

## **COUNTY COUNCIL LOCAL COMMITTEE FOR CARLISLE**

Minutes of a Meeting of the County Council Local Committee for Carlisle held on Monday, 19 July 2021 at 2.00 pm at Conference Room A/B, Cumbria House, Botchergate, Carlisle, CA1 1RD

### **PRESENT:**

Mr C Weber (Chair)

Mr T Allison	Mr J Mallinson (Vice-Chair)
Mr J Bell	Mr NH Marriner
Mr RW Betton	Mr M Mitchelson
Mrs C Bowditch	Mrs V Tarbitt
Ms D Earl	Mr R Watson
Mr GM Ellis	Mr SF Young
Mrs EA Mallinson	

### **Also in Attendance:-**

Mr K Crawley	- Traffic Management Team Leader Carlisle
Mrs L Harker	- Senior Democratic Services Officer
Ms A Hutson	- Local Area Highways Network Manager - Carlisle
Mr P Musgrave	- Area Manager - Carlisle

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

#### **1 ELECTION OF CHAIR**

**RESOLVED,** that Mr C Weber be appointed Chair of the Local Committee for the ensuing year.

Mr Weber thereupon took the Chair.

#### **2 ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIR**

**RESOLVED,** that Mr J Mallinson be appointed Vice-Chair of the Local Committee for the ensuing year.

### **3 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Dr S Haraldsen, Ms K Lockney and Mr A McGuckin.

### **4 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST**

There were no disclosures of interest on this occasion.

### **5 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.

### **6 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

- (1) The petition regarding the junction of Dykes Terrace and Brampton Road, Carlisle was withdrawn from this meeting following discussions between the petitioner and Local Highways Network Manager.
- (2) There are no public questions or statements to be considered at this meeting.

### **7 MINUTES**

With reference to minute 76 – Minutes it was agreed to include that the local Member for Botcherby did not agree the minutes of the meeting held on 1 March 2021.

**RESOLVED**, that with the inclusion of the above amendment the minutes of the meeting of the Local Committee held on 1 March 2021 be confirmed as circulated and thereupon signed by the Chair.

### **8 AREA PLANNING REPORT**

Members received a report from the Executive Director – Corporate, Customer and Community Services which provided members with recommendations and matters to note relating to budget commitments, grant allocations from the recommendations of its Strategic Grants Panel and other relevant matters relating to area planning.

The local Member for Dalston and Burgh expressed his appreciation for the works which had been undertaken in his Division.

A discussion took place regarding the 'Blank Wall Assassins Project' and members emphasised this was the positive outcome of both members and officers working jointly with Carlisle City Council. It was agreed the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Local Committee should be consulted on any artwork to be displayed.

**RESOLVED**, that

- (1) the commitments made and the remaining balances within delegated budgets and notes the grants (as detailed in Appendix 1 of the report) be noted;
- (2) the following grants made from Area Planning funding be agreed:-
  - (a) £6,400 to Cumbria Family Support towards a pilot project "Family Support –Covid Recovery" (as described in Appendix 2);
  - (b) £5,972 to Carlisle and Eden Citizens Advice towards the costs of an Employment Adviser and a worker to support the virtual team (detailed in Appendix 3 of the report);
- (3) the following grants from the 0-19 grants fund be noted:-
  - (a) £1,500 to Wetheral Cricket Club towards a new netting area to support the young people in Wetheral to take up Cricket;
  - (b) £450 to Morton Community Centre towards Summer Holiday Activities (from earmarked 0-19 holiday activities);
  - (c) £3,000 to Longtown Community Centre towards Summer Evening Activities targeting young teenagers in the Longtown (from earmarked 0-19 holiday activities);
- (4) grants of £12,000 from its DWP Winter Grants Fund as listed below be noted:-
  - (a) £2,500 to Carlisle Key towards supporting the charity to pay for utility bills and food costs, including food for cooking workshops;
  - (b) £700 to Elim Community Church (Oasis Food Pantry) towards supporting people who are in most need of accessing food, but who would not qualify for the Food Bank service of free food;

- (c) £5,000 to Carlisle Community Help Group towards helping the group become more sustainable, this funding will help them to keep the service going whilst they reach out and look for other funding;
- (d) £3,800 to Carlisle Food Bank towards food costs for core and/or emergency supplies to vulnerable people of all ages;
- (5) the schedule of works and budgets associated with the Contain Outbreak Management Fund to improve outdoor spaces and hold area based events and activities (attached at appendices 4 and 5 of the report) be approved;
- (6) Councillor Mike Mitchelson be nominated to the Committee of Brampton and Beyond Community Association (as outlined in para 4.9 of the report);
- (7) the Chair of Local Committee be nominated as its representative on the St Cuthbert's Garden Village Member Advisory Group (as outlined in paragraph 4.10 of the report);
- (8) the Chair of Local Committee be nominated as its representative on the Project Tullie Board.

## **9 2021/22 HIGHWAYS BUDGET/PROGRAMME PROGRESS REPORT**

The Committee considered 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.

Members were informed of the budget allocations for 2021/22 noting the Highways Revenue budget was £1,438,010, Devolved Highways Capital budget of £2,465,000 and the Non-devolved Highways Capital budget being £1,809,000.

The local Member for Botcherby asked that the Warwick Road scheme be included in future reports. The Local Area Highways Network Manager explained that the Authority was awaiting information from Lidl to allow them to co-ordinate and design the scheme and confirmed that upon receipt of this the scheme would be included in the programme progress report.

The local Member for Stanwix Urban thanked officers for the work which had been undertaken on Brampton Road.

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

- (1) the programme progress information (shown in Appendices 4 and 5 of the report);

- (2) the various Highways Revenue budget allocations and headings (as detailed in Appendix 1 of the report);
- (3) the various Highways Capital budget allocations and headings (as shown in Appendix 2 of the report).

## **10 HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORT WORKING GROUP**

Members considered a report from the Executive Director – Economy and Infrastructure which gave details of the meetings of the Highways and Transport Working Group held on 6 April and 15 June 2021 and presented recommendations to the Local Committee for approval.

### **a 6 April 2021**

#### **(1) Minutes**

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

#### **(2) 2020/21 Highway Projects Update Report**

**RESOLVED**, that

- (a) the report be noted;
- (b) that the Chair and Vice-Chair of Carlisle Local Committee together the local Member be notified of major planning applications.

#### **(3) Zone E Parking Review: Statutory Consultation Variation 61**

**RESOLVED**, that

- (a) the representations which have been received during the statutory consultation and advertisement of The County of Cumbria (Various Roads, Carlisle Urban and Rural Area) (Consolidation and Minor Amendment of Traffic Regulations) (Order 2001) Variation Order (No. 61) 20>< (“the Order”), be considered and:-
  - (i) agree to the introduction of the Order, as advertised, except for the following:-

(A) **Brookside Place**

Proposals to introduce disc parking restrictions on Brookside Place

(Brookside Place will not therefore be part of the Zone E parking zone);

(B) **Kendal Street**

Proposals to introduce No Waiting At Any Time restrictions on the south west side of Kendal Street;

(This area would remain subject to the 2 hour disc parking waiting restrictions);

(C) **Introduction of 1 Hour Waiting Restrictions**

Proposals to introduce 1 hour disc parking waiting restrictions on Duke Street, Hawick Street, Kendal Street, Morton Street, Newcastle Street, Potters Place, Rigg Street, Silloth Street, Wigton Road (part of 1 to 11) and York Street;

(These would remain subject to the 2 hour disc parking waiting restrictions).

(4) **Draft Carlisle Revenue Budget 2021/22**

**RESOLVED**, that the draft 2021/2022 Devolved Highways Revenue Maintenance budget allocations for 2021/2022 (as detailed in Appendix 1 of the report) be agreed and kept under review.

(5) **Draft Carlisle Capital Budget 2021/22**

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

- (a) the proposed budget allocations and that the Highways Draft Capital budget allocations for 2021/2022 (as detailed in Appendix 1 of the report) be kept under review;
- (b) the proposed schemes and the proposed schemes being delivered under the proposed budget allocations (attached as Appendix 2 to the report).

**(6) 2020/21 Highways Budget/Programme Progress Report**

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

- (a) the Revenue and Capital budget allocations for 2020/21 and the commitments and expenditure (as detailed in Appendices 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 of the report);
- (b) the programme progress information (shown in Appendices 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 of the report);
- (c) the Highways Revenue budget has been split for use against various budget headings (as detailed in Appendix 1 of the report);
- (d) the devolved Capital and Additional Devolved Capital budgets have been split for use against various budget headings. (referred to in Appendices 2 and 4 of the report);
- (e) the schemes that cannot be delivered in 2020/21 are transferred into 2021/22 (as detailed in Appendices 1-5 of the report).

**(7) Carlisle City Council – Notice of Variation of Car Park Charges**

**RESOLVED**, that it be noted that Carlisle City Council are proposing to make changes to the fees and charges within “The City of Carlisle (Off Street Parking Places Consolidation and Minor Amendment Variation Pay by Telephone) Order 2012 as amended” (as set out in the Notice attached as Appendix 1 of the report).

**b 15 June 2021**

**(1) Minutes**

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

**(2) 2021/22 Flood Development Management Update**

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

**(3) Safer Schools – School Streets Initiative**

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

#### (4) **2021/22 Highways Budget/Programme Progress Report**

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

- (a) the Programme progress information (as shown in Appendices 4 and 5 of the report);
- (b) the various Highways Revenue budget allocations and headings (detailed in Appendix 1 of the report to);
- (c) the various Highways Capital budget allocations and headings (detailed in Appendix 2 of the report);
- (d) there are no comments in the Appendices to bring to the attention of Local Members. Any significant comments, changes and/or amendments will be highlighted here in subsequent and future reports to the Highways and Transport Working Group.

### **11 MEMBER CHAMPION UPDATES**

#### **a Children in Care Council Champion**

Members received a verbal update from Elizabeth Mallinson informing the Committee of positive virtual Children in Care Local Forum meetings. It was also noted that Deborah Earl and herself had been involved with the Holiday Activity Fund which had included Looked after Children.

The Committee noted that the Access Cards for Leisure scheme was currently on hold due to the pandemic but it was anticipated this would be moved forward in the future.

In conclusion, members were informed there was a significant amount of positive work currently being undertaken.

#### **b Autism Champion**

Members received an update from Christine Bowditch which outlined the problems which had been experienced by people with autism and their carers during the current pandemic. It was noted that she had continued to meet with individuals in an outdoor space to discuss the issues surrounding their lives and the emotional cost of managing an autistic child as well as looking to the future.

The Local Committee was informed that the Autism Act 2011 placed a statutory responsibility on the Department of Health to publish an Autism Strategy every seven years which had been significantly constrained due to the pandemic but explained that an approved publication of an Interim Autism Strategy had been published.



Members were informed that the introduction of a duty to provide adequate community services by councils, NHS England and local health decision-makers to provide enough services for autistic people in their area would be very much welcomed by autistic people and their families and carers. It was suggested this could include mental health services, better supported housing and more social groups to prevent autistic people becoming isolated and developing mental health problems.

The Local Committee noted that following a survey in 2019 it had been reported that more than two in three autistic adults in England did not receive the support they needed; only 14% felt there was enough mental health services in their area and 50% of parents said that their child had to wait for more than a year to receive support at school.

Members were informed that currently the law allowed for people to be admitted to mental health hospitals because they were autistic but it was felt that the proposals to change the law should minimise this.

The Local Committee welcomed the potential holiday support which was being put in place and supported by the County Council.

#### **c Armed Forces Champion**

The Committee received a verbal update from Val Tarbitt who welcomed the Veterans' Breakfast Club resuming and work beginning on the allotments at Heathlands following the relaxation of restrictions during the pandemic.

The Chair thanked the Member Champions for their respective update.

## **12 LOCAL COMMITTEE CHAIRS AND LEADERSHIP MEETINGS**

**RESOLVED**, that the minutes of the Local Committee Chairs and Leadership meetings held on 29 January and 27 April 2021 be noted.

The Leader gave an update from a meeting of the Local Committee Chairs and Leadership which had taken place on 5 July. He explained that an enhanced roll had been discussed which could mean that, where appropriate, matters such as local funding and schemes throughout the county would be devolved to local committees. Members noted this would be considered further at the full County Council meeting in September.

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

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

**14 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

**RESOLVED**, that the next scheduled meeting will take place on Monday 13 September 2021 at 10.00 am at Cumbria House, Botchergate, Carlisle.

The meeting ended at 2.30 pm