

LOTON AND TERN LOCAL JOINT COMMITTEE
NOTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 4 JULY 2013
AT 7.00 PM IN FITZ VILLAGE HALL, BICTON

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Committee Members Present:

John Everall	Shropshire Council
David Roberts	Shropshire Council
Patrick Siese	Alberbury with Cardeston Parish Council
Malcolm Colclough	Astley Parish Council
Elliott Blackmore	Bicton Parish Council
Pam Furber	Bomere Heath and District Parish Council
David Nunn	Great Ness and Little Ness Parish Council
Tony Hill	Montford Parish Council
Lynne Padmore	Uffington Parish Council

Shropshire Council Officers present:

Mathew Mead, Community Action Officer
Liz Sidaway, Committee Officer
Tim Smith, Area Commissioner (North)

West Mercia Constabulary:

Sgt Julie Shephard
PC Jon Summerfield
PC David Harte

Shropshire Fire and Rescue:

Brian Welti, Watch Manager

There were approximately 10 members of the public present at the meeting.

- 1 Election of Chairman**
RESOLVED: That John Everall be elected Chairman for the ensuing municipal year
- 2 Welcome and Introductions**
The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.
- 3 Election of Vice Chairman**
RESOLVED: that Malcolm Colclough be elected Vice Chairman for the ensuing municipal year.
- 4 Apologies for Absence and notification of Substitutions**

ACTION

Apologies for absence were received from Barry Bennion, Upton Magna Parish Council and from David Sandbach, Westbury Parish Council

5 Disclosure of Pecuniary Interests

None disclosed.

6 Notes of Previous Meeting

RESOLVED: That the notes of the meeting held on 7 March 2013 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

7 Local Policing Update

PC Jon Summerfield and Sgt Julie Shepherd 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 need to mark up property with individual marking or the use of smart water was highlighted to assist in the eventual reunion of stolen property.

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

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

8 Resolutions from Parish Councils

None received.

9 Update from Area Commissioner

The Chairman welcomed Tim Smith, Area Commissioner to the meeting.

Tim Smith summarised the recent changes happening within Shropshire Council and explained his new role as North Area Commissioner. He explained that his role covered the whole of the North Shropshire area and the referred to the way the council was changing the way it commissioned services during the current financial climate. He also stated that the Council wanted to know the needs of local people and encouraged residents to get involved.

Tim Smith outlined new ways of working within Shropshire Council including Commissioning and IP&E and indicated that Shropshire

Council wished to create new ways of providing high quality public services working together by delivering better, faster and cheaper services. He urged members of the public to get in touch if they had any examples of waste or duplication in any areas of the Council's work.

The Chairman thanked Tim Smith for his attendance

10 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 7 March 2013.

RESOLVED:

1. That the existing grant criteria for this Local Joint Committee (in that projects can apply for grants of up to £350 without needing matched funding; or grants of between £351 and £2,000 provided a minimum of 50% matched funding is secured. The maximum grant available from the LJC is normally restricted to £2,000. Where matched funding is required for a project this must be in the form of cash, as in kind support is not accepted as matched funding) be adopted for the 2013/14 financial year.
2. That the following funding applications **be approved**:
 - Web@Westbury - application for funding to promote social and digital inclusion in the community and community engagement, and the provision of ICT Learning opportunities via free ICT and internet access and to offer employment support - £350.00
 - Wattlesborough Village Show - application for funding towards the costs of re-establishing the Village Show to assist in meeting the costs of the hire of the hall, insurance, printing of programmes and publicity - £350.00
 - Bomere Heath PreSchool - application for funding towards the cost of the construction of an all-weather canopy to be erected over the rear of the building to provide a covered seating area - £2,000.00
 - Alberbury and Cardeston Parish Council - application to assist in the upgrading of Wattlesborough Village Green by addressing access and drainage issues on site - £500.00
 - Art for Health - application for funding to assist with the cost of musical recitals for a 12 month period to develop the Redwoods Centre into more of a community facility for local people and to reduce stigma around mental health and to create a normalising experience for inpatients of the Redwoods Centre - £500.00
 - Montford Parish Hall - application for funding to assist with the cost of a kitchen upgrade - £2,000.00
 - Alberbury Village Hall - application for funding to assist with the cost of upgrading the cooking facilities from LPG gas to electrical powered equipment eliminating the threat of further theft of LPG and

providing a better service for users - £2,000.00

- Great Ness and Little Ness Parish Council - application for funding towards the replacement and purchase of noticeboards within the parish area - £1,000.00

The Chairman indicated that following the approval of the above funding applications, the Committee had £9,689 remaining in the budget for 2013/14.

11 Community Action Update

Mathew Mead drew members' attention to the Shrewsbury South West Extension consultation details of which had been circulated at the meeting.

12. Connecting Shropshire - Rural Broadband Update

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

13 Shropshire Fire and Rescue

The Chairman welcomed Brian Welti, Watch Manager at Baschurch Station, Shropshire Fire and Rescue Service to the meeting. Brian Welti gave a presentation which outlined the potential closure of the fire station at Baschurch, as a result of budget cuts by central government and the implications for the service and surrounding areas. Brian Welti stressed the importance of members of the public writing to their local Member of Parliament and writing to Shropshire Fire and Rescue to express their concerns/opposition to the closure.

The Chairman thanked Brian Welti for the update.

14 Question Time

There were no questions from the floor.

15 Next Meeting

It was noted that the next meeting of the Committee would be held on Thursday 17 October 2013 at Withington Parish Room .

The meeting closed at 8.20 pm.

CHAIRMAN.....

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