

COUNTY COUNCIL LOCAL COMMITTEE FOR EDEN

Minutes of a Meeting of the County Council Local Committee for Eden held on Tuesday, 18 September 2018 at 10.30 am at Alston Town Hall, Front Street, Alston CA9 3RF

PRESENT:

Mr D Whipp (Chair)

Mrs PA Bell	Ms C Driver
Mrs HF Carrick	Miss HJ Fearon
Mr A Connell	Mr N Hughes
Mr P Dew (Vice-Chair)	Mr T Wentworth Waites

Also in Attendance:-

Mr N Butcher	-	Highways Network Manager (Eden)
Mr K Crawley	-	Traffic Management Team Leader (East)
Mrs J Currie	-	Senior Democratic Services Officer
Mr N Wright	-	Area Manager - Eden

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

44 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

45 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

There were no disclosures of interest on this occasion.

46 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

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

47 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no public questions, petitions or statements made at this meeting.

48 PRESENTATION - POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER

RESOLVED that, this item be deferred.

49 MINUTES

RESOLVED that, the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 30 July 2018 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

50 2018/19 HIGHWAYS BUDGET/PROGRAMME PROGRESS REPORT

Members had before them a report from the Executive Director – Economy and Infrastructure, which presented the Highways Revenue, Devolved Capital and Non-Devolved Capital Budget finance reports, combined with the highways programme progress information, as detailed in the attached appendices.

The original Highways Revenue budget allocation for 2018/19 is £746,009. Year to date actual spend and comments on programme progress are shown in Appendix 1 of the report.

One of the members asked for clarification on whether, as mentioned at the last Local Committee meeting, the funding from the Parking Services budget line had been transferred into the lines and signs budget, and whether there were plans in place to spend it.

The Highway Network Manager said the money had not yet been allocated to the signs and lines budget line of the local committee, but he confirmed there was a programme of delivery being progressed.

The Highway Network Manager would chase up the budget allocation with the Parking Manager.

The Local Member for Appleby asked officers if they had received an email from the Shining Stars Nursery in Appleby offering a contribution to a possible scheme for a footpath to the nursery. Members felt there were a number of schemes throughout Eden district which would benefit from being assessed and prioritised with 3rd party funding being a factor.

The Highway Network Manager confirmed he had not seen the email, and asked the local member to forward this on to him. He would investigate and respond to the nursery.

One of the members asked for clarification and further detail on the year to date actual figures in the report. The Highway Network Manager provided clarification, which then led to a discussion about the value of including this information in future updates to the committee.

Upon conclusion of the discussion it was **AGREED** that future reports, instead of year to date actuals, would include a red, amber, or green performance indicator.

RESOLVED that, Local Committee note the programme progress information shown in the appendices, attached to the report.

51 PENRITH TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER - VARIATION NO 2 - RESULTS OF THE STATUTORY CONSULTATION

Eden Local Committee considered a report from the Executive Director – Economy and Infrastructure which advised members of the representations received to the statutory consultation and advertisement of a variation to the current Penrith Traffic Regulation Order, namely to extend the Zone E Residents Permit Holders only parking into Wetheriggs Rise, Tyne Close Avenue and Tyne Close Terrace.

The report also advised them of the representations received to the statutory consultation and advertisement of the second variation, namely to amend the extent of existing and introduce new waiting restrictions on parts of Ash Road, Cherry Gardens, Great Dockray, Hawthorn Drive, Holme Riggs Avenue, Mayburgh Avenue, Netherend Road, Princes Street and Wetheriggs Lane Penrith, and extend the “Prohibition of Heavy Commercial Vehicles Over 7.5 tonnes maximum gross weight: Within the Control Area” to include the entire length of Carleton Hill Road Penrith which, for reasons of efficiency had now been combined with the Wetheriggs Rise Zone E extension.

Cumbria County Council had carried out a statutory consultation and advertisement on the following proposed changes to the current Penrith Traffic Regulation Order: -

- Zone E Extension

The Wetheriggs Rise area had seen an increase in on-street parking as a result of changes in the area including the New Squares Development, increased cost of parking at Penrith Rail station and changes in the way Ullswater Community College managed parking on their site.

Following concerns regarding inconsiderate parking it was proposed to introduce Residents Permit Holders only parking and associated waiting restrictions on Wetheriggs Rise, Tyne Close Avenue and Tyne Close Terrace.

The Traffic Management Team Leader advised members that two responses to these proposals had been received, details of which were discussed. Members noted the representations and confirmed that they supported the original proposals.

- Princes Street

Having received reports from residents and the local Member relating to inconsiderate parking causing obstruction to both vehicles and pedestrians on Princes Street and Great Dockray it was proposed to change part of the existing ‘No

Waiting 8am – 6pm’ restriction to a ‘No Waiting at Any Time’ restriction. No representations had been made in relation to the proposals.

- Wetheriggs Lane

Following concerns raised by residents and the bus company regarding inconsiderate parking at several junctions on Wetheriggs Lane it was proposing to introduce new ‘No Waiting at Any Time’ restrictions around three junctions on Wetheriggs Lane.

- Ash Road

Following concerns raised by the residents and the local Member regarding parked vehicles restricting visibility on Ash Road at its junction with Hawthorn Drive, it was proposed to introduce new ‘No Waiting at Any Time’ restrictions.

There had also been safety concerns relating to parking adjacent to the buildout near the Cherry Gardens junction. It was proposed to introduce new ‘No Waiting at Any Time’ restrictions on both sides of the road at the Ash Road/Cherry Gardens junction.

- Pategill Road

Both the Town Bus operator and residents had raised concerns regarding inconsiderate parking on Pategill Road causing obstruction to large vehicles in the vicinity of the Carleton Drive access. The proposal was to introduce new ‘No Waiting Monday-Saturday 8am – 4pm’ restrictions. No representations had been made to the proposals.

- Carleton Hill Road

Following concerns received from residents and the local Member regarding large vehicles using Carleton Hill Road, a narrow single track road in places, to travel between the A686 and Beacon Edge it was proposed to introduce a new 7.5t weight restriction.

Members were full in support of all of the proposals, and it was therefore

RESOLVED that, having taken into account the comments and objections which were received and having also taken into consideration the matters contained in section 122(2) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 which are specifically referred to at paragraph 7.2 of this Report members agree to introduce “The County of Cumbria (Various Roads, Penrith)(Consolidation and Provision of Traffic Regulations) (Order 2017) Variation (No. 2) Order 20><”, (“the Variation Order”) as advertised.

52 AREA MANAGER'S REPORT - EDEN

Members considered a report from the Executive Director – Corporate, Customer and Community Services which brought together information from across the Community teams including Community Development and Services, Public Health and Waste Prevention. The report provided the members with an update on the work of each area, identified activity against priorities, highlights current issues and provides an overview of the budget position.

The Area Manager took members through the report.

The Area Manager specifically highlighted that at the Rural Issues Working Group held on 24 July it had been said that the Rural Issues Working Group would benefit from an additional member to ensure a full complement of 3 members for occasions when all current members were unable to attend. As the Chairman of the Local Committee was invited to sit on the Penrith Member Working Group, it was proposed that the vice-Chairman be invited to join the Rural Issues Working Group. Members supported this proposal.

The Area Manager detailed a grant application received from Langwathby Parish Council to refurbish the Children's playground at Edenhall. The scheme was a worthwhile project and members appreciated the match-funding efforts made by the Parish Council. Local Committee were asked to agree an allocation of £1,920 from the 0-19 Services budget.

One of the members asked whether the proposed costs and the grant amount requested was inclusive or exclusive of VAT. The total cost quoted may include VAT which would be reclaimable by the PC so that the net cost would be less. If VAT was reclaimed members felt the grant amount should be reduced so that the proportion/percentage stayed the same. The Area Manager was unable to confirm this and would seek an answer for members.

A grant application had also been received from Penrith AFC Juniors for the purchase of a range of football equipment. Local Committee was asked to agree an allocation of £3,500 from the 0-19 Services budget.

The Local Member for Alston asked whether the Rural Issues Group had considered the implications of the findings of the trials taking place in the south of the county in relation to Community Transport. The Area Manager said the implications had not yet been considered by the working group, but he confirmed they would be.

The Chair raised the issue of the removal of newspapers from public libraries referred to in paragraph 4.12 of the report. He was against all proposals which would diminish the library service. Members were also disappointed that none of the local elected members had been informed or consulted on this decision before it was taken. Members felt this was a very small financial saving for a big social loss.

Members asked if decision could be scrutinised by the relevant Scrutiny Panel for investigation. The Chair of the Communities and Place Scrutiny Advisory Board **AGREED** to take this suggestion forward for consideration.

The Chair also suggested that the issue of diminishing library services should be discussed at an Eden Area Planning session. This was **AGREED**.

The Local Member for Eden Lakes asked members to note that the balance in his community grant budget was incorrect, and should be £424. The Area Manager was he would investigate this.

RESOLVED that, members

- (1) note the budget allocations for 2018-19 and the commitments and expenditure recorded to date;
- (2) note the provisional unallocated resources in the 2018/19 Communities Revenue Budget of £75,178 as at 31 July 2018;
- (3) agree to vire £79 from General Provision to the Community Waste Prevention Grant Fund to clear the slight overspend;
- (4) agree that the Vice-Chairman of the committee be invited to join the Rural Issues Working Group;
- (5) agree a grant allocation of up to £1,920, subject to clarification of the VAT query, from the 0-19 Services budget for Langwathby Parish Council to refurbish the Children's playground at Edenhall;
- (6) agree a grant allocation of £3,500 from the 0-19 Services budget for Penrith AFC Juniors for the purchase of a range of football equipment;
- (7) note the area working update highlighted in the report.

Miss HJ Fearon left the meeting at this point.

53 ACTION LOG

In considering the outstanding actions it was **AGREED** that the following items be removed from the list:-

- 30 July 2018 Minute 35 – figures for enforcement in rural divisions
- 30 July 2018 Minute 35 – effectiveness of Parking Teams in Eden
- 30 July 2018 Minute 36 - Motherby traffic calming action completed
- 30 July 2018 Minute 37 – Finger posts completed
- 30 July 2018 Minute 38 – Rural Issues Working Group action completed

54 UPDATE FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES

There were no updates given to this meeting.

55 DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on 31 October 2018 at Cumbria LEP Building, Redhills, Penrith at 10.30am

The meeting ended at 11.50 am