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND SUBSTITUTIONS [Item 1]

Apologies were received from Cllr Charles Yarwood and Cllr Chris Hunt. Cllr Rosemary Dickson substituted for Cllr Hunt.

60/12 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING [Item 2]

It was requested that the name of the Hookwood speed petitioner be corrected from Mrs Barker to Mrs Baker.

It was requested that the spelling of Westcott be amended.

Following the proposed amendments the minutes were agreed.

61/12 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST [Item 3]

Mr Tim Hall declared an interest for item 10 as he is a council appointed trustee of the Leatherhead Youth Project.

(a) PUBLIC QUESTIONS [Item 4a]

Mr Billard received a written response and as he was unable to attend, Mr Mudell was representing the cycle forum. The supplementary would be bought up in item 9.

Mrs Glyn received a written response from officers and Mr Ward asked a supplementary question on her behalf. Mrs Glyn wanted further information on when the speed assessment would be undertaken, what type of information would this report on and would it include distribution of speeds?

Officers confirmed they were looking to undertake the speed assessment within the next two weeks and this would assess vehicles travelling in both directions, type of vehicles using the road, clarity of road markings and road signs.

The divisional member confirmed she has spoken with residents on Parkgate Road and was aware of the issues on this road and other rural roads of high speed limits and poor sight lines. Most residents feel that extending the 30mph speed limit to the Surrey Oaks pub would improve the situation. It was also felt that a community speedwatch would help to improve the situation.

Mr Agius received a written response from officers and had no supplementary.

Mr Ward received a written response and thanked officers for the information provided.

Mr Carr received a written answer and requested further information on whether it would be possible to take back the retaining wall and use sheet piling?

Officers responded that a present there is a retained wall with sheet piling and a brick frontage, however this doesn't have to weight bear the same amount as the stairs. Either solution would require land gain which would be a lengthy process and has been problematic in the past.

Annex A

(b) MEMBER QUESTIONS [Item 4b]

Questions were submitted by Mrs Watson and Cllr Haque.

Mrs Waston thanked officers for their responses and had no further questions.

Cllr Haque requested if timescales could be given for the proposed work. The Area Highways Manager confirmed these would be provided shortly for the Chairman and divisional member.

Annex B

62/12 PETITIONS [Item 5]

Mrs Wilson from Lincoln Road Residents' Association presented a petition on the parking issues faced in Lincoln Road, Dorking and the surrounding residential road. She received a written response and highlighted the concern of residents who are often found without parking or needing to be able to move their cars to ensure they are not ticketed yet despite the current restrictions designed to prevent commuter parking this is still an issue despite space in the station car park.

Mrs Watson, the Councillor for Dorking Hills acknowledged the issue and welcomed the response from officers. Mrs Curran highlighted the formation of the parking task group later on the committee's agenda designed to look at such issues in Mole Valley.

Annex C

63/12 HIGHWAYS SCHEME PROGRESS REPORT [EXECUTIVE FUNCTION] [Item 6]

The Area Highways Manager gave an update on the Local Structural Repair schemes which were yet to be completed. All schemes are now finished or will shortly commence. The exception is The Priory in Ashted, due to issues with the proposed treatment, alternatives will need to be found and this scheme will now be done in early in the new financial year.

Concerns were raised with regards to parking restrictions and lines being put in place. Officers confirmed that this was due to the need for some areas to be readvertised, however as this was now completed work to put the new lines should be shortly underway.

Councillors also expressed concern over the flooding issue on the A24 as this had required for the road to be shut on several occasions and this is a key strategic road for Mole Valley. Officers confirmed that this was a key priority for next year and that the flooding and drainage plan would soon be confirmed.

The Local Committee AGREED to:

- i. Note the report for information

Reason for Decision

The committee were happy to note the report and thanked officers for the work undertaken this year.

64/12 PROJECT HORIZON UPDATE [NON-EXECUTIVE FUNCTION] [Item 7]

The Projects and Contracts Group Manager presented to the committee on the proposals of Project Horizon, a 5 year capital road maintenance plan. This gives a £120m investment in Surrey's roads over the next 5 years. Officers have given contractors a year fixed programme, to prevent down time and are looking to source a better material for local roads so they can lay roads quicker.

A full list of roads will come to the committee in June to be published.

Councillors agreed that public consultation would be vital in this. They also welcomed the new powers over vehicle relocation as this should prevent part completion of roads. Feedback has been received from some parishes on the draft list and divisional members welcomed this feedback. Meetings will be held with County Councillors to confirm roads.

The Local Committee AGREED to:

- i. Note the information given

65/12 FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE PUBLIC SAFETY PLAN [NON-EXECUTIVE FUNCTION] [Item 8]

The Surrey Fire and Rescue Service Group Manger updated the committee on the end of the two year action plan and the new action plan that is due to commence.

There are proposals in Epsom & Ewell and Horley to make changes to the current provision. Whilst this is not directly affecting Mole Valley it will impact on the north and south of the district. Consultation has been undertaken with residents and they are awaiting the result. 24/7 cover will remain at Horley until the proposed move to a new sites in Salfords. 2 appliances will be maintained in Epsom and Ewell with 24/7 service. There are no proposed changes to the Painshill site in Cobham.

Councillors raised queries as to whether the increase in volunteers had created a reduction in full time, paid staff. Officers reassured the committee that the 80 new volunteers had not come at the expense of full time, paid staff. Councillors were pleased with the work undertaken in Horley to guarantee service was continued following the withdrawal of West Sussex.

The Local Committee AGREED to:

- i. Note the progress to date on items in the Action Plan for 2011-13
- ii. Provide feedback on proposed Action Plan for 2013-16.
- iii. Consider those items that will be the subject of further public consultation at the appropriate time.

Reason for Decision

The Local Committee noted the good work of the fire service and appreciated the clarification on the changes to the service in Epsom and Ewell and Horley.

66/12 DEPARTMENT FOR TRANSPORT CYCLE INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS BID [EXECUTIVE FUNCTION] [Item 9]

The Road Safety Manager introduced the plans which had been submitted to the Department for Transport to provide high quality cycling schemes in Surrey. The proposed schemes are felt to improve the safety for all cyclists.

At present we do not know if we have been successful, however we hope to be notified shortly.

The divisional member for Leatherhead and Fetcham East expressed support for the Leatherhead Town Centre scheme, however was concerned about some of the aspects of the Leatherhead to Ashtead route and whether a shared footpath and cycleway would be feasible due to pavement width. It was also highlighted that this would pass several sheltered housing schemes and the proposed route would impact on their residents.

Mole Valley Cycle Forum expressed concerns with regards to the Leatherhead to Ashtead route as there are currently many obstructions on the road and previous attempts to introduce cycling routes had not succeeded. The Forum asked if due consideration had been given to the Linden Pitt Path route.

The divisional member for Ashtead also expressed concerns with regards to the Leatherhead to Ashtead cycle route due to the proposed crossing on the A24, however it was acknowledged this would be a more appropriate solution than the Linden Pitt Path route due to the expense this would incur.

The Road Safety Manager acknowledge concerns over the width of pavement and impact on residents' of the sheltered housing schemes and reassured the committee that it would be fully segregated path instead of a joint path as in previous schemes. Where there are existing obstacles, these will be relocated to allow a clear route. The routes proposed in the bid were the routes which best fit the DfT criteria, other routes were looked at in the initial scoping phases.

Councillors felt that given some of the questions raised the committee it would not be appropriate to approve the schemes today, however they were aware that postponing until future meetings could pose problems due to the delay to timescales. The Chairman of the committee suggested that if required a special meeting could be convened to agree the plans.

The member for Leatherhead and Fetcham East proposed the addition of a recommendation to ensure consultation with local residents, businesses, the Mole Valley Cycle Forum and Local Committee. This was seconded by the member for Dorking and the Holmwoods.

The Local Committee AGREED to:

- i. Approve the cycle scheme proposals for Leatherhead Town Centre, subject to the outcome of the funding bid
- ii. Approve the cycle scheme proposals for Epsom Road and Leatherhead Road between Leatherhead and Ashtead, subject to the outcome of the funding bid

SUBJECT to the additional recommendation below.

The Local Committee AGREED to ADD an additional recommendation of:

- i. **Should the bid be successful, detailed design will proceed and residents, businesses, the Mole Valley Cycle Forum, Chairman of**

the Mole Valley Local Committee, Vice-Chairman of Mole Valley Local Committee and the divisional member directly affected by the proposals will be consulted, to inform the design prior to construction. If required the design will come to the Mole Valley Local Committee for approval prior to construction.

Reason for Decision

The local committee felt that the proposals for Leatherhead Town Centre would be a positive contribution to the local area; however the committee felt that prior to construction of the Epsom Road and Leatherhead Road routes further consultation was required with local residents and members. Depending on the outcome of the consultation the Epsom Road and Leatherhead Road scheme may need to come back to the local committee for approval prior to construction. This will be decided by the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and divisional member.

67/12 YOUTH LOCAL PREVENTION FRAMEWORK CONTRACT SPECIFICATION [EXECUTIVE FUNCTION] [Item 10]

Mr Tim Hall declared a conflict for this item and left the chamber.

The Chair of the Youth Task Group drew the committee's attention to the inclusion of the Bookham as an area of need in the specification, alongside North Leatherhead and the LINKS area, south of Dorking. Concerns were expressed with the mechanisms used to identify those at risk of becoming Not in Education, Employment or Training (NEET).

Officers recognised this had been an issue in the previous round however this was being addressed for the second round by a duty to work in partnership to identify those at risk, being placed on the successful providers.

The Local Committee AGREED to:

- i. Approve the allocation of £17,000 to Personalised Prevention (see 1.3a for details).
- ii. b) Approve the local needs specification (Annex A) to be considered by providers focusing on the identified needs of Mole Valley and the geographical neighbourhoods prioritised by the Youth Task Group.

Reason for Decision

The Local Committee were happy with the specification that had been produced and noted the inclusion of Bookham as an area of need.

68/12 MOLE VALLEY LOCALISM PILOT UPDATE [NON-EXECUTIVE FUNCTION] [Item 11]

The Chairman of the Committee raised concerns about the lessening of pace with regards to the Localism work and felt it was time for this to be renewed. Members of the Committee agreed that the impetus on certain strands of the pilot had been lost.

Officers agreed that co-ordination hadn't been as strong as had been hoped, however they confirmed that work had been ongoing and they would arrange for groups to meet shortly.

The Local Committee AGREED to:

- i. Note the work undertaken this year on the Localism pilot
- ii. Support the ongoing work of the Localism pilot
- iii. Agree the removal of the Youth and Troubled Families strands from the pilot and for the work to continue as business as usual.

Reason for Decision

The Local Committee noted that some strands of work had lost impetus but looked forward to the progress in the new municipal year.

69/12 MOLE VALLEY PARKING TASK GROUP [EXECUTIVE FUNCTION] [Item 12]

The Chairman updated the committee on the background context for the task group. Mole Valley District Council recently agreed their car parking strategy for off street parking. It was felt that a joined up approach to parking would better service the needs of those in the local area.

Members welcomed this and felt it would be an appropriate way forward.

The Local Committee AGREED to:

- i. Agree to the Mole Valley parking task group being constituted at the first Local Committee meeting of the new municipal year.

Reason for Decision

The Local Committee acknowledged that parking is often a key issue for residents and it is felt that by working closely with the district council through the task group that a more comprehensive approach to parking can be achieved.

70/12 LOCAL ALLOCATIONS [EXECUTIVE FUNCTION] [Item 13]

The Team Leader for the East highlighted the tabled bids of Cannon Court Park Recreation Footpath, Critique of Flood Risk Assessment of Tanners Meadow and Save Barnett Wood Lane Allotments.

The Committee agreed the bids detailed in the papers and the tabled bids of Cannon Court Park Recreation footpath and Critique of Flood Risk Assessment Tanners Meadow.

Following officer advice the committee agreed to vote on the approval of the Save Barnett Wood Lane Allotments subject to the name of the bid being amended to: **To allow Barnett Wood Lane Allotment Holders to form an association. Due to a conflict of interest the Chairman stood down for this item and the Vice-Chairman took the chair.**

The vote was carried with 3 in favour and 3 abstentions.

Following the vote the Chairman resumed the chair.

The Chairman expressed the wish that any surplus members' allocations go to the Looked After Children's Bursary, though this was to be agreed on an individual member basis.

The Local Committee AGREED to:

- i. the items recommended for funding from the Local Committee's 2012/13 Member Allocation funding, as set out in section 2 of the report and summarised below:

Organisation	Project Title	Amount
Buckland Parish Council	Refurbishment Of Buckland War Memorial	£2,000
Mole Valley District Council	Cotmandene Conservation Project	£5,000
Ashtead Peace Memorial Hall	Sound Bites for Ashtead Peace Memorial Hall	£5,000
Ashtead Cricket Club	Parsons Mead Development	£5,000
Betchworth Parish Council	Betchworth Burial Ground Jubilee Pavilion	£3,000
Satro	Primary Science Workshops - Eastwick Infant And Junior School	£1,500
The Vine Project	Fix It Project	£1,000
The Harvest Community Church	Multimedia Project	£2,187
Dorking Concertgoers Society	Concert In Dorking Halls	£1,434
Bookham Residents Association	Electronic Sign Bookham High Street	£3,000
Brockham Choral Society	Replacement Staging Trailer	£500

- ii. Note the expenditure previously approved by either the Community Partnerships Manager or the Community Partnerships Team Leader under delegated powers, as set out in section 3.
- iii. Note any returned funding and/or adjustments set out within the report and at Appendix 1.

The Local Committee AGREED the two tabled bids of:

**Cannon Court Recreation Ground Footpath at £6,233
Critique of Flood Risk Assessment for Proposed Residential development at Tanners Meadow, Strood Green at £500**

The Local Committee AGREED the tabled bid of:

Save Barnett Wood Lane Allotments and surrounding green belt in Leatherhead £296.04

SUBJECT to the amendment of the project title to:

To allow Barnett Wood Lane Allotment Holders to form an association

Reason for Decision

The Local Committee were happy to agree the item and support the groups through their allocations.

71/12 RECOMMENDATION TRACKER [NON-EXECUTIVE FUNCTION] [Item 14]

The recommendation tracker was noted.

Meeting ended at: 4.30 pm

Chairman

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