

**Committee and Date:**

Harlescott and Bagley Local Joint Committee
11th May 2010
7.00 p.m.

Item**6(i)**

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HARLESCOTT AND BAGLEY LOCAL JOINT COMMITTEE**NOTE OF DECISIONS AND ACTIONS ARISING FROM THE MEETING HELD ON 4TH MARCH 2010 AT 7.00 P.M. AT THE RIVERSWAY ELIM CHURCH CONFERENCE CENTRE, LANCASTER ROAD, HARLESCOTT, SHREWSBURY****Responsible Officer:** Ken JamesE-mail: ken.james@shropshire.gov.uk Tel: (01743) 252899 Fax: (01743) 252713**Committee Members Present:**

Councillor Beverley Baker (Shropshire Council)
Councillor Vernon Bushell, Chairman (Shropshire Council)
Councillor Susan Taggart (Shrewsbury Town Council)

Shropshire Council Officers Present:

Steph Jackson, Lead Officer
Ruth Houghton, Support Lead Officer
Steve Cunningham, Senior Community Regeneration Officer (Central)
Julie Dickenson, Senior Youth Worker
Jayne Randall, Team Leader Drugs and Alcohol
Ken James, Committee Officer (Notes)

West Mercia Police Officers Present:

Sgt Julie Shephard
PC Mike Sanders
CSO David Bryant
CSO Steven Mellor
CSO Daniel Firth

There were approximately 20 members of the public in attendance.

	ACTION
1. Chairman's Welcome	
1.1	The Chairman made an introductory statement welcoming everyone to the meeting and gave a brief explanation and background about the purpose and powers of the meeting.
2. Apologies for Absence	
2.1	Apologies for absence were received from Councillor David Farmer (Shrewsbury Town Council).
3. Declarations of Interest	
3.1	No declarations of interest were received.

4. Notes of the Previous Meeting

4.1 RESOLVED:

That the notes of the meeting of the Harlescott and Bagley Local Joint Committee held on 17th December 2009 be approved and signed as a correct record by the Chairman.

- 4.2 The content of the Comments, Questions and Suggestions Action Sheet was noted.

5. Local News and Information

- 5.1 The Chairman reported to the meeting of the following items:

Consultation on the new Charter for Shropshire Councils

A draft Charter had been published and sent to all parish and town councils and copies could be downloaded from the Shropshire Council Website. Comments were invited to be sent to the Head of Community Working by 31st March 2010.

LJC Evaluation Questionnaires

Shropshire Council was undertaking an evaluation of Local Joint Committees which included surveys being issued to all participants in the meetings. Copies of the questionnaires had been circulated at the meeting and the Chairman encouraged all those present to assist the Council in assessing the success of the LJC's by completing a questionnaire.

Consultation on the Shrewsbury North West Relief Road

A number of exhibitions would be held on the proposed road which was intended to ease traffic on some of the most used roads in Shrewsbury town centre and the rural communities to the west of the town. Part of the proposed road would run adjacent to the Ellesmere Road within the Harlescott and Bagley LJC area. One of the exhibitions to be held between 22nd and 29th April would take place at The Grange School. Full details of dates and times would be published on the Council's website and in the media shortly. The public could let the Council have their views by visiting the Council's website from 12th April.

6. Moving of Albert Road and Mount Pleasant Medical Practices to a Shared Premises

- 6.1 Liz Welch of the Shropshire Primary Care Trust gave an update on progress with arrangements for moving the Albert Road and Mount Pleasant Medical Practices to a shared premises in the area. She emphasised that the two practices were not amalgamating and would remain as individual practices with their own General Practitioners and management, as at present, but would be accommodated within the same building.

- 6.2 A suitable site had now been identified on land between the Shrewsbury Sports Village and the Territorial Army Centre on Sundorne Road. The size of the site provided the space required for the proposed three storey development to meet all the standards of a modern National Health Service building. The medical practices would be located on the 1st and 2nd floors with administration offices on the 3rd floor. There would be lifts to the upper floors and access facilities would comply with the Disability

Discrimination Act. In addition, there would be adequate car parking provision.

- 6.3 Mary Herbert, the Practice Manager at the Mount Pleasant Medical Practice stated that the scheme aimed to improve the range and level of service provided to the community. She indicated that a planning application had been submitted and it was hoped that permission would be granted during the summer. It was anticipated that the new premises would be functioning by the end of 2012/Spring 2013 though this could be liable to slippage in the programme.
- 6.4 In response to a question from a member of the public about the provision of bus services to the new shared premises, Mary Herbert reported that the developer had been in discussions with Arriva about altering some local routes to ensure that adequate bus services were provided to the site.

7. Partners and Communities Together Meeting (PACT)

7.1 Sgt Julie Shephard, West Mercia Police, provided an update on the priority matters being pursued in the area as follows:

- The riding of track bikes on Greenfields Recreational Field.
This had been addressed by the police but the Chairman reported that the problem was occurring once again.
- Herongate Estate – incidents of anti-social behaviour.
Five calls had been received in February on this and the issue was being addressed. If further concerns are raised then the matter will be taken to the PACT Panel.
- Cycling Sign in Wood Street and Hotspur Street.
The lowering of the sign to make it more visible had been undertaken by the Council.
- Fires in Wheelie Bins.
This was being addressed by the police with advice to residents on how to secure their bins.
- Harlescott Lane Playing Field - incidents of anti-social behaviour.
This was being addressed by the police.

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7.2 Sgt Julie Shephard reported that a drugs warrant had been issued recently in the Harlescott area that had resulted in a positive outcome. In addition, she indicated that the football coaching sessions on Friday nights in Harlescott continued to be a success with 15 attending the last session.

7.3 Sgt Julie Shephard then invited members of the public to identify any issues of concern, which the local policing team would pursue as a matter of priority.

The following issue was raised:

- Parking on pathways in the Ashfields area at Heath Farm and the Greenfields area causing obstructions to pedestrians and people using mobility buggies.

Local
Policing
Team

7.4 The Chairman referred to the traffic calming scheme to be provided on York Road, as part of the safer routes to school initiative, that would include the provision of road humps across the carriageway at three locations in the vicinity of the local schools. The Council had wished to introduce a 20 mph speed limit zone as part of the scheme but the police would only support the proposals if the 20 mph speed limit zone was removed due to enforcement issues. Sgt Julie Shephard stated that she was not in a position to explain the police's response and offered to arrange for an appropriate police officer to attend the next meeting. The Chairman indicated that he would wait to see how the scheme performed with the road humps alone.

8. Young People's Issues

8.1 Julie Dickenson, Senior Youth Worker, introduced Dot Johnson, Youth Worker, and Isobel Meally, Volunteer, at the Grange Youth Centre and reported on the range of activities provided at the Grange Youth Centre on each week day for various age groups. Activities included arts and crafts, cooking activities and games and the sessions were well attended with up to 50 young people attending each evening.

8.2 Julie Dickenson expanded on the work being undertaken at the club held on Friday evenings for young people with special needs, at which the youth workers worked closely with the young people on their issues and offered activities that would give them real life skills to help them with their issues. Such activities included youth achievement award courses which had proved very worthwhile and rewarding for young people that might ordinarily be intimidated by academic work.

8.3 Isobel Meally addressed the meeting on her experiences as a volunteer at the Youth Centre particularly how young people were learning to socialise and build relationships with each other through shared activities.

8.4 Julie Dickenson drew attention to the Youth Centre's display stand in the meeting room with further information available on the Youth Centre's work. She then referred to the drink and cookies event being held at the Youth Centre on 16th March between 1.30 pm and 2.00 pm to raise funds for Unicef Help For Haiti and encouraged the community to support the event.

9. Drugs and Alcohol Awareness

9.1 Jayne Randall of the Shropshire Drug and Alcohol Action Team reported on the work being undertaken to tackle drug and alcohol misuse in Shropshire.

9.2 She explained that the Council worked closely with key partners such as West Mercia Constabulary and Shropshire County Primary Care Trust to deliver intervention and rehabilitation programmes and offender management initiatives which was a key area of work in the protection of communities. Another key area of work was the prevention of harm where, in addition to education programmes, close working was undertaken with the police and youth service to target hotspot areas for under age drinking in an effort to stem the availability of alcohol, provide treatment services and ensure that young people were safeguarded and supported if their parents had drug or alcohol issues.

9.3 Jayne Randall continued to indicate that new approaches were being delivered to focus on strengthening the assistance provided in recovery and provide extended support to parents, carers and families.

9.4 Ruth Houghton, Support Lead Officer, referred to the work of Enable and undertook to check whether assistance was provided in the return to work of people who had had drug and alcohol problems.

9.5 In conclusion, Jayne Randall highlighted the community engagement being undertaken on drug and alcohol issues and concerns to ensure that services would be targeted appropriately and the consultation just completed on how the night time economy could diversify to extend non-drinking activities.

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10. Applications for Funding

10.1 Steph Jackson, Lead Officer, introduced her report (copy attached to the signed notes), which set out the details of two grant funding applications that had been received.

10.2 The Chairman invited applicants to present their funding applications to those present and the Committee were asked if they had any further comments to make prior to voting on each application.

10.3 Councillor Beverley Baker passed on the thanks of Mike Jones of Greenfields Bowling Club and Community Centre, who was unable to be present at the meeting, for the grant funding awarded at the last meeting and stated that he invited all to call in and see the works that had been carried out.

10.4 RESOLVED:

That the following applications funded from the 2009/2010 budget, be approved:

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Application	Amount
Riversway Elim Church	£5,667.75
Grange Youth Centre	£3,681.90

11. Community Working Update

11.1 Steve Cunningham, Senior Community Regeneration Officer, provided an update on several initiatives that he had recently been involved with. These included:

- Journey to Work Guide
Steve stated that Harlescott was a Neighbourhood Education Skills Plan (NESP) area, as it had been identified as an area with a high level of unemployment. He indicated that the 'Journey to Work' Guide had been designed to help people to get back into work by sign posting them to the various provisions within the community. The booklet had now been completed and was available to voluntary and statutory organisations.
- Harlescott Community Centre
Steve indicated that he had provided support to the Management Committee and had worked with a sub-group on producing a business plan looking at the sustainability of the community centre through all aspects of its activity. A 20th anniversary celebration would be held on

27th October.

- Job Club/Community Support

Steve indicated that after the last meeting he had been approached by Councillor Sue Taggart and Phil Briggs about bringing services that were delivered by Job Centre Plus, Adult and Community Learning (The Gateway), County Training and other voluntary and community organisations to be delivered locally in Harlescott at the Riversway. He had met with Sue and Phil to talk through their idea and developed a project plan and in taking the project forward half of the funding required had been secured.

- Greenfields Bowling Club

Steve indicated that funding for the scheme was agreed at the last meeting. Work had started at the club by the probation service and was coming along well, with decoration inside the building almost complete and work on the outside starting yesterday.

- Patch Meeting

Steve indicated that he would be meeting with the Police, Severnside Housing, the Youth Service, Sports Centre, Schools and a student on 9th March to look at ways in which everyone could work more effectively together and in a more co-ordinated way.

- BMX Shropshire

Steve indicated that he would be meeting with riders from Shrewsbury on 10th March at the Wakeman School. This was to speak to local riders to seek their views on the tracks that they rode in Shrewsbury and ask them to be part of a steering group to look at the development BMX tracks in Shrewsbury and links with the developing BMX Club. There would be a BMX Festival in the Summer.

- Shrewsbury Fibromyalgia

Steve indicated that he had started to work with the Shrewsbury Fibromyalgia support group on the submission of an LJC funding application. Fibromyalgia typically caused persistent pains and tenderness in many areas of the body through muscles and ligaments as well as tiredness. The support group would be attempting to break the world record for the longest scarf and in doing so produce a 1 mile long scarf. The local community was being encouraged to get involved in the world record attempt.

- 11.2 Mr Cunningham stated that the above list contained some of the ways in which he could provide help and assistance to those living and working within the local community. Local residents were encouraged to contact him if they had any queries or wanted further information.

12. Public Question Time

- 12.1 The Chairman invited questions / comments from members of the public. Issues raised included:

- Barrett's Development at Ellesmere Grange – who had responsibility for the maintenance of the landscaped areas to the east/south of the site.
- The discontinuation of the Herongate bus service.
Steph Jackson, Lead Officer, reported that Arriva had been

challenged on the matter and the Herongate bus service would now been reintroduced as it had been re-commissioned through another provider.

- British Rail Bowling Club - when would the pavilion become operational?

SC
- Community speed camera exercises in the area – were any planned for the future?
Sgt Julie Shephard, West Mercia Police, undertook to report back to the next meeting.

Sgt. JS
- Dog mess and litter/cigarette ends needing to be cleared from the streets in the area.

SB
- Coton Hill/Berwick Road Traffic Lights – would monitoring be carried out of the yellow box junction to prevent blockages, particularly at peak times and would the crossing controls be of a high-tech specification that could detect the weather so that pedestrians were not left standing in the rain before crossing?
Steph Jackson, Lead Officer, indicated that this would be raised with the Traffic Engineers.

HD
- How meetings of this LJC were advertised in the area?
Steph Jackson, Lead Officer, indicated that the meetings were advertised on Radio Shropshire, in the local press, posters were displayed and flyers distributed. In addition, invitation letters and emails were sent to previous attendees and local organisations.

Steve Cunningham, Senior Community Regeneration Officer, stated that the success of this LJC would be promoted further on the completion of grant aided projects.

Steph Jackson, Lead Officer, indicated that the operation of the LJC's were being reviewed and the points raised about promotion of this LJC would be looked at in the review on how to take the LJC's forward.

- Edge Abboh of Severnside Housing reported on a Community Cultural Diversity Event, with different activities from various cultures, to be held on 20th March. He indicated that other organisations were welcome to have stands at the event to promote their work.

13. Future Agenda Items

- 13.1 The Chairman requested that members of the public submit ideas for future agenda items on the forms provided, either before leaving or by returning them in the post.

14. Feedback on the Meeting

- 14.1 All those present were asked to complete and return the feedback forms circulated before leaving.

15. Date of Next Meeting

- 15.1 It was confirmed that the next meeting of the Harlescott and Bagley Local Joint Committee would be held on Tuesday, 11th May 2010 at 7.00 p.m. at The Grange Youth Centre.

The meeting ended at 8.55 p.m.

Chairman:.....

Date:.....