



Committee and Date

Loton and Tern Local Joint Committee

1st October 2009

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LOTON AND TERN LOCAL JOINT COMMITTEE

NOTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 23RD JULY 2009

7.00 – 8.52 p.m.

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Committee Members Present:

John Overall	Shropshire Council
David Roberts	Shropshire Council
Maureen Shingler	Alberbury with Cardeston Parish Council
Malcolm Colclough	Astley Parish Council
Sue Llewellyn	Bicton Parish Council
Tony Rowson	Bomere Heath and District Parish Council
John Cooke	Great Ness and Little Ness Parish Council
Tony Hill	Montford Parish Council
Lynne Padmore	Uffington Parish Council
Barry Bennion	Upton Magna Parish Council
Peter Davies	Withington Parish Council

Shropshire Council Officers present:

Stephen Chandler, Lead Officer, Shropshire Council
Phil Wilson, Support Officer Shropshire Council
Mathew Mead, Community Regeneration Officer
Ken James, Committee Officer, Shropshire Council (Notes)
Sam Hine, Head of Community Working
Janet Cross, Shropshire Youth Service

There were approximately 7 members of the public present at the meeting along with a representative of the Shropshire Star.

ACTION

1. Election of Chairman

It was **Resolved** that Councillor John Overall be elected Chairman for the ensuing municipal year.

2. Apologies for Absence and Substitutions

Apologies for absence were received from Betty Carlyle (Alberbury with Cardeston Parish Council), Mike Wilkie (Bomere Heath and District Parish Council), Gordon Davies (Westbury Parish Council) and PC Colin Barrett.

Maureen Shingler substituted for Betty Carlyle.
Tony Rowson substituted for Mike Wilkie.

3. Appointment of Vice-Chairman

No nominations were made so the matter was deferred to the next meeting.

4. Declarations of Interest

None made.

5. Welcome from Chairman

The Chairman made an introductory statement welcoming everyone present to the first meeting of this Local Joint Committee, giving his views on how he saw the Local Joint Committee operating and what the Loton and Tern Local Joint Committee was seeking to achieve.

6. Local Joint Committee Constitution

The Committee considered the adoption of the Local Joint Committee Constitution for the operation of its meetings. During discussion, concerns were raised about the wording of paragraph 3.1 (c) in relation to the holding to account and scrutinising of parish/town councils.

It was **agreed** that, subject to the concerns raised above being taken forward as part of the periodic review of LJC's and their operation, the Local Joint Committee Constitution be adopted.

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7. Public Question Time

No questions were raised.

8. Community Working Team's Involvement

Mathew Mead reported on the work undertaken in the promotion of the LJC around the parishes and his continuing attendance at parish council meetings to pick up on local issues. He spoke further on and his role as a point of contact for the parishes and local community and a sounding board for their ideas.

9. Youth Provision in the Area

Janet Cross gave a presentation on the work of the Shropshire Youth Service in this LJC area. The Committee expressed its appreciation for the value of the service and indicated its willingness to support any proposals brought forward to enhance the work of the youth service within this LJC area.

10. Key Issues and Priorities for the Area

The following list of key issues and priorities for the area was put forward by Committee Members following discussions at each group of tables around the hall:

- Poor Broadband reception in rural areas
- Anti-social behaviour
- Surface water flooding
- Evening and late-night bus services
- Inflexibility of Arriva
- Traffic volume and speeds
- Condition of roads
- Policing
- Withington Village Hall provision of disabled facilities – need for match funding for this project
- Traffic Calming measures
- Montford Village Hall – tarmacing of car park
- Funding of Montford Annual Fete
- Car parking for school at Upton Magna
- Road Safety
- Maintenance of grass verges
- Uffington Village Hall – tarmacing of car park
- Mobile phone reception
- Housing
- Schools
- Youth provision
- Widening of pavements through Bicton Village
- Restoration of Church Cloak War Memorial
- Nesscliffe Playing Fields – provision of changing facilities with toilets and showers
- Control of weeds to the side of main highways
- The health of people and how the Health Service supports this
- Shropshire Council and how it delivers its services

11. Allocation of the Budget – Funding Priorities and Guidelines

The Committee considered how the annual budget of £34,000 could be utilised to meet the priorities for the area.

It was **agreed** that applications for funding be invited from the parishes within this LJC area for assessment at the next meeting when the Committee would also consider how the £34,000 budget should be spent to achieve the greatest benefit across this LJC area.

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12. Future Meetings

It was **noted** that future meetings would be held on the following dates:

Thursday 1st October 2009
 Wednesday 20th January 2010
 Thursday 25th March 2010

13. Start Times for Future Meetings

It was **agreed** that future meetings continue to start at 7.00 p.m.

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14. Venues for Future Meetings

It was **agreed** that future meetings be held at the following venues:

Westbury Village Hall - Thursday 1st October 2009
Bicton Village Hall - Wednesday 20th January 2010
Upton Magna Village Hall - Thursday 25th March 2010

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15. Future Agenda Items

Committee Members were invited to submit items for discussion at future meetings.

Attention was drawn to the suggestion forms circulated for completion and return on the night or at a later date.

The following items were raised as possible future agenda items:

- Severnside Housing being invited to attend the next meeting to discuss matters of concern.
- Police to attend a future meeting to discuss road safety issues.

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16. Feedback on the Meeting

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

17. Date of Next Meeting

It was **noted** that the next meeting of the Committee would be held in Westbury Village Hall at 7.00 p.m. on Thursday, 1st October 2009.

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