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Albrighton Area Local Joint  
Committee  
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## **ANNUAL REVIEW AND PROGRESS REPORT 2009/10**

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### **1. Summary**

This report provides an overview of the work of the Local Joint Committee over the first year 2009/10.

### **2. Recommendation**

That the progress of this Local Joint Committee and the positive work being undertaken be noted and encouraged to continue.

## **Report**

### **1. Attendance Figures**

<b>Round 1 (June/July 2009)</b>	<b>Round 2 (Sept/Oct 2009)</b>	<b>Round 3 (Dec/Jan 2009/10)</b>	<b>Round 4 (Mar 2010)</b>
<b>13</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>30</b>

It is pleasing to note that attendance figures have steadily increased over the course of the year and this is a trend which has definitely continued into the current year. Attendance does, however, fluctuate depending on the subject matter being discussed. The power of word of mouth communications and the relevance of the issue up for debate seems to be a major impact on the numbers attending.

### **2. Agenda items/Main issues covered in 2009/10**

- Waste collection / Household Recycling Centre
- Local Development Framework – consultation
- Youth provision
- Choice Based Lettings
- Skateboard Park, Albrighton
- Highways issues in particular pavements around Elm Road
- Parking issues at Ashgrove housing estate
- Partnerships and Communities Together

## 2. Biggest success or greatest achievements during the year

- Consistent commitment and attendance of officers, members and public
- Parish Councillors and Shropshire Councillors working well together
- 17 community groups awarded grants (annual budget of £21,000)
- 4 LJC meetings and 4 LJC pre meetings held in various venues around the area
- Public participation – enabling members of the public to participate in the meetings via presentations to the committee to get over their point

## 3. Greatest challenge or biggest learning point in 2009/10

Communicating the meeting date and content of the report using the current posters and press release system doesn't appear to be working as well as we would have hoped despite producing and circulating 100 posters and issuing several press releases for each meeting and there is definitely room for improvement.

However, it does need to be acknowledged that there is no substitute for word of mouth and encouragement from local residents and members. This is coupled with a need to ensure that the agenda is set up to reflect local issues of concern or interest as well as meeting the needs of Shropshire Council.

Another challenge is that there is potential to overload the agenda with too many presentations which then doesn't allow full consideration or public participation and can appear to be rushed.

## 4. Projects Funded

Applicant	Project	Amount of LJC Funding approved £	Total Project Cost £
Albrighton Youth Drop In Centre	Help towards new equipment and running costs.	971.46	971.46
Jazz Specials	To run 4 jazz evenings with nationally know jazz bands	500	2000
Dressing Room Refurbishment Albrighton Cricket Club	To redevelop and update the dressing rooms and toilet facilities	3000	15000
Albrighton Civic Society	Improvements to land adjacent to access roads	2500	7500
Wesley Hall Car Park	To resurface the car park to the rear of the Wesley Hall	2500	2500
Albrighton Senior Section	To help 5 girl guides attempt the Tall Ships Race 2010	250	500

Guides – Tall Ships Race			
Albrighton Methodist Church – Art Group	To book a professional artist to teach new techniques	250	385
Albrighton Broadplace	To help towards costs of upgrading IT equipment	250	881
Red House Flower Show	Towards the cost of producing a programme for the Show	250	404
Albrighton Table Tennis Club	To help towards the relocation of the lighting	150	300
Albrighton Junior Youth Club	Various pieces of equipment	250	269.50
Albrighton Civic Society	Administration costs of the new Society	250	250
Albrighton CCTV Improvements	To upgrade existing CCTV cameras to provide better quality pictures.	3500	14000
Albrighton Fayre	To help towards the cost of the event	250	974.95
Den Building Floors Replacement	To refurbish the floors to The Den	1000	5000
Albrighton Shop Watch Radio – Link Scheme	To help towards the cost of new equipment	250	300
Friends of Albrighton Library	To help towards an event with the Live at Home Group	100	100

## 5. Conclusion

The Committee is working well and has settled down nicely. However, there is room for this committee to evolve to meet the needs of the community as well as addressing the issues of Shropshire Council.

**List of Background Papers (This MUST be completed for all reports, but does not include items containing exempt or confidential information)**

**Human Rights Act Appraisal**

The recommendations in this report are compatible with Human Rights legislation.

**Environmental Appraisal**

Not applicable

**Risk Management Appraisal**

All funding applications will need to be evaluated against agreed criteria and in accordance with agreed financial procedures.

**Community / Consultations Appraisal**

Decisions on allocation of funding will be taken by the committee as local representatives of the community.

**Cabinet Member**

Councillor Gwilym Butler

**Local Members**

All members of the Local Joint Committee.

**Appendices** None