

## NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY COUNCIL

### CRAMLINGTON, BEDLINGTON AND SEATON VALLEY LOCAL AREA COUNCIL

At a meeting of the **Cramlington, Bedlington and Seaton Valley Local Area Council** held in The Community Room, Concordia Leisure Centre, Forum Way, Cramlington, Northumberland, NE23 6YP on Tuesday, 19 February 2019 at 4:00 pm.

#### PRESENT

Councillor C Dunbar  
(Chair, in the Chair)

#### MEMBERS

W Crosby  
W Daley  
S Dungworth  
B Flux

A Hepple  
M Robinson  
M D Swinburn  
I C F Swithenbank

#### OFFICERS

H Bowers  
D Fraser

Democratic Services Officer  
Programme Officer (Highway  
Delivery)

J Sanderson

Senior Planning Manager - Planning  
Policy

#### ALSO PRESENT

Public: 10

#### 76. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Richards and Wallace.

#### 77. MINUTES

**RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting of the Cramlington, Bedlington and Seaton Valley Local Area Council held on Wednesday, 23 January 2019, as circulated, be confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chair.

A Member referred to the last bullet point on page 5 and commented that the roundabout referred to was Westmorland roundabout.

## **78. COUNCILLOR BERNARD PIDCOCK**

The Chair requested a minute's silence in memory of Councillor Bernard Pidcock, who had recently passed away.

## **REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF PLACE**

### **79. Local Transport Plan Programme 2019/20**

The report set out the detail of the draft Local Transport Plan (LTP) programme for 2019-20 for consideration and comment by the Local Area Council prior to final approval of the programme. (Report enclosed with the official minutes at Appendix C.)

The Programme Officer (Highways Maintenance) highlighted the following points:

- The grant allocation from the Department of Transport was expected to be £18.6 million based on indicative settlement figures and was expected to be confirmed by 32 March 2019.
- The programme was broadly split into 2 parts:
  - Integrated transport consisted of minor improvements and safety schemes.
  - Highway capital maintenance - the majority of which was aimed at addressing the structural decline of the road network.
- Feedback was requested from the Committee and Parish and Town Councils

The following comments were made:

- The outstanding 20 mph zones in school areas
- There were no priorities in the plan for schemes in Seaton Valley, eg the Pegasus Crossing on The Avenue; pedestrian crossing at St. Ronans Drive; 20 mph zones in Wheatridge Estate
- The Plan referred to most A roads in the north and the west of the county with very little in the south east
- Members should have had sight of the LTP programme earlier;
- There were no plans for micro surface dressing in most estates in Cramlington
- Officers were thanked for the repairs in Nelson Avenue
- A Member had repeatedly asked for repairs on Blagdon Terrace which was not included in the Plan
- Consultation had still not taken place for school traffic in West Bedlington which had been asked for last year
- The Schemes should be re-visited
- The roundabout at Broad Oaks Estate, Bedlington

- The extent of repairs on Station Road, Stannington

With regards to the comments regarding the schemes in Seaton Valley, it was advised that the Pegasus crossing on The Avenue had been included in the LTP but a PV2 survey was required and phase 1 would be carried out if it met the criteria. With regard to the 20 mph on all residential housing estates, priority would be given to any estates where schools are sited. The installation of more signage on the A190 had not been included in the LTP.

The Programme Officer would speak to those Members with concerns outside of the meeting and feedback any concerns to the Principal Programme Officer.

**RESOLVED** that members' comments on the plan be considered in the finalisation of the programme for the LTP 2019/20, and members' queries be followed up.

## **80. Northumberland Local Plan - Publication Draft Plan (Regulation 19)**

Members received a presentation on the Northumberland Local Plan, which provided information on the progress to date on the Local Plan and details on the Publication Draft Local Plan which covered the period 2016 - 2036. The plan distinguished between strategic and non-strategic planning and also set out in detail where new homes, workplaces and mineral extraction sites would be allocated. Details were also provided about site specific proposals for Bedlington, Bedlington Station, Cramlington, Seaton Delaval/Holywell, New Hartley and Seghill, Seaton Sluice and Old Hartley. The Plan would run alongside recent and new Neighbourhood Plans. (Copy of presentation attached to the official signed minutes).

Discussion followed during which members' key points were:

- Would the rail link reduce the numbers of housing needed?
- How ambitious was the design guide?
- The size and type of properties being built
- Better building for the elderly, accessibility
- Infrastructure for an ageing population

In response to Members' questions, the following information was provided:-

- The 10,000 housing numbers would include planning permissions and the five year housing land supply position would be reviewed every 5 years
- The Design Guide was still in its early stages and it was hoped that the Design Guide would be more Northumberland specific
- Development Management colleagues should look at the type and mix of properties required when considering planning applications. Properties should be future proofed for the elderly population

- Details about the Council's house building would be available in March or April this year
- The Build for Life contained 12 principles which would feed into the Design Guide
- The Infrastructure Delivery Plan would accompany the Local Plan.. A lot more applications were being received from organisations eg health care provision and also requests for money to help with infrastructure.

**81. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

It was noted that the next meeting would be held 2018 Seaton Delaval Methodist Church.

The meeting closed at 4:55 pm.

**CHAIR** \_\_\_\_\_

**DATE** \_\_\_\_\_