



Longden, Ford and
Rea Valley Local Joint
Committee

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**LONGDEN FORD AND REA VALLEY LOCAL JOINT COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 10 MARCH 2010
7.00 – 9.30Pm**

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Committee Members Present:

Tudor Bebb	Shropshire Council (Chair)
Bill Clyne	Ford Parish Council
Neil Evans	Longden Parish Council
Roger Evans	Shropshire Council
John Fox	Great Hanwood Parish Council
David Leeson	Minsterley Parish Council
John Pritchard	Pontesbury Parish Council

Officers present:

Tim Smith, Lead Officer Shropshire Council
Tim Ward, Democratic Services, Shropshire County Council (Notes)
Mathew Mead, Community Regeneration Officer
Helena Williams, Area Youth Worker

PC Jon Summerfield was in attendance along with approximately 14 young people and 18 members of the public.

Introductions and Welcome

The Chair welcomed all present to the meeting.

1. Apologies

There were no apologies for absence from members of the committee

2. Substitutions

There were no substitutions

3. Declarations of Interest

Mr R Evans declared a prejudicial interest in the funding application from the Plealey Residents Group

ACTION

Mr N Evans declared a personal interest in the funding applications from The Plealey Residents Group and The Douglas Swire Memorial Hall

4. Note of the Last Meeting

Mr N Evans pointed out that line 2 of the LJC Update should read Quiet Lanes not Quite Lanes and that that the amount applied for by the Longden Parish Plan Committee in paragraph 10 of the funding applications should be £1000.00 not £100.00.

Mr Fox informed the meeting that had had commented that the Sunday service for the 546 bus service was better on a Sunday not that there was no service.

It was **RESOLVED** that subject to the above the minutes of the meeting of the Local Joint Committee held on 10 December 2009 be signed as a true record.

5. Youth Issues in the Rea Valley

The Lead Officer explained that that the Regeneration Officer had been doing some work with the youth group on several topics and that the meeting would break into 3 workshop groups dealing with leisure, transport and work, and that each group would spend 15 minutes discussing the topic before moving on to the next topic.

The meeting then broke into the workshop groups and all groups reported back to the meeting.

The Chair thanked the workshop facilitators and commented that he had been very impressed with the level of discussion that had taken place.

6. Update from Police

PC Jon Summerfield gave an update on policing issues within the LJC areas. He highlighted several issues that had arisen and the action taken. He went on to say that the priorities for the next PACT period were youth disorder and traffic issues such as speeding and bad driving.

The Chair thanked him for attending.

7. Update from Community Regeneration Officer

The Community Regeneration Officer updated the meeting on progress with the bid to the Big Lottery by REAVEN and informed them that the final details of the project had been submitted to the Lottery and that a final assessment of the project would be made in May

The Community Regeneration Officer advised the meeting that and Internet Safety Awareness session would be held in Pontesbury on the 31 March

The Community Working Officer informed the meeting that it was hoped to start a youth club in Hanwood. Mrs Longmore informed the meeting that they had been in contact with the Shropshire Youth Association to assess what help and training was available.

The Community Regeneration Officer informed the meeting that Ford Youth Club was looking for a qualified youth worker to help them run their club and that if anyone was interested then they should contact him in the first instance.

The Community Regeneration Officer informed the meeting that the Parks and Countryside Team were currently carrying out a consultation on the management plan for Poles Coppice and that a copy of the plan was available at Pontesbury Library or from the Countryside Ranger. He went on to say that responses had to be made by 17 March.

The Community Regeneration Officer informed the meeting that the Council was currently carrying out a consultation on a new charter for Shropshire Councils and that Parish Councils should have received this. He urged all parish councils to comment.

The Community Regeneration Officer informed the meeting that the Community Fund which allocated grants of between £10,000 and £50,000 for improvements to community buildings had reopened and that if any one required further information of help with applying to the fund then they should contact him.

The Community Regeneration Officer informed the meeting that an advice session for all voluntary sports clubs and associations would be held on 25 March at The Lord Hill Hotel and that if anyone wanted more details then they should contact Sean McCarthy at Shropshire Council.

8. Funding Applications

The meeting received a report giving details of applications for funding that had been received.

1. An application had been received from Minsterley Parish Hall for £652.68 to enable them to purchase and install new light guards at the Village Hall to allow for youth activities to take place in the hall.
2. An application had been received from Minsterley Parish Council for £1000.00 to enable them to purchase and install a new notice board in the village.
3. An application had been received from Shropshire Youth for £740.33 for the purchase of equipment for Minsterley Youth Club
4. An application had been received from Pontesbury Sports Association for further funding of £1000.00 (in addition to the £1000.00 funding already allocated at an earlier meeting) for the purchase and installation of safety netting at Pontesbury Sports Field

5. An application had been received from REAVEN for £2,000.00 to support the development of the group's funding application to the Big Lottery SOS Fund
6. An application had been received from The Douglas Swire Memorial Hall, Longden for £5000.00 for the installation of a new heating system at the Hall as part of a continuing programme of modernisation.
7. An application had been received from Plealey Residents Group for £1070.00 to fund the holding of a 2 day community event. (Mr Evans having declared a prejudicial interest left the room and took no part in the discussion and decision for this application)

It was resolved that the following grants be made: -

1. £500 to Minsterley Parish Hall for the purchase and installation of new light guards at the Village Hall.
2. £1000.00 to Minsterley Parish Council for the purchase and installation of a new notice board in the village.
3. £740.33 to Shropshire Youth for the purchase of equipment for Minsterley Youth Club
4. £1000.00 to Pontesbury Sports Association for further funding for the purchase and installation of safety netting at Pontesbury Sports Field
5. £2000.00 to REAVEN to support the development of the group's funding application to the Big Lottery SOS Fund. (This amount being ring fenced subject to them gaining Lottery Funding)
6. £750.00 to Plealey Residents Group for the holding of a 2 day community event.

It was also resolved that the application for funding from the Douglas Swire Memorial Hall, Longden be deferred to the next meeting pending investigation of other funding sources

TS/TW/MM

The meeting also received an update from the Rea Valley Scout group over their plans for a shelter at Woodville, Pontesbury for which they would be applying to the LJC for funding for the building materials. It was felt that this application should only be brought forward when issue like planning and local consent had been agreed

9. Public Questions

There were no questions from members of the public

10. Future Agenda Items

Mr R Evans suggested that a presentation on the LDF Consultation should be included on the agenda. The Chair commented that he felt that the parish council meetings were the correct place for discussion on the detail

of the consultation. Members agreed that it may be useful to have a presentation on the general content of the consultation.

Mr Leeson requested that an item on public transport be put on the agenda covering points raised in the earlier session.

TW/MM/TS

11. Date of Next Meeting

The date of the next meeting was confirmed as Wednesday 26 May 2010