



Committee and Date

Albrighton Area Local Joint  
Committee

23 November 2011

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**NOTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ALBRIGHTON AREA LOCAL JOINT  
COMMITTEE HELD ON AT 7.00PM ON WEDNESDAY 18 MAY 2011 AT THE  
RED HOUSE, HIGH STREET, ALBRIGHTON.**

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**Committee Members Present:**

Shropshire Council

Malcolm Pate

Albrighton Parish Council  
Boningale Parish Council  
Donington with Boscobel Parish Council  
Tong Parish Council

David Beechey  
Bob Tummons  
Fred Shelley  
David Murray

**Shropshire Council Officers present:**

Community Action Officer  
Senior Committee Officer

Andrea McWilliams  
Adrian Dean

There were approximately 80 members of the public present at the meeting.

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**1. Election of Chairman**

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

**2. Appointment of Vice-Chairman**

- 2.1 **RESOLVED:** that Fred Shelley be appointed Vice-Chairman for the ensuing year.

**3. Welcome and Introductions**

- 3.1 The Chairman welcomed everybody to the meeting. He also reminded those present that Local Joint Committees are the opportunity for the community to have their say and to feedback comments directly to the Cabinet at Shropshire Council.

**4. Apologies for Absence**

- 4.1 Apologies for absence were received from Stuart West.

**5. Declarations of Interest**

- 5.1 The following prejudicial declaration of interest was made:

<b>Member</b>	<b>Interest</b>	<b>Reason</b>
Fred Shelley	Grant application – Albrighton & District Crime Prevention Panel	Member of the Crime Prevention Panel

**6. Notes**

- 6.1 The notes of the meetings held on 28 September 2010, 25 January and 21 March 2011 were signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

**7. Local Joint Committees**

- 7.1 The Committee received a presentation from Chris Edwards, Area Director, Shropshire Council where he explained the new management arrangements that came into effect on 1 April 2011 and his role in that structure.

**8. Comments, Questions and Suggestions from the meeting held on 25 January 2011**

- 8.1 The Contents of the Comments, Questions and Suggestions form were noted.

**9. Arriva**

- 9.1 The Chairman introduced Gordon Frost from Arriva who spoke about the 891 and 892 services to Albrighton. He referred to the changes that took place in February where the service reduced from a half hourly service to an hourly service, that Arriva is profit making and the service only breaks even.
- 9.2 In response to a question from the Chairman, Gordon Frost said that to extend the Shifnal Service the extra 4 miles would create a timetabling problem because of the additional time it would take to travel that distance. He added that it could mean that an additional bus would be required at a cost in the region of £100,000 to £120,000.
- 9.3 Several other people referred to buses being full at peak times, another asked whether the restriction on using the National Bus

Card could be relaxed to enable it to be used prior to 9.30am. Another person asked whether the service from Wolverhampton could be changed from 4.45pm or 5.45pm to a time more convenient to those who finish work at 5pm. Gordon Frost said that new 37 seat buses were now in use on these routes and that the 9.30am restriction would have to be removed by Shropshire Council. He said that Arriva would consider the other issues raised and would ensure that consultation was better than before following criticism that people did not know that changes were going to be made.

9.4 The Chairman thanked Gordon Frost for his attendance.

9.5 The Chairman summarised the issues and concerns raised as follows:

- (a) That the restriction imposed on the use of the National Bus Card should be changed from after 9.30am to after 9.00am. (The Chairman said that he would refer this to Shropshire Council).
- (b) That overcrowding on buses was a problem on some services.
- (c) That Arriva would consider whether the bus service from Telford to Shifnal could be extended to Albrighton.
- (d) That Arriva carry out more extensive consultation when proposing to make future changes to bus services in the area.

## 10. Partners and Communities Together (PACT)

10.1 Sergeant Richard Bailey updated the meeting on Policing issues. He referred to a number of initiatives that were being undertaken in Albrighton including the new PIP (Policing Information Point) that has been located in Albrighton Library. He also answered questions raised.

## 11. Shropshire Fire and Rescue Service

11.1 Neil Grove (Assistant Group Commander Shropshire Rural Performance Group South) said that new arrangements for the management of the Fire Service had now been put in place. He said that he covers the Fire Stations at Much Wenlock, Bridgnorth, Albrighton Cleobury, Ludlow and Craven Arms. He said that the Fire Service will come along to meetings of local groups to talk about fire safety.

**12. Allocation of Council Housing**

- 12.1 The Chairman introduced Viv Marriott (Housing Services Manager – Bridgnorth) who outlined the system for allocating Council properties.
- 12.2 The Housing Services Manager also answered several questions raised about the service although she said that for confidentiality reasons she could not speak about any particular instance.

**13. Market Towns Revitalisation Programme**

- 13.1 The Chairman reported that applications for improvements to the Red House and improved signage for the village are being drawn up.

**14. Funding Applications**

- 14.1 Members considered the report and the representations made.

**14.2 RESOLVED:**

- (a) That the following grants be awarded from the large grants budget:

Albrighton & District Historical Society - A project to produce a book of photographs showing Albrighton locations past and present - £250

Albrighton Musical Theatre Company - The production 'No No Nanette' Musical - £750

Albrighton & District Crime Prevention Panel - to upgrade the two existing static cameras at 64 High Street and Meadow Road - £1,000

Albrighton Bowling Club - this project is to provide help towards the cost of the installation of an automatic irrigation system at the Bowls Club - £3,000

Albrighton Skatepark Committee - this project is to make improvements to the existing skateboard park at Newhouse Lane, Albrighton - £2,700

**15. Public Question Time**

- 15.1 A local resident said that resurfacing of the roads on the Bushfield Road estate were required and asked when this would be carried out.
- 15.2 Another local resident again raised an issue about overgrown ivy

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obscuring street lights in Cross Road/Elm, Road. He said that he had raised the issue on other occasions at the LJC over the last 12 months or so and been promised that the ivy would be cut back. He also raised an issue about the location of the speed limit near Cross Road suggesting that the 40mph zone and signs were in the wrong place.

15.3 Some concern was expressed about the reduction in the number of meetings of the Local Joint Committee being held in particular because the next meeting would not be held until November 2011. The Chairman said that these comments would be passed on to those responsible.

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15.4 A local resident asked about the missing footpath in Elm Road. It was indicated that the works would cost £30,000 to carry out and that there was a problem because of a small wall that had been built across the route of the footpath. This issue would have to be resolved before the matter could be progressed further.

15.5 The Committee were thanked for the grant given to the Red House towards the cost of providing better kitchen facilities. It was reported that the work had been completed and will be useful to all who use the facility.

**16. Date of next meeting and deadlines for grant applications**

16.1 It was noted:

- (a) that the next meeting will be held at 7pm on Wednesday 23 November 2011 at The Red House, High Street, Albrighton.
- (b) that the deadline for grant applications is Friday 14 October 2011.

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

**Date:** .....