COUNTY COUNCIL LOCAL COMMITTEE FOR SOUTH LAKELAND

Minutes of a Meeting of the County Council Local Committee for South Lakeland held on Tuesday, 4 February 2014 at 10.30 am at County Offices, Kendal

PRESENT:

Mr GD Cook (Chair)
Mr J Airey
Mr RK Bingham
Mr J Bland
Mr SB Collins
Mr N Cotton
Mrs S Evans
Mrs C Feeney-Johnson
Mr D Fletcher
Mrs BC Gray
Mrs H Halliday
Mr J McCreesh (Vice-Chair)
Mr J Stephenson
Mr I Stewart
Mr WJ Wearing
Mrs J Willis
Mr M Wilson
Mr R Wilson

District Council
Mr P Thornton
Parish Councils
Mr A Muirhead
Mr P Thompson

PART 1 – ITEMS CONSIDERED IN THE PRESENCE OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS

70 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence was received from Mr G Vincent.

71 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

(1) There were no public questions in relation to any item on the agenda.

(2) Darcy Looker and Connor Davis who were pupils at Castle Park School in Kendal presented a petition asking the County Council to convert the zebra crossing on Sedbergh Road to a traffic light controlled crossing to reduce the speed of vehicles.

They thanked the Local Committee for allowing them to present the petition which had over 600 signatures. They described their walk to school, which involved crossing Sedbergh Road one of the busiest main roads into Kendal.
At the moment they were having to use an ordinary zebra crossing. They explained that some cars were travelling too fast and did not stop but by having traffic lights on the crossing they would have to slow down and stop.

They also explained that a lot of cars did not stop when they saw people waiting to cross, and did not wait until they had finished crossing before they pulled away to carry on along the road. By having traffic lights on the crossing they would have to halt and wait for them to cross safely. In the light of the difficulties crossing Sedbergh Road they asked the Local Committee to help make it a safe journey to school.

The Chair thanked Darcy and Connor, who were accompanied by the head of Castle Park school, for attending the meeting to present the petition seeking a traffic light controlled crossing in place of the zebra crossing on Sedbergh Road. He advised that similar problems had been identified elsewhere in the South Lakeland area and was an issue that the Local Committee needed to resolve. He explained that the Local Committee had a Highways and Transportation Working Group that met regularly, and that he would forward on their request for a traffic light controlled crossing for consideration at its next meeting.

(3) Mr D Birkett presented a petition, with over 167 signatures, seeking a Twenty’s Plenty Zone (removal of bumps and tables) on the Hallgarth estate in place of the present traffic calming system.

Mr Birkett explained that because of the continuous rows of parked cars, often on both sides of the road, no one in the area was able to travel above 20mph. The parked vehicles and bumps on the roads caused difficulties for the buses driving through, and all users had had their vehicles and physical bodies shaken and damaged in one way or another. Mr Birkett described the current design of the traffic calming measures and suggested a partial staged removal of those that worked less well. The success or otherwise of this action to be monitored. In presenting the petition on behalf of local residents he thanked the Local Committee for allowing him to attend the meeting and for listening to his proposal.

The Chair of behalf of the Local Committee thanked Mr Birkett for presenting the petition requesting a Twenty’s Plenty zone in place of the present traffic calming system on the Hallgarth Estate. He advised that he would forward the request to the Local Committee’s Highways and Transportation Working Group for consideration.

(4) Mr H Whitaker addressed the Local Committee about the proposed Traffic Regulation Order for Ulverston and the reasons for his opposition to the proposal to prohibit vehicles using New Market Street and Market Street on a Thursday and a Saturday which were Market days (minute 75 refers).

He advised that the vast majority of local traders he had interviewed the previous week did not support the proposal due mainly to the ban on
loading/unloading outside of their premises. He had also sought the views of the police and advised of their response.

Mr Whitaker spoke about the adverse effect the proposal would have on local businesses, as well as the elderly and disabled who needed access.

The town was suffering a great deal and he was concerned that the proposal was a short step towards the pedestrianisation of the town centre.

The Chair thanked Mr Whitaker for attending the meeting and putting forward his views on the proposed TRO for Ulverston. He invited him to stay and listen to the debate on this issue which he proposed to move up the agenda and consider shortly.

72 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED that the press and public be admitted to the meeting for all items of business.

73 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

There were no disclosable pecuniary interests declared at the meeting.

74 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of the Local Committee held on 25 November 2013 were confirmed, as circulated, and thereupon signed by the Chair.

75 ULVERSTON MARKET STREET TRO 2014 OUTCOME OF CONSULTATION

The Committee had before it a report by the Corporate Director – Environment and Community Services on the outcome of consultation and advertisement of a traffic regulation order to amend restrictions in Ulverston Town Centre. The changes related to the Prohibition of Driving on Market Days - Thursday and Saturday; to parking restrictions; and to the reversal of the existing One-way traffic order on Brogden Street so that traffic proceeded from South to North. Appended to the report was an Equality Impact Assessment; statement of reasons; draft Order Plan; summary of consultation responses and recommendations; and the statutory notice summarising the proposals.

In presenting the report the Team Leader for Traffic Management in South Lakeland advised that feedback had indicated there was unanimous support from Ulverston Town Council and the Police to the proposals. They had also received one
response that was fully supportive of the proposals, and seven others who had objected for a variety of reasons.

The proposals had been designed to improve safety and encourage economic growth. The concerns raised earlier in the meeting by Mr Whitaker about the effect of the proposals on a take away food outlet had been addressed, and the issue of disabled access considered in the equality impact assessment.

In discussion the local members for Ulverston East and West advised that the restrictions were being proposed following concerns raised by Ulverston Town Council about the traffic using New Market Street and Market Street on Market Days. The point was made that throughout a lengthy consultation process the vast majority of concerns had been addressed. However, given the unease about disabled access this would be monitored, and any other issues arising as a result of the restrictions being brought into operation would be looked into.

The local members advised that Ulverston Town Council and the vast majority of the local community fully agreed with the proposals. The Police were also supportive of the scheme which would strengthen the existing restrictions. They believed that the proposals would benefit traders, and would support the economic ambitions of the Town and District Councils to improve the town.

Whilst taking on board the reservations expressed at the meeting by Mr Whitaker, on balance, given the clear commitment of the Town Council, they were supportive of the proposals.

During the course of the debate members referred to the challenges facing town centres and the need to preserve and support local markets as much as possible. Having listened carefully to both the local members and to Mr Whitaker earlier in the meeting, it was

RESOLVED that the County of Cumbria (Various Roads, South Lakeland Area) (Consolidation of Traffic Regulations) (Order 2002) (Ulverston – No. 6) Variation Order 20<> be brought into operation in its entirety, having taken into consideration the matters contained in Section 122(2) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, which are more specifically referred to at paragraph 7.2 of the report by the Corporate Director – Environment and Community Services.

76 SOUTH LAKELAND LOCAL COMMITTEE DEVOLVED BUDGET

(1) Communities Budget

Consideration was given to a report by the Corporate Director – Resources presenting the actual expenditure and commitments recorded against the Local Committee’s Communities Budget as at 31st December 2013.

RESOLVED that the following be noted:-
(a) the budget allocations for 2013-14 and the commitments and expenditure recorded to date;

(b) the unallocated resources in the Communities Revenue budgets of £292,774;

(c) the balanced budget projected for Local Member Capital Schemes.

(2) **Highways Budget**

A report by the Corporate Director – Resources presented the actual expenditure and commitments recorded against the Local Committee’s Highways Revenue and Capital Budgets as at 31st December 2013.

**RESOLVED** that

(a) the following be noted:-

- the budget allocations for 2013-14 and the commitments and expenditure recorded to date;

- the Highways Revenue budget is currently projecting an overspend at this stage of the financial year;

- the Highways Capital budget is currently projecting an underspend at this stage of the financial year;

(b) Jubilee Lane, Lupton £33,000; Stonecross Kendal £34,000 and the B5277 to Meathop £106,000 be deferred from this year’s capital programme and the funding reassigned for patching work to take place in the current financial year.

77 **WORKING GROUPS**

(1) **Strategic Planning Working Group**

Consideration was given to a report by the Corporate Director - Environment and Communities providing details of the meeting of the Strategic Planning Working Group held on 15th January 2014. Appended to the report were the minutes of the Working Group meeting, together with reports on the Kendal Festival of Food; Ulverston Festival Town; Village Agent Project Update; and the South Lakeland Monitoring report.
RESOLVED, that

(a) the work of the Strategic Planning Group, as set out at Appendix A to the report of the Corporate Director – Environment and Community Services, be noted;

(b) the request for funding from the Kendal Festival of Food be referred to the Kendal Community Support Grants Panel;

(c) the request for funding from Ulverston Festivals be deferred to the next meeting of the Working Group pending further information;

(d) an amount of £25,000 be allocated towards the delivery of the 2014-2017 Area Plan from the General Provisions Budget.

(2) Children and Young Peoples Working Group

Consideration was given to a report by the Corporate Director – Environment and Community Services providing information and offering recommendations for approval by the Local Committee from the Children and Young People’s Working Group held on the 10th December, 2013. Appended to the report were the minutes of the meeting of the Children and Young People’s Working Group, together with reports on the Kirkby Lonsdale Play Partnership; Grange Prom Youth Club; Kendal Festival of Food; A2B Now Card; and Youth Service Contract Provision Update.

In presenting the minutes of the meeting the Chair of the Children and Young Peoples Working Group circulated a copy of the Youth magazine that had been created, designed and written by young people.

Members spoke favourably about the variety and high quality articles contained in the magazine but commented that there was no acknowledgement about the cost of producing it being met by the Local Committee. They also spoke about their aspirations to get young people involved in the local government decision making process.

RESOLVED, that

(a) the work of the Children and Young People’s Working Group be noted (Appendix A);

(b) an amount of £1,000 be awarded to the Kirkby Lonsdale Play Partnership from the 0-19 Budget towards the cost of improving the children’s play area, (Appendix B);

(c) an amount of £1,000 be awarded to the Grange Prom Youth Club from the 0-19 Budget towards the cost of completing the last phase of the skate park area, (Appendix C);
(d) an amount of £900 be awarded to the Kendal Festival of Food from the 0-19 Budget towards the cost of running a project with local primary schools, (Appendix D).

(3) **Highways and Transportation Working Group**

A report by the Corporate Director – Environment and Community Services provided details of a meeting of the Highways and Transportation Working Group held on 17 December 2013. Appended to the report were the notes of the meeting of the Working Group, together with reports by the Corporate Director – Environment and Community Services considered at the meeting relating to the Kendal TRO 2013 Captain French Lane; South Lakeland Local Major Transport Schemes; 2013/14 Highways Capital Programme Progress Report; Members Highways Priority Works 2013 -14.

In relation to the options for Captain French Lane the local member for Kendal Highgate commented that whilst there were differing views, on balance he supported the recommendation.

**RESOLVED, that**

(a) the Minutes of the meeting of the Highways and Transportation Working Group held on 17 December 2013 be received;

(b) the County of Cumbria (Various Roads, South Lakeland Area) (Consolidation of Traffic Regulations) (Order 2002) (Various Roads, Kendal, Crooklands, Sandgate and Cartmel) Variation Order 2013 (“the Kendal Order”) be brought into force as advertised in relation to Captain French Lane, having taken into consideration the matters contained in Section 122(2) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, which are more specifically referred to in paragraph 7.2 of the report to the Highways and Transportation Working Group on 17 December 2013, and that the original resolution of the Local Committee on 20 June 2013 be confirmed and upheld in relation to the bringing into force the proposals for Hayclose Road, Esthwaite Avenue, Green Lane, Vine Road in Kendal, Seven Milestones Bridge Lay-by and Aynsome Lane, Cartmel;

(c) the progress to date on the following Local Major Transport schemes be noted and the inclusion of these schemes in Cumbria’s Strategic Economic Plan be supported:-

- Access improvements to South Ulverston
- Access improvements to Kendal Fell Quarry
- Access improvements to Mainline Industrial Estate, Milnthorpe
(d) the Bus Services Update report be noted;

(e) the programme and progress information included in the report be noted and comments passed to the Area Highways and Transport Manager for action if necessary;

(f) the current Divisional Highways Priorities Works Programme 2013/2014, as approved by the Local Committee on 25 November 2013, and set out in Appendix 1 be noted;

(g) the Development Management Report from the Director of People and Places, South Lakeland District Council be noted;

(h) the Speed Monitoring Update report be noted.

78 WINDERMERE TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER

Consideration was given to a report by the Corporate Director – Environment and Community Services relating to the Traffic Regulation order for Windermere and the proposed restrictions on Rayrigg Road and Glebe Road (minute 108 of a meeting of the Local Committee on 15 March 2013 refers). Appended to the report was the statement of reasons; draft order plans; a summary of consultation responses and recommendations; and the statutory notice summarising the proposals.

The local member for Lyth Valley put forward an amendment to the recommendation set out in the report in respect of Rayrigg Road. He proposed that the waiting restrictions should not be applied beyond the lay-by on the west side of the road opposite Millbeck Stock. He referred to the plan showing where the proposed restrictions would apply and explained that after speaking to local people it was felt that it would be confusing if the short length of waiting restrictions immediately beyond the lay-by were to be introduced.

In responding to questions raised during the course of discussion the Area Highways and Transport Manager advised that the proposed no waiting restrictions opposite Millbeck Stock had been included for safety reasons. Those in support of the amendment made the point that if the restrictions were implemented parking would be displaced to another area. Members opposed to the amendment wanted to avoid parking on the footway, and were mindful of the views of officers, the Town Council and Police who were in agreement with the proposals. Upon being put to the vote, it was

RESOLVED that

(a) having taken into consideration the matters contained in Section 122(2) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, which are more specifically referred to at paragraph 7.2 of the report by the Corporate Director Environment and Community Services, the following parts of The County of Cumbria
(Various Roads, South Lakeland) (Consolidation of Traffic Regulations) (Order 2002) (Various Roads, Windermere and Bowness-on-Windermere) Variation Order 2020, (the Traffic Regulation Order) be brought into operation as follows:-

(i) Double yellow lines on Rayrigg Road – the traffic regulation order be implemented as proposed with two amendments namely that the double yellow lines on the east side of Rayrigg Road be reduced in length by 34m and a section 46m long to be omitted from the length south of the Steamboat Museum, as shown on Plan 7 Rayrigg Road attached at Appendix 2 to the report by the Corporate Director – Environment and Community Services;

(ii) The motor cycle only parking place and disabled parking place on Glebe Road as shown on Plan 9 Glebe Road attached at Appendix 2 to the report by the Corporate Director – Environment and Community Services be implemented as proposed.

(b) the use of the NPRN Road Markings budget to implement the works be noted.

79 LOCAL REVENUE SCHEMES

Consideration was given to a report by the Corporate Director – Environment and Community Services, which sought to commit elements of the Local Revenue Scheme budget, including Members’ proposals that had been sufficiently investigated and developed, to enable the Local Committee to consider spending decisions.

RESOLVED, that

(a) the following be approved:-

(i) a revenue grant of £4,000 from the Kendal Strickland and Fell Division LMS budget to Hallgarth Community Centre to contribute towards the cost of new flooring;

(ii) a revenue grant of £800 from the Kendal Strickland and Fell Division LMS budget to fund the cost of new pedestrian rails on Rosemary Hill, Fellside;

(iii) a revenue grant of £5,000 from High Furness Division LMS budget to Hawkshead Recreational Committee towards improvement works to the recreational ground;
(iv) a revenue grant of £1,231 from Kendal Highgate Division LMS budget towards preparation works to the riverside path on Waterside;

(v) a revenue grant of £640 from Low Furness Division LMS budget towards the cost of a grit bin and first fill on Lund Farm Estate;

(vi) a revenue grant of £300 from Kendal South Division LMS budget to fund the cost of delivering a Cycle wise Scheme;

(vii) a revenue grant of £2,000 from the Lower Kentdale Division LMS budget to contribute towards the build of a clubhouse on the Holme Sports & Community centre site;

(viii) a revenue grant of £1,400 from the Lakes Division LMS budget to purchase a defibrillator to be sited at an agreed and approved location within Ambleside;

(ix) a revenue grant of £2,500 from the Lakes Division LMS budget towards raising the height of a low wall within the village of Troutbeck;

(x) a revenue grant of £2,128 from the Grange Division LMS budget to contribute towards the installation of new equipment on the Lindale Village Playground Fund;

(xi) a revenue grant of £10,000 from the Lyth Valley Division LMS budget towards Highways Improvements and Repairs across the division;

(xii) a revenue Grant of £2,000 from the Lyth Valley Division LMS budget to contribute towards new flooring within Witherslack Village Hall in order to support the activities of the short mat bowling club;

(xiii) a revenue Grant of £1,500 from the Kendal Strickland and Fell Division LMS budget to make a contribution of funding towards the running costs of the youth club provision delivered by HYPO at Hallgarth Community Centre;

(b) a revenue grant of £3,500 from the Grange Division LMS budget allocated towards implementing TRO works, agreed at the meeting of the Local Committee on 6th November, 2012,
be de-committed, and reallocated towards highways lining schemes within High Newton.

80 LOCAL CAPITAL SCHEMES

A report by the Corporate Director – Environment and Community Services sought to commit elements of the Local Capital Scheme budget, including Members’ proposals that had been sufficiently investigated and developed, to enable the Local Committee to consider spending decisions.

In discussion a brief report on those schemes that had been agreed but not yet implemented was called for.

RESOLVED, that

(a) the Capital Grant of £1,720 from the Strickland and Fell Division towards a School Safety scheme – Sparrowmire Lane/Burneside Rd Junction be de-committed;

(b) the Capital Grant of £1,720 from the Strickland and Fell Division towards new pedestrian safety handrails being implemented on Cliff Brow in Kendal be approved.

81 DEVELOPING THE AREA PLAN

A report by the Corporate Director – Environment and Community Services provided an overview of progress made in relation to the implementation of the area planning approach, and an update on the work to develop the Area Plan. Appended to the report was an indicative programme of work, together with details of the area planning leads for South Lakeland.

A workshop for Local Committee members to allow them to comment on the draft Area Plan was arranged for 3 March. A draft of the revised Plan would then be presented to the next meeting of the Local Committee on 24 March.

In discussing the Area Plan the potential for joint working with the District Council was commented upon. In responding the Area Support Manager advised that it would be appropriate to involve the District Council once the priorities for the area had been set and the delivery plan was being drawn up.

RESOLVED that progress made since the recent Local Committee workshop be noted, and that the indicative programme of work set out in appendix 1 to the report of the Corporate Director – Environment and Community Services be agreed.

82 APPOINTMENT OF COUNTY COUNCIL GOVERNORS
The Local Committee considered a schedule of nominations for the appointment of governors of nursery, primary and secondary schools.

RESOLVED, that subject to their consent, the following be approved:-

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83 OUTSIDE BODIES

The Local Committee’s representative on the South Lakeland Community Safety Partnership advised of data provided at the last meeting which had shown the South Lakeland area to be a very safe place to live. In particular there had been a significant reduction in the total number of crimes committed and also in youth anti-social behaviour.

The member also advised that there were moves to go into schools to speak to teachers about identifying potential domestic violence. He suggested that it would
be useful for a presentation to be given to the Children and Young Peoples Working Group on this issue.

The meeting ended at 12.30pm

At the close of the meeting the Acting Assistant Director Early Help and Partnerships updated members on the youth service contract and delivery arrangements in the South Lakeland area.