

**BISHOP'S CASTLE, CHIRBURY & WORTHEN AND CLUN LOCAL JOINT COMMITTEE  
28<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2009 - COMMENTS & SUGGESTIONS WITH RESPONSE DETAILS:**

|    | COMMENT / QUESTION / ISSUE                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | CONTACT DETAILS                                           | RESPONSE TO BE SENT BY                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
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| 1. | <p><u>Shropshire Link Service</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Apparent lack of ability for the Service to cope with journeys from persons who wished to cross the border to Newtown, Powys.</li> <li>▪ Requirement to give more than 24 hours notice was not particularly satisfactory for the elderly who might not be feeling well enough by the requested journey day and time.</li> <li>▪ System of booking was too difficult and complex, particularly causing confusion for the elderly and Dial-a-Ride system was more useful.</li> <li>▪ Particular mention about problems being experienced in recent weeks in the Clun area whereby bookings had been refused on the grounds that the service was fully booked for a particular day, then at times, successful bookings for the same day had been made later in the week.</li> <li>▪ Apparent lack of ability for the bus driver to accept extra users on the day even though the bus might not be full.</li> <li>▪ Thought should be given to linking the service with other public transport systems to enable onward connections and journeys from the market towns.</li> <li>▪ Consideration should be given to using the buses more during the school holiday periods especially where the vehicles were used for the school routes during term-time.</li> <li>▪ A suggestion was put forward that during the school holiday periods, a service should operate to Bishop's Castle from the Chirbury &amp; Worthen area to enable youngsters to make use of the leisure facilities at SpaRC.</li> </ul> | <p>Various Members and public present at the meeting.</p> | <p>All issues raised and findings to be submitted to the Scrutiny Committee at the start of November.</p> <p><b>Chairman requested report back on issues to be submitted to the next meeting on 20<sup>th</sup> January 2010.</b></p> <p><b>Item included on agenda for meeting on 20<sup>th</sup> January 2010</b></p> |

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| 2. | <p><u>Local Bus Services</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The possibility of the re-instatement of the 773 bus service to Newtown.</li> <li>▪ Timetables should be updated regularly, as and when necessary, with more publicity being given to the services.</li> <li>▪ Some settlements had more than one notice board, besides the bus stops, where bus timetables could be displayed and the local parish councils could assist the operators with the display.</li> <li>▪ Local newsletters could be used to inform the public of the services and/or a resident could act as a champion of the service within their locality.</li> <li>▪ Possible promotion of the services via the Community Services team.</li> </ul>                                             | <p>Various Members and public present at the meeting.</p> | <p><b>Chairman requested report back on issues to be submitted to the next meeting on 20<sup>th</sup> January 2010.</b></p> <p><b>Item included on agenda for meeting on 20<sup>th</sup> January 2010.</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| 3. | <p><u>Break Out Sessions</u></p> <p><u>Housing</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) Lack of affordable housing in the rural area and general information about the scheme.</li> <li>(b) Definition of an affordable housing settlement unclear.</li> </ul> <p><u>Rural Highways</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(c) Gritting and general condition of rural highways.</li> <li>(d) Too many potholes.</li> </ul> <p><u>Transport</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(e) Possible introduction of 5 mile corridor to help cross border activities.</li> <li>(f) Young people not satisfied with transport services.</li> </ul> <p><u>Business</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(g) Future of local shops and facilities.</li> </ul> | <p>Various Members and public present at the meeting.</p> | <p><b>Items to be referred to members to assist with future topics for discussion.</b></p> <p><b>Item included on agenda for meeting on 20<sup>th</sup> January 2010. (a) &amp; (b)</b></p> <p><b>Item included on agenda for meeting on 20<sup>th</sup> January 2010. (c) &amp; (d)</b></p> <p><b>Item include on agenda for meeting on 20<sup>th</sup> January 2010. (e) &amp; (f)</b></p> <p><b>Shropshire Council set up Shropshire Business Enterprise Fund in Nov 09 to deliver programme of Grants</b></p> |

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|    | <p>(h) Availability of grants for business and tourism development.</p> <p><u>Planning</u></p> <p>(i) Advertising on planning applications.<br/> (j) More rural communities felt disenfranchised from the planning process.<br/> (k) Wind turbines in rural area.<br/> (l) Community Infrastructure and development.<br/> (m) More flexible planning needed in respect of business development.</p> <p><u>Communications</u></p> <p>(n) Improved mobile phone reception and better public telephone facilities.</p> <p><u>Community matters</u></p> <p>(o) More promotion required of the Good Neighbour Scheme.</p> <p><u>Young People</u></p> <p>(p) Lack of sporting provision for youngsters in the rural area.</p> <p>(Details of the post it notes are attached as an annex.)</p> |                      | <p>to help businesses during the recession. (g) &amp; (h)</p> <p><b>Feedback from Peter Phillips to be submitted to future meeting. (n)</b></p> <p><b>Consideration being given to holding meeting at SpARC to discuss young people matters. (p)</b></p> |
| 2. | <p><u>CRB Checks</u></p> <p>The need for volunteers to be security checked and the bureaucracy associated with the requirement and process.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Cllr Jackie Williams | <p><b>Item to be considered as future agenda matter.</b></p> <p><b>Matter outside control of Shropshire Council and Parish Councils. Individual comments and representations should be submitted to Central</b></p>                                      |

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| 3. | <u>Contact Information Sheet</u><br>Possible production of contact information sheet, including photographs, of service providers relevant to this LJC area, perhaps pull-out in centre of Shropshire Magazine. | Cllr Heather Kidd (Lead) | <b>Chairman to look into further and advise Committee of outcome.</b><br><br><b>Given the cost and the issue of providing timely information in a publication such as the Shropshire Magazine, further investigations to be made into possible inclusion of contact details in community leaflets.</b> |

## Feedback from breakout sessions – post it notes

| Topic            | Comment                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Where From     |
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| <b>Housing</b>   | Disseminate the Affordable Housing policy                                                                                                                                                                   |                |
|                  | No more houses wanted in Clun                                                                                                                                                                               | Clun           |
|                  | Build should be 'like for like'                                                                                                                                                                             | Chirbury       |
|                  | Why does Shropshire Council think that they can successfully predict what developments will be 'economically successful' and which will ultimately benefit the local economy?                               |                |
|                  | In a dispersed parish issues may not be related to settlements – to put it simply, farmers want to build for retirement (or children) on their land.                                                        |                |
|                  | The Government is bringing in the Community Infrastructure Levy – will not Shropshire Council's policy of only developing for 'community benefit' duplicate (and therefore kill off) all rural development? |                |
|                  | Enforcement versus Planning – should support local pubs and give business development grants                                                                                                                |                |
|                  | Advertising of planning applications (wind turbines)                                                                                                                                                        |                |
|                  | Lack of affordable housing – young people moving away                                                                                                                                                       |                |
| <b>Various</b>   | If the proprietor of the local Post Office decides to retire and no-one wants to buy it, would Shropshire Council help to keep it going?                                                                    |                |
|                  | Will Shropshire Council listen to/take notice of the voice of the most small communities in the county?                                                                                                     | Bettws y Crwyn |
|                  | Disenfranchisement of truly rural community – "Countryside"                                                                                                                                                 |                |
| <b>Community</b> | Need local services for older people                                                                                                                                                                        |                |
|                  | Should extend and promote Good Neighbours schemes                                                                                                                                                           |                |
| <b>Youth</b>     | Youth support services are stretched                                                                                                                                                                        |                |
|                  | Need transport services for younger people                                                                                                                                                                  |                |
| <b>Transport</b> | more buses                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Clun           |
|                  | ShropshireLink contact at Shrewsbury didn't know where customer wanted to pick up – don't they have a map?                                                                                                  | Clun           |
|                  | Can't take ShropshireLink bus before 11am                                                                                                                                                                   | Clun           |
|                  | Would love a once weekly bus between Clun and Shrewsbury via Bishop's Castle. Would love a link between Clun and Bishop's Castle. Lots of people that don't drive a car.                                    | Clun           |
|                  | Cross border bus pass – why can't we use our Free Bus Pass in Wales?                                                                                                                                        | Clun           |
|                  | The bus to Newtown goes only once a fortnight – can they have it once a week?                                                                                                                               | Newcastle      |
| <b>Highways</b>  | too many potholes                                                                                                                                                                                           | Clun           |
|                  | traffic speeds up the Bishop's Castle road (A488)                                                                                                                                                           | Clun           |