

**Committee and Date**Albrighton Area Local Joint
Committee

23 May 2012

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**NOTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ALBRIGHTON AREA LOCAL JOINT
COMMITTEE HELD ON AT 7.00PM ON WEDNESDAY 23 NOVEMBER 2011 AT
THE RED HOUSE, HIGH STREET, ALBRIGHTON.**

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Committee Members Present:Shropshire Council
Shropshire CouncilMalcolm Pate
Stuart WestAlbrighton Parish Council
Donington with Boscobel Parish Council
Tong Parish CouncilDavid Beechey
Fred Shelley
David Murray**Shropshire Council Officers present:**Community Action Officer
Senior Committee OfficerAndrea McWilliams
Adrian Dean

There were 11 members of the public present at the meeting.

ACTION**17. Welcome and Introductions**

17.1 The Chairman welcomed everybody to the meeting.

18. Declarations of Interest

18.1 The following prejudicial declaration of interest was made:

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

19. Notes19.1 The notes of the meeting held on 18 May 2011 were signed by the
Chairman as a correct record.

20. Comments, Questions and Suggestions from the meeting held on 18 May 2011

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

21. Partners and Communities Together (PACT)

- 21.1 David Beechey said that he had spoken to the local Police Officers and unfortunately no one was available to attend the meeting. He gave an update on behalf of LPO Michelle Morris.
- 21.2 He said that the temporary closure of Cosford railway station had meant that more people were using Albrighton station and an increased number were parking in Station Road. He said that Shropshire Council had been asked to put in double yellow lines to prevent parking occurring and that this was proceeding subject to the legal process.
- 21.3 The Chairman added that there were to be changes to West Mercia Police and that their middle management and back office functions will be merging with those of Warwickshire Police and that this will result in significant savings.

22. Rural Challenge

- 22.1 The Chairman introduced Gaynor Richards and Peter Phillips from Albrighton Traders' Association who had been invited to talk about their signage project in Albrighton.
- 22.2 Gaynor Richards said that the aim of the project was to encourage more footfall in Albrighton following the decline of trade due to extensive road works and the loss of Barclays Bank. Improved signage from the A41 would help to achieve this.
- 22.3 Peter Phillips added that a funding stream was identified by Shropshire Council from the Market Towns Revitalisation Programme. He said that there would be a mix of welcome signs at the entrances to Albrighton and interpretation signs in the village centre and at strategic points of interest and tourism venues.
- 22.4 He said that an initial grant application had been unsuccessful but that an improved application was successful and a grant of £31,300 was awarded. A procurement process is currently underway.
- 22.5 He said that people with smart phones would be able to use a special 'QR' code to find out more from the internet about the particular location.

23. Love Clean Streets Project and Outsourcing the Streetscene Service

- 23.1 Steve Brown from Environmental Maintenance at Shropshire Council said that the Love My Shropshire project was about the increased use of the internet and smart phones in reporting instances of things such as dog fouling or damaged or street lights not working. He said that photographs of the offending item could be taken and posted from a smart phone and be loaded onto the Council's Love My Shropshire webpage. Apps for smart phones would be available from the Council's website.
- 23.2 He said that the website was currently being tested and that it would go live in late January or early February 2012 and confirmed that the other current ways of reporting the issues would continue to be available.
- 23.3 With regard to Operational Services, he said that a tendering process had been carried out and that tenders were currently being evaluated so he was unable to say who the successful tenderer is at this moment in time. The new contract would be provided by one organisation and would include highway maintenance and street lighting.
- 23.4 He said that the contract would run from 1 April 2012 for 6 years and that it could be extended by a further 4 years and would provide an integrated team. There would be efficiency savings, new logos on vehicles and new uniforms for employees. Some staff would be retained by the Council to monitor the contract.
- 23.5 In reply to a question about painting street furniture such as lamp posts and bins, Steve Brown said that the teams providing the service would be able to multi task and would be able to carry out a variety of functions.
- 23.6 Concern was expressed about gully cleaning and the previous problems of flooding in the area. Steve Brown confirmed that gully cleaning was on a rolling programme and that they were emptied 2 or 3 times a year depending on whether they were in a rural or urban area.
- 23.7 Issues concerning dog fouling and litter were also raised and Steve Brown confirmed that prosecutions could be made if witness statements were submitted.
- 23.8 In response to a question, Steve Brown said that the new contract would include Shropshire Council and Cheshire West Council and would be able to make savings in various ways such as being able to share a training school.

24. Urgent and Sensitive Matters

- 24.1 **RESOLVED:** that the delegated authority in relation to the Community Action Officer, be approved only following communication between the Chairman and Members and once a consensus of opinion has been reached on a time sensitive or urgent matter.

25. Update on Grant Awards made to the Albrighton Area 2011/12

- 25.1 The summary of the successful funding awards granted locally, and bids currently being worked on was noted.

26. 2011/12 Finance Report, Including Update on Funding Requests for Consideration

- 26.1 Members considered the report and the representations made.

- 26.2 **RESOLVED:** that the following grants be awarded from the large grants budget:

Shifnal and Albrighton Youth for Christ – Costs associated with Panna Cage and Youth Programme - £500

Albrighton & District Crime Prevention Panel – Repairs and Modifications - £932.70

Albrighton Traders' Association – Albrighton signage - £4,000

St Mary's Nursery – St Mary's Nursery Garden - £750

RAF Cosford Youth Club – New equipment - £700

- 26.3 **RESOLVED:** that the following grants be awarded from the community chest:

Albrighton Traders' Association – Shopwatch Radio Link Scheme - £250

27. Public Question Time

- 27.1 A local resident expressed concern about the amount of traffic and the speed at which it is entering Albrighton from the A464 and the amount which enters from the A41. He asked whether a counter could be used so that statistical information could be available. The Chairman added that some heavy vehicles use those roads following sat nav instructions and suggested a sign might resolve the issue.

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- 27.2 A question was asked as to whether the speed restriction from the

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A464 into Albrighton could be reduced to 30 mph for the full length from the A464 rather than the current 40 mph from the A464 and then reducing to 30 mph. Apparently, the 30 mph sign can be seen from the 40 mph sign. The Chairman said that advice would be sought from the Highways Officer.

28. Items for Future Meetings

28.1 It was agreed that items on the following subjects be included on the agenda for the next meeting:

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Planning Strategy – Community Infrastructure Levy

Signed.....
Chairman

Date: