

COUNTY COUNCIL LOCAL COMMITTEE FOR BARROW

Minutes of a Meeting of the County Council Local Committee for Barrow held on Monday, 13 December 2010 at 10.15 am at Nan Tait Centre, Abbey Road, Barrow-in-Furness, LA14 1LG

PRESENT:

Mr R Guselli (Chair)

Mr D Marcus (Vice-Chair)

Mrs A Burns

Mr J Hamezeian

Mr KR Hamilton

Mrs T Macur

Mr D Roberts

Also in Attendance:-

- Ms E Haughin - Child Care Solicitor
- Ms J Hounslow - Senior Democratic Services Officer
- Mrs K Johnson - Barrow Area Support Manager
- Mrs C Last - Community Involvement Worker
- Mr K McGeough - Barrow Area Engineer
- Mrs A Meadows - Neighbourhood Development Officer
- Mr A Moss - Assistant Director - Highways and Transportation
- Mr M Robinson - Highways Programme Manager
- Mr D Stephens - Programme Manager (Inclusion)

- CAB Manager

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

80. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Mr O Pearson, Mr M Worth and Mr W Bleasdale.

81. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

Mrs A Burns declared a personal interest in Agenda Item No. 15 – Barrow Table Tennis Centre as a governor at Furness Academy.

Mr Hamezeian declared a personal interest in Agenda Item No. 15 – Barrow Table Tennis Centre as a member of the Multi Cultural Centre.

82. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED, that the press and public be not excluded from the meeting during consideration of any items of business.

83. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no questions, petitions or deputations relating to the business of the Committee on this occasion.

84. MINUTES

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the meeting held on 1 November 2010 be agreed and signed by the Chairman.

85. PRESENTATION - TELECARE IN BARROW

Members received a presentation on Telecare in Barrow from Donna Story, Development Manager, Adult Social Care.

RESOLVED, that the presentation be noted.

86. BETTER HIGHWAYS

(1) BETTER HIGHWAYS: PROPOSED CHANGES TO LOCAL COMMITTEE BUDGET ARRANGEMENTS

The Committee received a report from the Corporate Director – Environment. This report followed discussions with Barrow Local Committee Members and sought to provide members with a clearer understanding of how some minor changes to the format of local committee highways revenue budgets could allow a much improved flexibility within the Better Highways service delivery approach being rolled in across the county. This work underpinned a key change in the way in which Local members engaged with Area Engineers, moving from a variable budget expenditure position to one which relied for much of the time on a fixed budget position for reactive maintenance.

Members asked officers to look at the funding formula currently used to allocate to each of the six local committees. As it was made up of road length rather than usage on the highway network, it meant that Barrow did not have sufficient funds to maintain sufficiently its network. Assistant Director – Highways and Transportation stated that he was happy to work with members to look at the current highways budget formula.

RESOLVED, that members approve changes to the current Local Committee budget as set out in Appendix 1 to reflect a single Better Highways budget as detailed in Appendix 2.

(2) BETTER HIGHWAYS: MONITORING REPORT

The Committee received a report from the Corporate Director – Environment. Further to recent discussions with Barrow Members, and following the roll in of Better Highways on 13 December, the report provided members with an update on highways maintenance issues using the Better Highways approach. It contained the new Measures as well as a profile of the work done. Members sought reassurance that the ‘right first time’ fixes were just that and asked that the charts at Appendix 2 were shown on one sheet so they could more accurately compare the live and closed defects.

RESOLVED, that members note the monitoring information for the Better Highways works for reactive maintenance work, as detailed in the report.

87. CONSULTATION RESPONSES TO TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER VARIATION NO. 25

The Committee received a report from the Corporate Director – Environment. The report advised members of the outcome of the consultation and advertisement of The County of Cumbria (Various Roads, Barrow-in-Furness) (Consolidation and Minor Amendment of Traffic Regulations) (Order 2001) Variation Order (No.25) 2010.

RESOLVED, that members approve the making of the ‘The County of Cumbria (Various Roads, Barrow-in-Furness) (Consolidation and Minor Amendment of Traffic Regulations) (Order 2001) Variation Order (No.25) 2010’ (hereinafter referred to as VO25) as advertised, 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 this report, subject and consequent to the following:

- Deferring a decision on the proposed (double yellow line) No Waiting At Any Time proposals for Back Brown Street, para. 4.8.1, pending further consultation and investigation.
- Deferring a decision on the proposed “Prohibition of Driving (At All Times) (Motor Vehicles) Over 6’6” in Height, Except for Authorised Keyholders” restriction on Ormsgill Lane, para. 4.20.1, pending the results of an ongoing Court case.

- Amending the proposed (double yellow line) “No Waiting At Any Time” waiting restriction for the north eastern side of Back Bowness Road by relaxing the restriction to a length of 2 metres, and overruling the objection to the proposed (double yellow line) “No Waiting At any Time” restrictions for Back Bowness Road/Grasmere Road, para. 4.11.4.3.
- To note the comments received to the proposed “Prohibition of Driving (At All Times) (Motor Vehicles) Except for Access” restriction at Greenhaume, but to implement as advertised.

88. LOCAL COMMITTEE DEVOLVED BUDGET 2010/11 - MONITORING REPORT HIGHWAYS BUDGET

The Committee received a report from the Corporate Director – Resources which presented the actual expenditure and commitments recorded against the Local Committee’s Highways Revenue and Capital Budgets as at 31 October 2010.

RESOLVED, to

- (1) note the budget allocations for 2010-11 and the expenditure recorded to date;
- (2) note that the Highways Revenue Budget, including Highways Stewards and De-trunked roads, has a projected overspend of £5,783;
- (3) note the NPRN budget is showing a projected underspend of £55,520;
- (4) to note the APM budget is showing a projected overspend of £3,671.

89. LOCAL COMMITTEE DEVOLVED BUDGET 2010/11 - MONITORING REPORT COMMUNITIES BUDGET

The Committee received a report from the Corporate Director – Resources which presented the actual expenditure and commitments recorded against the Local Committee’s Communities Budgets as at 31 October 2010. Area Support Manager reported that there was still over £100,000 uncommitted in the early years budget and over £33,000 in the 6-12 budget. She would be meeting with the Early Years & Childcare Team Leader to look at how best to allocate the early years budget and a report would be produced for the next meeting of the Children and Young People’s Working Group.

RESOLVED,

- (1) to note the budget allocations for 2010-11 and the commitments and expenditure recorded to date;
- (2) to note the unallocated resources in the Communities Revenue budgets of £169, 554;
- (3) to note the unallocated resources in the local member capital budgets of £88,891.

90. APPOINTMENT OF LEA GOVERNORS OF NURSERY, PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS

The Committee considered a Schedule which outlined the position regarding vacant County Council Governor positions at County Council Nursery, Primary and Secondary Schools in the area.

RESOLVED, that subject to their approval the following be appointed:-

SCHOOL	REPRESENTATIVE
Community, Nursery and Primary	
Greengate Infant and Nursery	Mr K R Hamilton 8 Marsden Street Barrow-in-Furness LA14 2AY (a re-appointment)
Voluntary Aided Catholic	
Holy Family Catholic Primary	Mr C Backhouse 31 Maylands Grove Barrow-in-Furness LA13 0AN (a re-appointment)
Sacred Heart Catholic Primary	Mrs H Spence 1 Middle Hill Barrow-in-Furness LA13 9HD

91. CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORKING GROUP

The Committee received a report from the Chief Executive which provided information and offered recommendations for approval by Barrow Local Committee from the Children and Young People's Working Group.

RESOLVED, that

- (1) members note the activity of the Children & Young People's Working Group as set out in Appendix A;
- (2) members approve a grant of £5,100, from the Early Years budget to support a healthy eating module for nursery provision as set out in Appendix B;
- (3) members agree that the six elected Members who sit on the Children & Young People's working group (Mrs Macur, Mr Marcus, Mrs Burns, Mr K Hamilton and Ms L Hammond) are involved in the review and re-commissioning of the 2012 Cumbria Youth Support Services contract;
- (4) members approve the criteria for the Children's Activities 6-12 budget as set out in Appendix C.

92. NEIGHBOURHOOD GRANTS PANEL

The Committee received a report from Chief Executive which gave recommendations for approval by Barrow Local Committee from the Neighbourhood Grants Panel meeting of 8 November 2010.

RESOLVED, that

- (1) members accept the attached minutes and content therein Appendix A with the inclusion of Mr Hamezeian's apologies;
- (2) members approve a Neighbourhood Grant of £1,000 to Mill Lane Day Opportunities Parents Carers Association;
- (3) members approve a Neighbourhood Grant of £1,000 to North Walney Tenants & Residents Association from all Neighbourhood Forum areas budgets;
- (4) members approve a Youth Grant of £1,000 to North Walney Tenants & Residents Association;
- (5) members approve a Neighbourhood Grant of £1,591 to Walney Churches Scout Group from all Neighbourhood Forum areas budgets;
- (6) members approve a Youth Grant of £909 to Walney Churches Scout Group;
- (7) members approve a Neighbourhood Grant of £1,000 to

Barrow & District Disability Association from all Neighbourhood Forum areas budgets;

- (8) members approve a Neighbourhood Grant of £1,000 to South Lakes Search & Rescue from all Neighbourhood Forum areas budgets;
- (9) members approve a Youth Grant of £640 to Islanders Dance Troupe;
- (10) members approve a Youth Grant of £1,500 to Instep School of Dance.

93. LOCAL CAPITAL SCHEMES

The Committee received a report from the Chief Executive which sought to commit elements of the Local Capital Scheme budget, including Members' proposals that had been sufficiently worked up, to enable the Local Committee to consider spending decisions. Mrs Burns urged members with any unallocated monies to purchase additional mobile alarms for victims of domestic violence. Mr Hamezeian wanted to make use of his funding to make Ormsgill reservoir accessible to wheelchairs and pushchairs. A member suggested that he get in touch with the probation office, to get the community payback team in to do the works.

RESOLVED, that

- (1) members agree a capital contribution of £1,285 towards the building of brick walls for planting areas for Rampside Village Hall, Roosecote ward for the Community Infrastructure Capital Programme;
- (2) members agree a capital contribution of £2,087 towards entrance doors for Roose Community Centre, Roosecote ward for the Community Infrastructure Capital Programme;
- (3) members agree a capital contribution of £750 for white bar markings on Holbeck Park Avenue, Cherry Tree Way and Pear Tree Bank, Roosecote ward for the Highways Infrastructure Programme;
- (4) members agree a capital contribution of £1,371 for Cumbria Constabulary to purchase 3 mobile alarms for victims of Domestic Violence, Roosecote ward for the Community Infrastructure Capital Programme;
- (5) members agree a capital contribution of £1,371 for Cumbria Constabulary to purchase 3 mobile alarms for victims of

- Domestic Violence, Hindpool ward for the Community Infrastructure Capital Programme;
- (6) members agree a capital contribution of £1,371 for Cumbria Constabulary to purchase 3 mobile alarms for victims of Domestic Violence, Newbarns ward for the Community Infrastructure Capital Programme;
 - (7) members agree a capital contribution of £1,371 for Cumbria Constabulary to purchase 3 mobile alarms for victims of Domestic Violence, Dalton South ward for the Community Infrastructure Capital Programme;
 - (8) members agree a capital contribution of £1,371 for Cumbria Constabulary to purchase 3 mobile alarms for victims of Domestic Violence, Dalton North ward for the Community Infrastructure Capital Programme;
 - (9) members agree a capital contribution of £4,600 for white bar markings on streets in Hawcoat ward for the Highways Infrastructure Programme;
 - (10) members agree a capital contribution of £8,773 for replacement lighting to improve lighting on Raglan Court and Fife Street, Risedale ward for the Highways Infrastructure Programme.

94. ORMSGILL TENANTS AND RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION - REQUEST FOR SUPPORT

The Committee received a report from the Chief Executive concerning the Ormsgill Library building on Millstone Avenue, Barrow which had been declared surplus to requirement by Cumbria County Council in April 2008. The report sought Members' approval to a request from the Ormsgill Residents and Tenants Association for a grant to help the Association meet the cost of the service charge from County Council.

RESOLVED, that

- (1) members approve a grant of £1,125 from the General Provisions Community Grants Budget for this financial year;
- (2) members agree in principal and subject to available funding, to provide further contributions from General Provisions over the next two years of £750 and £375 respectively.

95. BARROW TABLE TENNIS CENTRE

The committee received a report from the Chief Executive which updated members on the work of the Barrow Table Tennis Centre. It recommended that the Local Committee continue to subsidise rent for the Centre and supported efforts to retain a table tennis facility within the Furness Academy.

RESOLVED, that

- (1) the Local Committee continues to subsidise the rent of the Table Tennis Centre with a contribution of £4,667 from the 'Rent Subsidy to Community Groups' budget;
- (2) the Academy be advised that the Table Tennis Centre provides a valuable resource for the local community and that Local Committee wish to see this taken into consideration for future plans.

96. MONEY ADVICE CONTRACT LOCAL REPORTING

The Committee received a report from the Chief Executive which provided members with an update on the contract monitoring and performance of the countywide money advice service and detailed what had been delivered locally. The Barrow Citizens Advice Bureau (CAB) Manager explained that the service would be losing funding from United Utilities and the department for Business Innovation and Skills from March 2011. This would lead to a reduction in the service currently provided. Members were deeply concerned about the reduction in funding to CAB and given the amount of deprivation in Barrow it was a much needed service. Mrs Burns suggested that a report be submitted to Cabinet to enable them to consider a suitable response to the government on the funding cuts to the CAB in the county. The Chair hoped that work on the development of credit unions in the area would help a little.

RESOLVED, that members note the report.

97. NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITY

The Committee received a report from the Chief Executive which detailed the activity undertaken to date for the first, second and part third quarters for the year 2010/11. The Area Support Manager was pleased to report that the Neighbourhood Development Officer had been nominated for Employee of the Year, as a result of her work in the Barrow area. Mrs Burns congratulated her and thanked her for the fantastic work she had carried out over the past year. The Chair added that the Team were so good they had received a national award from North West 'Together We Can'.

RESOLVED, to note the content of the report and to continue to support Officers in the delivery of community engagement activity to assist in not only working towards the community engagement targets, linked to the LAA but meeting the needs of their communities.

98. STRONGER PERFORMANCE REPORT

The Committee received a report from the Chief Executive which addressed the outcomes under the County Council's 'Better' theme.

RESOLVED, that the report be noted.

99. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

The Committee received a report from the Chief Executive regarding the quarterly report on the Community Unit Community Development activity. Members wanted to congratulate the Community Development Officer on the 'Aiming High Project' in Barrow which was now being used as the benchmark for the rest of the county.

RESOLVED, that the report be noted.

100. MONITORING REPORT

The Committee received a report from the Chief Executive which gave details of the October/November Monitoring Report for Barrow Local Committee.

RESOLVED, that members note the content of the information contained within the report at Appendix A.

101. REPORTS FROM MEMBERS SERVING ON OUTSIDE BODIES

None for this meeting.

102. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next scheduled meeting of the Committee would take place on Monday 24 January 2011, venue to be arranged.

The meeting ended at 12.12 pm