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Loton and Tern Local Joint
Committee
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LOTON AND TERN LOCAL JOINT COMMITTEE
NOTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 7 MARCH 2013
AT 7.00 PM IN BICTON VILLAGE HALL, BICTON

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Committee Members Present:

David Roberts	Shropshire Council
Betty Carlyle	Alberbury with Cardeston Parish Council
Malcolm Colclough	Astley Parish Council
Elliott Blackmore	Bicton Parish Council
Pam Furber	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
Shirley Davies	Withington Parish Council

Shropshire Council Officers present:
Mathew Mead, Community Action Officer
Liz Sidaway, Committee Officer
Chris Edwards, Area Commissioner (South)

Forestry Commission:
Georgina Sharp, Recreation Ranger

West Mercia Constabulary:
PC Jon Summerfield
PC David Harte

There were approximately 21 members of the public present at the meeting.

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| 28 | Welcome and Introductions
The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting. | ACTION |
| 29. | Apologies for Absence and notification of Substitutions
Apologies for absence were received from John Everall, Shropshire Council, Mike Wilkie, Bomere Heath Parish Council (Pam Furber attended as substitute) and Gordon Davies, Westbury Parish Council | |
| 30. | Disclosure of Pecuniary Interests
None disclosed. | |
| 31. | Notes of Previous Meeting
RESOLVED: That the notes of the meeting held on 11 October 2012 be | |

confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

32. Local Policing Update

PC Jon Summerfield and PC David Harte updated the meeting with details of issues affecting the Loton and Tern area since the previous meeting. They were pleased to report whilst crime levels remained low, vigilance and cooperation from the public was valued to assist in the prevention of crime.

The changes to the local policing teams in the Loton and Tern area were noted as follows:

- The Parishes of Alberbury, Westbury, Montford Bridge, Bicton, Great Ness and Little Ness and Bomere Heath would be covered by PC Jon Summerfield and the Shrewsbury Rural North Safer Neighbourhood Team, contactable by telephoning 0300 333 3000 and emailing shrewsburyruralnorth.lpt@westmercia.pnn.police.uk
- The Parishes of Astley, Withington, Upton Magna and Uffington would be covered by PC Dave Harte and the Bayston Hill and Haughmond Local Polcing Team, contactable by telephoning 0300 333 3000 ex 66645 and email baystonhillandhaughmond.lpt@westmercia.pnn.police.uk

In response to a question about local policing team structures and officers, the local officers stated that as a consequence of the budget cuts, the local policing teams had been restructured and it was hoped that these would remain. He explained that although the local teams now covered a greater geographical area, the local police were dedicated and committed to providing a service second to none and acknowledged the liaison and partnership work undertaken with co-partners such as the Local Joint Committees, Parish councils and the Council and encouraged local residents to report any suspicious activity by calling 0300 333 3000 or 101.

The Chairman thanked both of the officers for their update and attendance at the meeting.

33. Resolutions from Parish Councils

None received.

34. Haughmond Hill Update

Georgina Sharp, Recreation Manager for the Forestry Commission was welcomed to the meeting and gave an informative presentation on the work of the Forestry Commission in general. She went on to specifically talk about the recent improvements undertaken at Haughmond Hill and outlined the funding cuts made to the Forestry Commission in line with other public sector organisations.

Ms Sharp confirmed that in respect of the introduction of car parking charges, a public consultation had been undertaken giving interested parties the opportunity to make representations over a six week period. Both local residents and members of the committee raised their grave concerns in respect of how the forthcoming parking charges to be levied

would impact on the local villages such as Upton Magna and Uffington in particular and suggested that visitors would park in the local villages rather than pay for parking at the Hill. Ms Sharp reiterated the Forestry Commission's commitment to work with the local residents to tackle any potential parking problems caused by the introduction of parking charges. She indicated that the income generated would assist with the maintenance of the hill and the appointment of a part time ranger and confirmed that the Forestry Commission would be happy with liaison with the local Parish Councils should any specific problems arise. In respect of the problem of dog fouling, she stated that the Forestry Commission had worked very hard to alleviate this problem and had sought best practice guidance from the Kennel Club and regularly worked to educate dog owners and stated they were always open to ideas to alleviate the issue.

The Chairman thanked Ms Sharp for her informative presentation and hoped the local Parish Councils and the Forestry Commission's Recreation Ranger would work together to combat any parking problems caused by the introduction of charges on Haughmond Hill.

35. NHS Health Check - Healthy Champions Initiative

Members of the Committee were disappointed that no representative from the Primary Care Trust and the initiative was noted.

36. Update from Area Commissioner

The Chairman welcomed Chris Edwards, Area Commissioner (South) to the meeting. He gave an update on the proposed highways improvements to the A5 within the Loton and Tern area and outlined the Council's plans to undertake an information / drop in consultation event in relation to the proposed road / transport changes the results of which would then be reported directly to the Highways Agency. In relation to the West Shrewsbury Masterplan, it was noted that this was likely to be published towards the end of the year in the Autumn.

Mr Edwards indicated that a consultation event on the A5 roundabout improvements 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.

In response to a question, Mr Edwards confirmed that the Shropshire Council planning policies were being updated with a view to being adopted by Cabinet in the Autumn.

Concern was raised over the surface of the A5 carriageway at Nesscliffe; Mr Edwards undertook to refer this concern to the Highways and Transport Team.

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

37. 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 11 October 2012.

RESOLVED:

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

- Bicton Village Hall - application for funding for flooring repairs to the village hall - £1080.66
- Bicton Village Hall - application for funding towards upgrade works to the car park - £1025.00
- Shrawardine B3 Group - application for funding towards the cost of the village enhancement project - £350.00
- Yockleton Victory Hall - application for funding to assist with the cost of a kitchen upgrade - £2,000.00
- Withington Parish Room - application for funding to assist with the cost of a replacement safety rail at the Parish Room - £350.00

The Chairman was pleased to report that the Loton and Tern Local Joint Committee's budget of £17,000 was now fully committed for this financial year and that a total of 62 projects and organisations had been assisted over the last four years.

38. Community Action Update

Consideration was given to the Community Action Update and Mathew Mead drew members' attention to the Parish Plan funding which was available to help communities develop or refresh their parish plans.

39. Elections 2013

The Committee Officer presented the briefing paper on the forthcoming Parish, Town and Unitary elections to be held on the 2 May 2013 which was duly noted.

40. Scrutiny Update

The Committee Officer presented the briefing paper on the work of the Scrutiny Committees which was duly noted.

41. Connecting Shropshire - Rural Broadband Update

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

42. Question Time

Whilst a number of questions had been dealt with earlier in the meeting during the course of the presentations when both the committee and the public had been able to raise their concerns directly with the Local Policing Team, the Forestry Commission's Recreation Ranger and the Area Commissioner.

43. Next Meeting

It was noted that the next meeting of the Committee would be held on Thursday 4 July 2013 at a venue to be confirmed.

The meeting closed at 8.35 pm.

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