

Joint Eastern Arun Area Committee

11 June 2019 – At a meeting of the Committee at 7.00 pm held at The White Swan, Chichester Road, Arundel, BN18 0AD.

Present:

Mrs Urquhart (Chairman) (Angmering & Findon;), Mr Buckland (Littlehampton Town;), Mr Elkins (East Preston & Ferring;), Mr Markwell (Arundel & Courtwick;), Mr Purchase (Rustington;), Dr Walsh (Littlehampton East;), Mr Oliver-Redgate, Mr Phillips, Mrs Robertson, Mr Carr, Mr Looker, Mrs Walker, Mr Isaacs, Mr Bennett, Mr Hayden and Mr Naughton

1. Appointments

- 1.1 It was RESOLVED that
- 1.2 Cllr Deborah Urquhart be appointed as Chairman to the Joint Easter Arun Area Committee for the year 19/20.
- 1.3 Cllr Jamie Bennett be appointed as Lead District Member and Vice Chairman
- 1.4 Cllr Steve Toney be appointed as Lead Parish and Town Member.
- 1.5 Cllr Dr James Walsh be appointed as Chairman to the Highways and Transport Subgroup
- 1.6 Cllrs Bennett and Roberts be appointed as District Members to the Highways and Transport subgroup.
- 1.7 Cllrs Urquhart, Walker and Roberts be appointed to the CIF subgroup.

2. Welcome

- 2.1 The Chairman welcomed members of the Committee and members of the public to the meeting.

3. Terms of Reference

- 3.1 The Committee were asked to consider the terms of reference for the Joint Area Committee, in addition to the Terms of reference for the Highways and Transport Sub group.
- 3.2 The TOR were noted.

4. Declarations of Interest

- 4.1 There were none

5. **Minutes**

5.1 RESVOLED that the Minutes of the last meeting held on the 5 March 2019 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

6. **Urgent Matter**

6.1 There were none.

7. **'Talk with us' - Public Questions**

7.1 The Chairman invited questions from Members of the public relating to matters that did not already appear on the agenda.

7.2 It was requested that an item relating to campervans parking on street could be added to the Highways and Transport Subgroup for discussion.

7.3 It was also requested that an item on Fitzallen Road could be included with the next H&T subgroup agenda.

7.4 It was asked by there could be more enforcement officers deployed in the area. It was advised this again could be considered by the H&T subgroup.

8. **Community Police Issues**

8.1 The Chairman welcomed police representatives to the meeting to discuss local crime statistics, including trends and changes.

8.2 An update was provided generally on what crime statistics looked like across the Eastern Arun area, with a particular focus on traffic and highways issues, mostly around commercial vehicles.

8.3 Detail was provided over the key focuses for the police force at present, included the following: youth crime Littlehampton Town Centre, Direct patrols on anti-social behaviour and 'Project Reboot'.

8.4 The Chairman thanked the police force rep for the informative update and welcomed comments and questions form Committee Members. It was requested by the Committee that more focus be placed on the policing of serious drug related crimes in the area. It was advised this was another key focus for the Police Forces in the area.

9. **Your Energy Sussex**

9.1 The Chairman welcomed a presentation from David Edwards from West Sussex County Council to deliver a presentation on 'Your Energy Susses', a not for profit energy company, backed by the County Council.

9.2 Information was provided on the nature of 'Your Energy Sussex', it's goals and principles and how it would be of benefit to members of the public regarding their energy bills.

9.3 Members thanked David Edwards for the informative presentation and questions from the Committee were welcomed. In response to questions the following was advised:

- Costs are kept low through low-cost marketing channels
- The project supported social housing tenants
- Properties that already had installed solar panels were welcome to join.
- There was a high level of oversight by the County Council on the continued financial viability of the project.

10. **Community Initiative Microfund**

10.1 The Committee considered the decision report by the Cabinet Member for Safer, Stronger Communities and the introduction of the Microfund.

10.2 The Committee endorsed the decision and expressed the benefits this would have to the wider community.

11. **Community Initiative Fund (EA01(19/20))**

11.1 The Committee considered the written report by the Director of Law and Assurance which detailed a bid to the Community Initiative Fund.

11.2 The Committee considered the application on its individual merit

The following pledge was approved:-

361/JEAAC – Brookside Memorial Garden Community Group, up to £2,500 subject to the project achieving 50% of the overall project costs - Towards the creation of a memorial garden to include; a memorial wall, plaque and hoggin paths for disabled access

12. **Highways and Transport Sub Group**

12.1 The Chairman of the H&T Subgroup was invited to introduce the minutes from the previous meeting and provide an update on discussions had.

12.2 It was advised that the Lyminster Bypass was still being progressed, but slower than originally hoped. Other projects were also detailed and updates on their progress was provided, all of which can be found in the minutes of the H&T subgroup meeting.

12.3 The Chairman thanked Dr Walsh for the update and asked that if any members of JEAAC had an item they wished to be considered by the H&T subgroup to forward this on to the Clerk to the meeting.

13. **Nominations to School and Academy Governing Bodies**

13.1 The Committee noted the vacancy listed in the agenda papers and were asked to assist in publicising any Governor Vacancies so that they might be filled.

14. **Items to be raised by Town and Parish Council representatives.**

14.1 There were none.

15. **Items for consideration at future meetings**

15.1 Cllr Dr Walsh advised he had been appointed to the East Arun Medical Services advisory group and would report back at the next meeting of JEEAC on the work completed by the group.

16. **Date of next meeting**

16.1 It was confirmed that the next meeting of JEAAC was scheduled for the 5 November 2019.

Chairman

The meeting closed at 8.38 pm