



<u>Committee and Date</u> Albrighton Area Local Joint Committee  13 July 2010
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**NOTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ALBRIGHTON AREA LOCAL JOINT COMMITTEE HELD ON AT 7.00PM ON WEDNESDAY 19 MAY 2010 AT THE RED HOUSE, HIGH STREET, ALBRIGHTON.**

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**Committee Members Present:**

**Shropshire Council**

Malcolm Pate  
Stuart West

**Parish Councils**

Paul Lusk – Albrighton Parish Council  
David Murray – Tong Parish Council  
Fred Shelley – Donington with Boscobel Parish Council  
Bob Tummons – Boningale Parish Council

**Shropshire Council Officers present:**

George Edwards, Support Officer  
Andrea McWilliams, Community Regeneration Officer  
Adrian Dean, Senior Committee Officer

**West Mercia Police:**

PC Rod Salt

There were approximately 30 people present at the meeting.

**1      Election of Chairman**

**1.1      RESOLVED:** that Malcolm Pate be elected Chairman of the ensuing year.

**ACTION**

## 2. Appointment of Vice-Chairman

- 2.1 **RESOLVED:** that Bob Tummons be appointed Vice-Chairman for the ensuing year.

## 3. Welcome and Introductions

- 3.1 The Chairman welcomed everybody to the meeting and said that the work of the LJC was gaining momentum. He also said that any organisation that might benefit from a grant should contact the committee's Community Support Officer, Andrea McWilliams. The Chairman also reminded those present that the LJCs were set up to have a direct link to the Cabinet at Shirehall.

## 4. Apologies for absence

- 4.1 Apologies for absence were received from Mike Morris (Lead Officer).

## 5. Declarations of Interest

- 5.1 No Declarations of Interest were made.

## 6. Notes

- 6.1 The notes of the meeting held on 24 March 2010 were signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

## 7. Comments, Questions and Suggestions from meeting held on 24 March 2010

- 7.1 Concern was expressed that the issue regarding the missing stretch of footpath on Elm Road would not be followed up despite a presentation at a previous meeting. The Chairman said that there were two issues to overcome, one being funding and the other ownership of a wall on land where the footpath would run.

**Hugh  
Dannett**

- 7.2 With regard to the skate board park, the chairman said that he had been informed that there was a more robust opening and locking arrangement in place. Comments were made that suggested that this was not necessarily the case.

**Martin  
Stephens**

- 7.3 The contents of the Comments, Questions and Suggestions form were noted.

## 8. Funding Applications – 19 May 2010

- 8.1 **RESOLVED:**

(a) That the following grant be awarded:

1. Albrighton Fayre – Help towards the costs of the event – £400
2. Legion Youth Fishing – to create a fishing club for the young people of Albrighton for Sunday afternoons between 2pm and 4pm – £822.00
3. Jazz Specials – To run 4 jazz evenings with nationally known jazz bands at The Harp PH, Albrighton - £500

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(b) That it be noted that the grant application from Say Yes Shifnal & Albrighton Youth had been withdrawn.

## **9. Public Question Time**

9.1 Great concern was expressed about the way in which the consultation exercise on the Issues and Options for the Site Allocations and Management of Development Plan Document for the LJC area was handled. Many expressed their concern about the poor quality of the publicity given which resulted in only 10 people attending the consultation meeting. The document was described as an important document for the area. It was also the feeling of the meeting that the consultation exercise would have benefited from a presentation.

9.2 The committee agreed that a special meeting of the LJC be held on a date to be agreed so that a presentation can be made to the LJC on the site allocations document followed by a question and answer session. It was also agreed that the special meeting would be held as soon as possible and in any event by Friday 25th June 2010 when the consultation period ends.

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9.3 Concern was expressed not only to the publicity given to the meeting about the consultation document but also to the publicity given to the LJC meetings. Andrea McWilliams responded and said that over 100 flyers are produced and are sent amongst others to local shops, Town and Parish Councils asking that they are displayed. It was also suggested that the flyers could now include details of the LJC's achievements.

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## **10. Partners and Communities Together (PACT)**

10.1 PC Rod Salt gave his regular update to the committee on indicating how people can contact him. He said that issues such as speeding on Newport Road and High Street had been reported. He said that the national speed limit applied on part of Newport Road before it reduced to 30mph. PC Salt said that although speed checks had been carried out, no one had been speeding along High Street but some had on Newport Road.

10.2 PC Salt also said that there had also been reports of anti-social behaviour including underage drinking in the Abney Avenue play

area and that a multi-agency response had been made to this issue.

**ACTION**

10.3 PC Salt said that the drop-in club also required additional volunteers to help. He added that there was a requirement for 1 adult for every 8 children and that the club operated for 2 hours at a time.

10.4 An issue was raised about a number of youths who gather outside the Methodist Church on a Saturday between 7pm to 8pm. It was reported that they run a round swearing.

10.5 Concern was expressed by a resident saying that speeding in Cross Road particularly between 5pm and 7pm was not getting any better.

## **11. Summary Care Records**

11.1 The Chairman introduced Chris Berry and Gill Richards representing Shropshire County Primary Care Trust and Telford and Wrekin NHS.

11.2 Chris Berry said that she and her colleague would make a short presentation on Summary Care Records.

11.3 Gill Richards Project Manager Information Services set out what information will be held in a Summary Care Record and what the patients' choices are.

11.4 Chris Berry and Gill Richards answered several questions posed by those present. This included clarification on who would be able to access the information.

11.5 The Chairman thanked them for their presentation and for attending the meeting.

## **12. Albrighton Fayre**

12.1 Sam Horobin on behalf of the Albrighton Fayre made a plea to those present asking that more people volunteer to assist with the arrangements for the Albrighton Fayre. She said that there were only 4 people on the committee including her. She added that there were several issues that needed to be resolved including marking out the stalls.

## **13. Choice Based Lettings**

13.1 The Chairman introduced Brigid Carey, Head of Housing Community to speak about Choice Based Lettings.

13.2 Brigid Carey gave details of how properties in Shropshire were let, how vacancies are advertised and how those properties are let. She also explained how bids are made and the priority bands

13.3 Brigid Carey answered several questions from people seeking clarification. The Chairman thanked her for attending the meeting

and for the presentation.

**ACTION**

**14. Public Parking in Albrighton**

- 14.1 Peter Leigh on behalf of the Civic Society made a presentation to the meeting and set out a number of sites that he had identified as having potential for use as addition parking. He said that the amount of parking space in Albrighton was limited and this was restricting businesses in the area.
- 14.2 He readily admitted that much work would be required and that none of the solutions were easy. Concern was also expressed at the meeting that if there is an increase in the number of homes in Albrighton and Cosford that infrastructure issues such as parking will have to be addressed.
- 14.3 It was **RESOLVED**: that as the issue of the lack of public parking in Albrighton will be exacerbated should there be the suggested increase in new homes in Albrighton and Cosford that it be raised at the special meeting of the committee to be arranged to consider the Site Allocations and Management of Development Plan Document.

**15. Items for consideration at future meetings**

- 15.1 Concern was expressed that the agenda for this meeting contained too many items. No items were suggested for the next ordinary meeting.
- 15.2 It was noted that the meeting scheduled for 15 July 2010 will need to be rearranged as this date clashes with a meeting of Albrighton Parish Council.
- 15.3 It was noted that the deadline for grant applications to be considered at the rearranged meeting is Friday 11 June 2010.

**Signed**.....  
**Chairman**

**Date:** .....