

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

21 November 2012

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**NOTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ALBRIGHTON AREA LOCAL JOINT
COMMITTEE HELD ON AT 7.00PM ON WEDNESDAY 23 MAY 2012 AT TONG
PARISH HALL, HUBBALL LANE, TONG.**

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

There were 30 members of the public present at the meeting.

ACTION**29. Election of Chairman**

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

30. Appointment of Vice-Chairman

- 30.1 **RESOLVED:** that Nick Smith be elected Vice-Chairman for the ensuing year

31 Welcome and Introductions

- 31.1 The Chairman welcomed everybody to the meeting.

32. Declarations of Interest

- 32.1 None declared

33. Notes

- 33.1 The notes of the meeting held on 23 November 2012 were signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

34. Comments, Questions and Suggestions from the meeting held on 23 November 2011

- 34.1 The local resident who had previously raised a question about the speed at which traffic entered Albrighton from both the A41 and A454 expressed his disappointment at the length of time it had taken for him to receive a response. He also expressed his displeasure because the officer had indicated there were no proposals to undertake any works.
- 34.2 The Chairman said that evidence would be required before anything could be considered and asked for the viability of a speed check on the 60mph stretch of road towards the 40mph signs to be considered.
- 34.3 The Comments, Questions and Suggestions form was noted.

35. Smartwater

- 35.1 The Chairman introduced Steve Lloyd from Smartwater who gave an overview of the Smartwater product and its uses in fighting crime.
- 35.2 Steve Lloyd said that the product contained a unique forensic code and that if it was sprayed onto a person or their clothes that it would be visible in ultra violet light. It would also identify who had been supplied with that particular batch of smartwater. He said it can also be used to mark property and that it had also been used on drain gullies.
- 35.3 The Chairman thanked Steve for a very informative presentation and indicated that Albrighton Parish Council would consider the product.

36. Partners and Communities Together (PACT)

- 36.1 The Community Action Officer said that the Jackie Fletcher (CSO) had been called away from the meeting but had said that there was very little crime in the area apart from a couple of incidents of mobile phone thefts.

37. Crime Prevention Panel

- 37.1 The changes in personnel of the Crime Prevention Panel were noted.

38. SAMDev Preferred Options

- 38.1 The Chairman reminded those present of the importance of the meeting being held on 31 May 2012 and urged anyone who had comments to make to attend the meeting.

39. 2012/13 Finance Report, Including Update on Funding Requests for Consideration

- 39.1 Members considered the report and it was **RESOLVED** as follows:

From the Large Grant budget

Albrighton Fayre Committee – help to support the Albrighton Fayre - £520.00

Donington & Albrighton Local Nature Reserve – to help further develop the Nature Reserve - £1,750.00

Tong Parish Hall – towards the cost of replacement heating at the Parish Hall - £1,500.00

Albrighton Cricket Club – Provision of run-ups to the cricket nets - £500.00

Albrighton Broadplace – Keep Albrighton Switched On - £600.00

Albrighton & District Civic Society – Planters and Tubs in Albrighton - £600.00

Albrighton Skateboard Park – to make the skatepark safer and prevent its use when closed - £900.00

From the Community Chest

Albrighton Traders' Association – Shopwatch Radio Link Scheme - £250.00

The Albrighton Trust – Training for Angling Coaches - £250.00

40. Connecting Shropshire

- 40.1 The Chairman asked those present to take away with them, complete and return the forms seeking support for superfast broadband in Shropshire. He also said that they could be passed on to friends and relatives so that they could add their support.

41. Public Question Time

- 41.1 A local resident said that he was disappointed that only 30 people had attended the meeting and asked about the publicity given to the

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meeting. The Community Action Officer said the usual advertising had been carried out. The Senior Committee Officer confirmed that he had sent reminders by e-mail to over 50 people and a similar number by post.

41.2 Issues concerning Bowling Green Lane were raised. The concerns were over its use by large vehicles and that its continued use was a hazard and is in need of widening.

41.2 The Chairman said that he had attended a meeting with the Principal Engineer to discuss the concerns and confirmed that improvements are being considered. He also said that signage from the M54 possibly could be changed so that vehicles were not directed into Albrighton using Bowling Green Lane.

42. Items for future meetings

4.1 It was suggested that the issues and concerns about Bowling Green Lane should be added to the agenda for the next meeting and that the Principal Engineer be asked to attend.

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43. RAF Cosford

43.1 The Chairman introduced Squadron Leader Graham Lee from RAF Cosford who had been invited to attend. Graham Lee provided a brief update on the current situation regarding the future of Cosford as an RAF base and gave the following statement:

‘The future of RAF Cosford has not been decided. Indeed, the decision has not been taken to move the RAF from Cosford; that decision will be subject to the outcome of ongoing studies and value-for-money conclusions that will be drawn from those studies. However, it follows that the Army could not move in to Cosford until the RAF moves out. For that reason, the move of 102 Logistics Brigade is currently in abeyance.

None of the above goes against the announcement by the Secretary of State for Defence, made on 18 July 2011, that: “The Defence Technical Training (DTT) programme will move to Lyneham”. Aeronautical Engineering and Information & Communication Technology training delivered at RAF Cosford at present falls within the DTT programme; the latter is subject to the ongoing studies mentioned earlier. Funding for any future moves will be required but our understanding is that, at present, not all of that required funding has been identified.

As a consequence of the fluid situation outlined above, for now RAF Cosford continues with its important work to deliver appropriately trained and operationally-focused trainees to the front line as efficiently and effectively as possible. The Station Commander, Group Captain Jamie Johnston, will keep local councils updated

should any change to the above situation arise.'

44. Date of Next Meeting and Deadlines for Grant Applications

44.1 It was noted:

- (a) that the next meeting will be held at 7pm on Wednesday 21 November 2012 at The Red House, High Street, Albrighton WV7 3JU.
- (b) the deadline for grant applications is Friday 19 October 2012.

45. Diary Dates

45.1 The Chairman reminded the meeting of several events taking place over the next few weeks including the The Queen's Diamond Jubilee tour at FAF Cosford/Royal Air Force Museum on 12 July. He said that those who wished to attend needed to register and that over 30,000 people had so far registered.

Signed: **Chairman**

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