

## COUNTY COUNCIL LOCAL COMMITTEE FOR CARLISLE

Minutes of a Meeting of the County Council Local Committee for Carlisle held on Tuesday, 13 November 2018 at 10.00 am at Conference Room A/B, Cumbria House, Botchergate, Carlisle, CA1 1RD

### PRESENT:

Mr C Weber (Chair)

Mr T Allison	Dr S Haraldsen
Mr J Bell	Dr K Lockney
Mrs C Bowditch	Mrs EA Mallinson
Ms D Earl	Mr A McGuckin
Mr GM Ellis	Mrs V Tarbitt
Mr LN Fisher	Mr R Watson
Mr W Graham	Mr SF Young

### Also in Attendance:-

Mr K Crawley	-	Traffic Management Team Leader (East)
Mrs L Harker	-	Senior Democratic Services Officer
Mr N McNulty	-	Community Development Officer
Mr P Musgrave	-	Area Manager (Carlisle)
Mr G Scott	-	Highway Network Manager

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

#### 48 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Mr R Betton, Mr J Mallinson and Mr N Marriner.

#### 49 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

Mrs EA Mallinson declared a personal and prejudicial interest in agenda item 8 – Highways and Transportation Working Group (minute 55 refers) as she was a resident of Wordsworth Court, Carlisle and took no part in the discussion.

#### 50 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

**RESOLVED,** that the press and public be not excluded from the meeting for any items of business on this occasion.

## **51 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

There were no public questions, statements or petitions to be considered at this meeting.

## **52 MINUTES**

- (1) Mrs V Tarbitt be added to the list of members present.
- (2) With reference to minute 41 – Community Budget and Finance Statement it was agreed that the following words should be added to resolution (10) a contribution '**of £4,000**' be made to Carlisle Christmas lights .....

**RESOLVED**, that with inclusion of the above amendments the minutes of the meeting of the Local Committee held on 13 September 2018 be confirmed as circulated and thereupon signed by the Chair.

## **53 COMMUNITY BUDGET AND FINANCE STATEMENT**

The Committee considered a report from the Executive Director – Corporate, Customer and Community Services which provided members with recommendations for grants and asked the Local Committee to consider, note and approve recommendations in respect of:-

- Budget commitments
- Grant allocations from the recommendations of its Strategic Grants Panel
- Other relevant matters relating to Area Planning.

Members had previously agreed that the new approach to Area Planning should be evidence based, inclusive and attempt to make the best of the assets at the Council's disposal. It was noted that Brampton had been suggested as a potential area to examine how an area planning approach to assets and services, using asset based community development, could work together to redesign services in the area. It was explained that a technical officer group had been established to take the work forward and this would also form part of the next area planning event for members.

The local Member for Yewdale thanked the Grants Panel for considering the late application from Yewdale Community Centre (Nursery) following an incident at the premises. He explained to the Committee that the agreed amount would be a contribution towards the cost of new fencing which would make the Centre more secure and enable the nursery to re-open.

**RESOLVED,** that

- (1) the commitments made and the remaining balances within the delegated budgets (as detailed in Appendix 1 of the report) be noted;
- (2) the allocation of the following grants from the General Provision budget be approved:-
  - (a) £1,000 to Burgh by Sands Parish Council towards costs of installing a Speed Indicator Device;
  - (b) £1,000 to Beaumont Parish Council towards costs of installing a Speed Indicator Device;
  - (c) £3,450 to Yewdale Community Centre (Nursery) towards the costs of fencing;
  - (d) £2,400 to Period Poverty North Cumbria towards the cost of developing a community based pilot project;
- (3) a grant of £1,500 awarded to Invisible Women be decommitted;
- (4) the allocation of £750 from the 0-19 Community Grants budget to Harraby Catholic Club (U7s) towards the costs of training equipment be approved.

#### **54 2018/19 HIGHWAYS BUDGET/PROGRAMME PROGRESS REPORT**

Members received 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.

The local Member for Brampton passed on thanks from a member of the Parish Council regarding resurfacing work which had recently been undertaken in the Milton area.

**RESOLVED,** that the following be noted:-

- (1) the revenue and capital budget allocations for 2018/19 and the commitments and expenditure (as detailed in Appendices 1, 2 and 3 of the report);
- (2) the programme progress information (referred to in Appendices 1 and 2 of the report);

- (3) the Highways Revenue budget has been split using against various budget headings.

## **55 HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORT WORKING GROUP**

The Committee considered a report from the Executive Director – Environment and Infrastructure which gave details of the meeting of the Highways and Transport Working Group held on 11 October 2018 and presented their recommendations for approval.

### **(1) Minutes**

**RESOLVED,** that the minutes be noted.

### **(2) 2018/19 Highways Budget/Programme Progress Report**

**RESOLVED,** that the following be noted:-

- (a) the revenue and capital budget allocations for 2018/19 and the commitments and expenditure recorded in the report (attached as Appendix 2 in the report);
- (b) the programme progress information (referred to in the report attached as Appendix 2);
- (c) the Highways Revenue budget has been split for use against various budget headings (detailed in the report attached as Appendix 2).

### **(3) A595 Peter Lane to Thursby Roundabout – Existing National Speed Limit: Proposal to Reduce to 50MPH Speed Limit**

A detailed discussion took place regarding the recommendations to Local Committee and members noted that part of the length of the A595 in question fell under the control of the Allerdale Local Committee area, therefore, would also need to be considered by them.

The local Member for Dalston and Burgh emphasised his concerns regarding the length of highway in question and highlighted the need for traffic calming measures to be undertaken.

The local Member for Yewdale drew attention to the Background details in the report and felt there was a suggestion from the independent road safety study undertaken that no changes were required. The Highway Network Manager explained that the study had recommended that consideration should be given to the reduction of the speed limit down to 50 mph, highlighting that following consultation future recommendations may differ from those at present. A discussion then took place regarding the cost of the works to be undertaken and it was confirmed the budget

allocation of £45,000 was required from Carlisle Local Committee's budget with additional funding being provided by Allerdale Local Committee.

During the course of discussion the Committee were informed that Allerdale Local Committee had met the previous week and had agreed not to proceed with the recommendations, therefore, it was

**RESOLVED,**

- (a) not to proceed to statutory consultation and advertisement to introduce a 50mph speed limit on the A595 between the District Boundary at Nealhouse and Peter Lane Roundabout, a distance of approximately 2.50 miles (as shown on the plan in the report attached as appendix 3);
- (b) that a further report be considered at the next meeting of the Highways and Transport Working Group to determine how to proceed.

**(4) Proposed Advisory Disabled Parking Bays – Linden Terrace and Blencarn Park, Carlisle**

**RESOLVED,** that the advisory disabled parking bays (as detailed in the report attached as Appendix 4) are not introduced.

**(5) Carlisle Traffic Regulation Order – Variation 2018-19**

The local Member for Belle Vue raised her concerns regarding the proposed variation at the junction of Thomas Lane and Marconi Road highlighting the potential parking difficulties this could cause for local residents. The Highway Network Manager explained that any unresolved representations received at the end of the statutory advertisement and consultation process to the proposals would be reported back to the Local Committee through the Working Group for determination

**RESOLVED,** that

- (a) the statutory consultation and advertisement commences for a number of variations to The County of Cumbria (Various Roads, Carlisle Urban and Rural Area) (Consolidation and Minor Amendment of Traffic Regulations) Order 2001 (the TRO) (detailed below and shown on the plans attached to the report attached as appendix 5):
  - (i) Marconi Road – Extension of existing No Waiting At Any Time restriction at the junction of Thomas Lane and Marconi Road;
  - (ii) Eden Park Crescent – Introduce No Waiting At Any Time restrictions at the junction of Victoria Road/Eden Park Crescent;

- (iii) Currock Road – Introduce No Waiting At Any Time restrictions at the junction of Currock Road Trade Centre/Currock Road;
  - (iv) Austin Court – Introduce No Waiting At Any Time restrictions at the junction of Austin’s Court/Etterby Road and Wordsworth Court / Etterby Road;
  - (v) Lancaster Street – Introduce No Waiting At Any Time restrictions at the accesses of the business units on Lancaster Street;
  - (vi) Thornton Court – Introduce No Waiting At Any Time restrictions at the junction of Thornton Court/Thornton Road;
  - (vii) Langrigg Road – Introduce “School Keep Clear” markings on Langrigg Road at Newlaites School;
  - (viii) St Aidan’s Road – remove the existing Disc Parking bays and replace them with No Waiting At Any Time restrictions on the south-east side of the road;
  - (ix) Broad Street Play Area – introduce No Waiting At Any Time restrictions to the side lanes of Broad Street, Petteril Street and River Street and introduce No Waiting (Single Yellow Lines), ie “No Waiting, 8 am–6 pm, Monday to Friday”, in the rear lanes of Broad Street, Petteril Street and River Street which surround the play area;
- (b) any unresolved representations received at the end of the statutory advertisement and consultation process to the proposals (specified in paragraph 3.4(1) of the report) be reported back through the Local Committee process through the Working Group for determination;
- (c) in the absence of any such representations being received the variations to the TRO (specified in paragraph 3.4(1) of the report) be brought into operation as advertised, having taken into consideration the matters contained in Section 122(2) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (more specifically referred to in paragraph 7.2 of the report attached as appendix 5).

**(6) Weed Management Update Report**

**RESOLVED,** that

- (a) the report be noted;
- (b) all of the proposed improvements to the Weed Management Strategy be agreed as follows:-
  - (i) undertaking the first weed spraying application earlier;
  - (ii) limiting the speed of the application (or guaranteeing a spread rate);
  - (iii) co-ordinating activity with City Council street cleaning;
  - (iv) use of weed killer in City Council street cleaning dust suppression systems;
  - (v) the physical removal of larger weeds;
  - (vi) additional back pack mounted spraying in some areas;
  - (vii) removal of detritus from areas where weeds can self-germinate and grow;
  - (viii) a second full and timely weed treatment.

**(7) Tree Management Update Report**

The local Member for the Castle Division welcomed the initial update report and whilst acknowledging the positive environmental impact of trees highlighted the problems which could develop and the long-term maintenance costs.

The local Member for Stanwix Urban, whilst acknowledging maintenance costs, raised a concern regarding the reduction in trees and made a request for a programme of works to pollard certain types of trees.

The Leader raised a concern regarding the high number of works listed in the prioritised work table and officers agreed the figures in the report were misleading and would circulate revised information.

The local Member for Corby and Hayton raised a concern regarding the remains of a felled tree which had been left on Little Corby Road and the Highway Network Manager agreed to investigate this matter.

**RESOLVED,** that

- (a) the report be noted;

- (b) all long-term maintenance strategy options be considered further, namely:-
  - (i) reducing the total number of trees;
  - (ii) undertaking a tree replacement programme;
  - (iii) increasing the tree maintenance budget;
  - (iv) undertaking some informal consultation with the public;
- (c) a further report be made to a future meeting of the Highways and Transport Working Group.

**(8) Priority of Highway Works**

**RESOLVED,** that the report be noted.

**56 NOMINATION OF GOVERNORS FOR NURSERY, PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS**

The Local Committee considered a schedule of recommendations for the nomination of County Council representatives on the governing bodies of county, nursery, primary and secondary schools. There were no nominations put forward for the schools listed.

The individual local members raised issues regarding governor vacancies at Warwick Bridge Primary School, Lees Hill School and Bewcastle School and the Area Manager agreed to investigate those and report back direct.

**57 CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORKING GROUP**

The Committee considered a report from the Executive Director – Corporate, Customer and Community Services which updated members on the development of the new Children and Young People's Working Group. It was noted that a nomination to the Working Group from the Liberal Democrat/Independent members was still outstanding.

Members noted that the Working Group had a potentially wide remit if it was to consider all aspects of work relating to 0-19 year olds across the city. It was explained that the Terms of Reference would take this into account and working on key priorities would better define what work it will undertake. The Committee noted that following suggested areas for future discussion:-

- Developing priorities and clearer criteria for how the 0-19 year old grants can be used which would greater inform and guide the Grant Panel and officers in making recommendations.
- The Working Group to consider regular Universal Youth Provision developments before they are reported to Local Committee.

- Involve and engage young people in identifying their priorities. An example of this is in Appendix B which shows a County wide survey of young people as part of the 'Making Your Mark' project.
- Informing Local Committee in the development of its Area plans to ensure that priorities for children and young people are identified within the area plan development process. Monitor the delivery of any children and young people specific area plan developments.
- Local Committee would also be able to use the Working Group to look at priorities/issues as necessary.

A detailed discussion took place regarding the countywide survey of young people as part of the 'Making Your Mark' project which had been undertaken. Members emphasised the need to consider the top priorities of young people in north of the county to enable them to direct resources at what young people wanted. The low prioritisation of 'Support Youth Services' was highlighted as a need for consideration taking into account the amount of funding allocated to that service.

A discussion then took place regarding the 'Equal Pay and Equal Work' issue and it was suggested that this should be considered further by the Working Group with the possibility of this also being discussed countywide with the relevant Cabinet Portfolio Holder and the Children and Young People's Scrutiny Advisory Board.

The local Member for Yewdale suggested that a representative from the YMCA attend a future meeting of the Local Committee to discuss the outcomes of the survey. It was agreed this should initially form part of a future meeting of the Working Group.

The local Member for Denton Holme requested further information regarding the involvement of the wider age-range and how engagement took place with those young people who were not in education. The Community Development Officer agreed to investigate this and report back.

Mrs EA Mallinson, Chair of the Working Group, agreed to include the matters raised above at their next meeting.

**RESOLVED,** that

- (1) the Children and Young People's Working Group draft Terms of Reference be approved;
- (2) the members of the Working Group consider the suggestions noted above.

## **58 MEMBER CHAMPION UPDATES**

### **(a) Children Leaving Care**

The Committee received an update from Mrs EA Mallinson. Members noted revised regulations were awaited with regards to young people leaving care and the Committee would be kept updated.

### **(b) Autism Champion**

Members received an update from Mrs C Bowditch who had been involved in various issues relating to autism. The Committee were informed that Carlisle Library was developing strategies to increase accessibility. It was explained that a large area of the work included developing a sensory room in a vacant space within the Library which would be appropriate for all ages. Members noted that the Library was working on the criteria to gain the Autism Friendly Award through the National Autism Society. A further proposal was highlighted which included a 'safe' space for use by families affected by autism who were accessing the city centre/Lanes Shopping Centre. Mrs Bowditch highlighted that she was making links with retailers and cafés in the Lanes and city centre to raise awareness of a fairer society for people with autism.

The Committee noted that all the county Autism Champions were considering a visit to Sellafield to find out further information regarding their support project which recognised that large organisations had employees who had links or were living with autism.

Members were informed that the provision of an advocate/responsible person for victims of hate crime was still being investigated by Cumbria Police Authority.

In conclusion, Niall McNulty, Community Development Officer, was thanked for his support.

### **(c) Armed Forces Champion**

Mrs V Tarbitt updated the Committee on her role as the Armed Forces Champion. Members were informed that the role had recently become much more of a Civic responsibility.

Members noted the Champion's involvement in the commemorative ceremonies around marking the 100th anniversary of the end of WW1 which included an invitation to the opening ceremony of 'This Day in 1918' at Carlisle Castle, laying of a wreath at both Longtown's Remembrance Service and the County Ceremony in Rickerby Park and an invitation to Curry Lunch at The Museum of Military Life hosted by The Duke of Lancaster's Regiment.

Members noted that Mrs Tarbitt would ensure that those agencies who supported the Armed Forces were reminded that Cumbria County Council did believe that in signing the Armed Forces Covenant the Authority would continue to support members of the Armed Forces, Veterans and their families.

## **59 LOCAL COMMITTEE CHAIRS AND LEADERSHIP MEETING**

The possible introduction of on-street parking was raised and members were informed this would be considered by a meeting of full County Council on 15 November.

**RESOLVED,** that the minutes of the Leadership and Local Committee Chairs meeting held on 9 July 2018 be received.

## **60 LOCAL COMMITTEE FOR CARLISLE - FORWARD PLAN**

The current Forward Plan of business for future meetings of the Local Committee was noted.

## **61 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

**RESOLVED,** that the next scheduled meeting will take place on Wednesday 9 January 2019 at 10.00 am at Cumbria House, Botchergate, Carlisle.

The meeting ended at 11.00 am