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Loton and Tern Local Joint
Committee
7 March 2013

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LOTON AND TERN LOCAL JOINT COMMITTEE

**NOTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 11 OCTOBER 2012
AT 7.00 PM IN UFFINGTON VILLAGE HALL, UFFINGTON**

Responsible Officer: Liz Sidaway
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Committee Members Present:

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| John Overall | Shropshire Council |
| David Roberts | Shropshire Council |
| Betty Carlyle | Alberbury with Cardeston Parish Council |
| Malcolm Colclough | Astley Parish Council |
| Elliott Blackmore | Bicton Parish Council |
| Mike Wilkie | Bomere Heath and District Parish Council |
| Tony Hill | Montford Parish Council |
| Lynne Padmore | Uffington Parish Council |
| Barry Bennion | Upton Magna Parish Council |
| Gordon Davies | Westbury Parish Council |
| Lesley Stone | Withington Parish Council |

Shropshire Council Officers present:

Mathew Mead, Community Action Officer
Liz Sidaway, Committee Officer
Chris Edwards, Assistant Director (South)

West Mercia Constabulary:

Inspector James Dunn
CSO Keith Hadfield

There were approximately 11 members of the public present at the meeting.

15 Welcome and Introductions

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

16 Apologies for Absence and notification of Substitutions

Apologies for absence were received from Shirley Davies - Withington Parish Council (Lesley Stone attended as substitute).

17 Disclosure of Pecuniary Interests

Councillor David Roberts disclosed two pecuniary interests in the Funding Applications Report (Minute Number 23) in respect of the applications from Westbury Youth Club (as he was the Treasurer) and from Alberbury Cricket Club (as his sons played cricket there). He left the room prior to the consideration of the items and did not vote on determination of the applications.

ACTION

18 Notes of Previous Meeting

RESOLVED: That the notes of the meeting held on 21 June 2012 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

19 Local Policing Update

Inspector James Dunn and CSO Keith Hadfield were welcomed to the meeting.

CSO Hadfield reported on two issues within the Loton and Tern area, a speed enforcement exercise was being undertaken and secondly, was pleased to report that the crime levels remained low within the area. He reported on the changes to the local policing teams in the area as follows:

- The Parishes of Alberbury, Westbury, Montford Bridge, Bicton, Great Ness and Little Ness and Bomere Heath would be covered by Pontesbury Local Policing Team, the local Policing Officer is PC Summerfield who is available by telephoning 101 and emailing pontesburyanddistrict.lpt@westmercia.pnn.police.uk
- The Parishes of Astley, Withington, Upton Magna and Uffington would be covered by the Shrewsbury Rural South Local Policing Team, the local Police officer being PCHarte who is contactable by telephoning 0300 333 3000 ex 66645 and email shrewsburyruralsouth.lpt@westmercia.pnn.police.uk

Inspector Dunn reported on the strategic issues facing West Mercia Constabulary. He explained how West Mercia Constabulary were having to find savings of £30 million by 2015 and that a recruitment freeze led to the juggling of resources and local policing teams had changed. He went on to state that a strategic review was likely to be undertaken by the Force once the Police Commissioner for West Mercia had been elected.

The Chairman thanked both Inspector Dunn and PCSO Hadfield for their attendance.

20 Resolutions from Parish Councils

None received.

21 Update on the Royal Shrewsbury Hospital Car Parking Changes

Members of the Committee were disappointed that no representative from the Primary Care Trust had been able to attend the meeting and expressed a desire for a further invitation to be extended for a representative to attend the Committee's next meeting in March to discuss the reorganisation of the PCT.

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22 Traffic Issues

The Chairman welcomed Chris Edwards Area Director (South) to the meeting who had been invited to the meeting to discuss traffic issues within the Loton and Tern area. He explained how Shropshire's roads were looked after, the Highways Agency managed the M54, A5, A458, A483 and the A49 South of Shrewsbury with the Council managing all the other roads. Mr Edwards reported that quarterly meetings were held between the Highways Agency and Shropshire Council members and

officers to discuss all local issues and confirmed that the minutes of these meetings were circulated to members within the affected areas and to the Parish Councils, he invited those present to notify him of any particular issues to be raised at the next meeting.

Mr Edwards gave an update on issues which had been previously raised by this Local Joint Committee:

- Nescliffe Bypass: the noise issue had been referred to the Highways Agency by Shropshire Council who had determined that no further action was necessary in that the issue did not fall within the prescribed DEFRA noise guidelines.
- Emstrey Island: it was acknowledged that problems on this island had been raised as an issue over a long period of time and that several site visits had been held with representatives from the Highways Agency, Shropshire Council and the Police. Mr Edwards reported on the Highways Agency's major planned improvement works for Emstrey Island to realign both the A5 approaches to the island together with the creation of dedicated turning lanes through the roundabout in a bid to reduce congestion and hopefully ease the layout difficulties. The navigation difficulties from the Atcham and Column approaches were acknowledged and Mr Edwards agreed to raise this once more at the next joint meeting.
- Churncote Roundabout: a £1.5 million road widening scheme was planned to improve the A5 northbound approach and the A458 westbound approaches to the Churncote Roundabout - road markings and road signage would also be improved within the scheme.
- Edgebold Roundabout - A £400,000 scheme widening scheme will improve the approaches linking Shrewsbury and Hanwood on the A5 at Edgebold. Revised signage and road markings will also be included as part of the scheme.

Mr Edwards explained that once the proposed plans had been drawn up, a full consultation exercise would take place to allow the opportunity for concerns to be raised directly with the Highways Agency.

The meeting was advised that plans were afoot for Shropshire Council to undertake a Safety and Speed Management consultation with the intent of consolidating and improving the highway safety and speed management policies which included the Village Speed Limit, Rural Speed Limit, Urban Speed Limit and possibly Vehicle Activated Sign policies. Mr Edwards explained that this was at an early stage and it was anticipated that wider consultation would take place later in the year with the results known by April 2013.

Mr Edwards was thanked for this attendance and input into the meeting.

Post meeting update:

The Senior Transport Planner indicated that a consultation event was planned to take place in April at the Shirehall which would outline the proposals in detail and allow for interested parties to have one-to-one

discussions. Further details would be published in due course.

23 Loton and Tern Local Joint Committee Funding Applications

The Community Action Officer presented his report setting out details of the funding bids which had been received since the previous meeting on the 21 June 2012.

RESOLVED:

That the following funding applications **be approved**:

- Montford Millennium Green Trust - application for new fencing for Sharwardine Castle - £350.00
- Westbury Youth Club - application for funding towards the start up of a new youth club in Westbury - £350.00
- Nesscliffe Winter Lights - application for funding towards the cost of the public liability insurance and stewarding fees - £122.00
- Wattlesborough Pre School and Village Hall - application for funding to assist with the hiring costs of Wattlesborough Village Hall by the Pre-School group - £2,000.00
- Bomere Heath Toddlers Group - application for funding to assist with the purchase of new equipment for the group - £350.00
- Alberbury Cricket Club - application for funding towards the purchase of a new roller for their pitch - £2,000.00

It was noted that £4,794.66 remained in the Committee's budget for this financial year and the Chairman reminded all parish representatives to ensure as many applications as possible come forward to Committee's next meeting in March to ensure the budget is fully committed.

24 Community Action Update

Consideration was given to the Community Action Update and Mathew Mead drew members' attention to the Rewards for All scheme where community groups were eligible to bid for funding for revenue.

25 Connecting Shropshire - Rural Broadband Update

The Community Action Officer presented the update paper which was duly noted.

26 Question Time

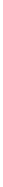
It was agreed that this issue had been dealt with earlier in the meeting when both members of the committee and the public had been able to raise their concerns directly with the Local Policing Team and with the Area Director.

Other issues raised include the new Ringway contractors appeared to using layby's for overnight parking.

Car parking charges on Haughmond Hill - it was acknowledged that this would impact on the surrounding villages and may need assistance from the Local Joint Committee to prevent unauthorised parking in Uffington and Upton Magna.

27 Next Meeting

It was noted that the next meeting of the Committee would be held on Thursday 7 March 2013 at Bicton Village Hall.



The meeting closed at 8.27 pm.

CHAIRMAN.....

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