



**Committee and Date**  
De brief and Pre Meeting for  
Bishop's Castle, Chirbury &  
Worthen and Clun LJC  
  
2<sup>nd</sup> March 2010  
4 pm

**Item**  
  
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**Public**

**BISHOP'S CASTLE, CHIRBURY & WORTHEN AND CLUN LOCAL JOINT COMMITTEE**

**NOTE OF DECISIONS AND ACTIONS STEMMING FROM THE MEETING HELD  
ON 20<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2010,  
7.00 – 9.15 P.M.  
AT  
THE VILLAGE HALL AT MARTON, SHROPSHIRE, SY21 8JT**

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**Committee Members Present:**

Shropshire Council

Nigel Hartin Clun  
Heather Kidd Chirbury & Worthen

Town/Parish Councils

Valerie Whately Bettws-y-Crwyn Parish Council  
Andrew Craig Chirbury with Brompton Parish Council  
John Croxton Clunbury Parish Council  
Jonathan Roberts Clungunford Parish Council  
Llewellyn Morgan Llanfair Waterdine Parish Council  
Jackie Williams Lydbury North Parish Council  
Eddie Jones Newcastle on Clun Parish Council  
Brian Ince Worthen with Shelve Parish Council

**Shropshire Council Members/Officers Present:**

Malcolm Price Portfolio Holder for Housing  
Claire Porter Lead Officer  
Jake Berriman Support Officer  
Frances Hall Community Regeneration Officer  
Penny Chamberlain Committee Officer (Decision Notes)  
Chris Edwards Assistant Director, Environmental Maintenance  
Chris Fisher Area Highways Manager  
Claire Hughes Rural Enabling Officer  
Sam Hine Head of Community Working

**West Mercia Police:**

PC Nick Williams  
PC Moore

There were approximately 10 members of the public present at the meeting.

**ACTION**

**1. Chairman's Welcome and Apologies for Absence**

- 1.1 The Chairman, Nigel Hartin, welcomed everyone to the meeting and each member of the Committee introduced themselves.

Apologies for absence were submitted as follows:

Peter Phillips	Shropshire Council (Bishop's Castle Division);
Trevor Hughes	Bedstone and Bucknell Parish Council;
Jane Carroll	Bishop's Castle Town Council;
Colin Pendry	Clun and Chapel Lawn Parish Council;
Anthony Haighway	Mainstone with Colebatch Parish Council; and
Keith Mansell	Myndtown Combined Parish Council.

**2. Declarations of Interest**

- 2.1 The following members declared their personal and/or personal and prejudicial interests in the items set out below:

Nigel Hartin – Note 6 (Budget 2009/2010 Decision Report) – Personal interest in relation to the application from the Bang on Street Samba Band as he knew one of the applicants.

Nigel Hartin – Note 6 (Budget 2009/2010 Decision Report) – Personal and prejudicial interest in relation to the application from St Mary's Primary School, Bucknell as his wife was a governor at the school. He left the room during the consideration of, and voting on, this item. In his absence Jonathan Roberts took the chair for this item.

Nigel Hartin – Note 6 (Budget 2009/2010 Decision Report) – Personal and prejudicial interest in relation to the application from Bucknell Playgroup and Toddlers as his wife ran the playgroup. He left the room during the consideration of, and voting on, this item. In his absence Jonathan Roberts took the chair for this item.

Nigel Hartin – Note 6 (Budget 2009/2010 Decision Report) – Personal interest in relation to the application from Hopton Castle Preservation Trust.

Nigel Hartin – Note 6 (Budget 2009/2010 Decision Report) – Personal interest in relation to the application from the South West Rural Project as a member of the Shropshire Fire and Rescue Service.

Eddie Jones – Note 6 (Budget 2009/2010 Decision Report) – Personal interest in relation to the application from the South West Rural Project as he was associated with the Club.

Malcolm Price – Note 6 (Budget 2009/2010 Decision Report) – Personal interest in relation to the application from the South West Rural Project as a member of the Shropshire Fire and Rescue Service.

Jonathan Roberts – Note 6 (Budget 2009/2010 Decision Report) – Personal and Prejudicial interest in relation to the application from Clungunford Parish Hall. He left the room during the consideration of, and voting on, this item.

**3. Decision Notes of the LJC Meeting Held on 28<sup>th</sup> September 2009**

3.1 The Decision Notes of the Bishop's Castle, Chirbury & Worthen and Clun Local Joint Committee held on 28<sup>th</sup> September 2009 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

Chairman/  
Committee  
officer

**4. Comments and Suggestion Response List – 28<sup>th</sup> September 2009**

4.1 The comments and suggestion response list for issues raised at the meeting on 28<sup>th</sup> September 2009, was submitted for information.

**5. Police Report**

5.1 PC Williams and Moore updated the Committee on activities within the LJC area.

**6. Budget 2009/2010 Decision Report**

6.1 Members considered a report by the Committee's Lead Officer, Claire Porter on an assessment of the 17 applications which had been received during the second round for funding from the annual budget allocation of £49,000.

**6.2 RESOLVED:**

(a) That subject to the application from Norbury Village Hall Charitable Trust being deferred to enable further information to be supplied by the applicant, the proposed budget allocations as set out in the report by the Lead Officer be approved, namely:

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Applicant

Decision

- Bishop's Castle Bowling Club Approved funding of £500.

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Clun Valley Air Gun League – Newcastle on Clun Club</li> </ul> | <p>Approved funding of £350 with the proviso that the Club's Constitution be amended to incorporate a clause stating that should the Club be disbanded, the Competition Air Rifle would be sold and the proceeds given to charity or the local parish council. Also before funding was released, confirmation of the name of the licence must be provided to the Community Regeneration Officer.</p> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Clungunford Parish Hall</li> </ul>                             | <p>Approved funding of £2,388.97 conditional on the match funding for this project being secured from Awards For All.</p>  |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Bishop's Castle Town Council</li> </ul>                        | <p>Funding of £500 not approved as the land was privately owned and could therefore at some point in the future be blocked to the public. Also Bishop's Castle Town Council, as evidenced by the Annual Accounts supplied, had sufficient reserves to pay for the project.</p>   |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Bishop's Castle Lawn Tennis Club</li> </ul>                    | <p>Approved partial funding of £450.</p>   |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Bucknell Football Club</li> </ul>                              | <p>Approved funding of £500.</p>   |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ St Mary's Primary School, Bucknell</li> </ul>                  | <p>Approved partial funding of £200 to pay for the tables and chairs.</p>  |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Bang on Street Samba Band</li> </ul>                           | <p>Approved funding of £1,795.</p>   |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Bucknell Playgroup &amp; Toddlers</li> </ul>                   | <p>Approved funding of £3,000.</p>   |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Clunbury Parish Newsletter</li> </ul>                          | <p>Approved partial funding of £350.</p>   |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Clunbury Under Fives</li> </ul>                                | <p>Approved funding of £345.</p>   |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Worthen Patients Participation Group</li> </ul>                | <p>Approved funding of £250.</p>   |

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| ▪ Hopton Castle Preservation Trust  | Approved funding of £10,000.   |
| ▪ Newcastle Children's Centre       | Deferred to the next round as the annual accounts were not received in time to be considered at the initial pre meeting held on 9 <sup>th</sup> December 2009.   |
| ▪ South Shropshire Interfaith Forum | Approved partial funding of £500.  |
| ▪ South West Rural Project          | Approved funding of £2,780, subject to the applicant confirming that the project would be advertised and made available to young people in the whole LJC19 area. Also, the charitable donation to the Fire Service Benevolent Fund should be excluded from the costs of the project, and confirmation given by the applicant that the itme for £240 fo "Harry Tuffins Chairty" is actually a payment to Harry Tuffins for use of their car park. |

(b) That, in future, the criteria for Community Chest grant applications be amended to allow projects form £500 to £1,500 from this Local Joint Committee, to be considered as a Community Chest Project (and thus not requiring match funding) at the discretion of the Committee.

Community  
Regen  
Officer

## 7. Affordable Housing

7.1 In response to a request made at the meeting in September, Malcolm Price, Shropshire Council's Cabinet Member for Housing and Jake Berriman (Head of Strategy and Policy) gave a presentation on "Affordable Housing". Claire Hughes, Rural Enabling Officer was also in attendance to assist with discussion and responses to any queries.

7.2 They answered questions from members of the Committee and public on the following issues:

- How the shortfall in the number of homes being built compared to numbers on the housing waiting list might be addressed.
- Preference for two, rather than, one bedroom properties being built.
- Bringing back into use empty homes via a new strategy

- and changes to council tax discounts for second homes.
- Percentage of affordable houses on development sites.

## **8. Rural Roads and Highways - Maintenance**

8.1 The Chairman welcomed Chris Edwards and Chris Fisher, who were in attendance to assist discussion on issues relating to highways maintenance.

8.2 They answered questions from members of the Committee and public on the following issues which had been highlighted during the recent spell of bad weather:

- The treatment of pavements and accesses to facilities.
- The length of roads being gritted in Shropshire and the investment which would be needed to extend it across all school bus routes.
- The lack of co-ordination at times, between different school transport providers, which had resulted in some children being stranded, thereby requiring better communication links to be established in future.
- The budgetary position of the severe weather fund and the additional funds allocated as a result of the recent bad weather.
- The increase in gritting stocks purchased by the Council for 2009/2010 and the national shortage of salt.
- Highways Maintenance service to be advised of any problems with potholes.
- Details re problems with surfacing of a road in Chirbury - passed to Chris Fisher for appropriate action.

## **9. Shropshire Link Service/Bus Services**

9.1 In response to a request made at the previous meeting, to receive feedback on the issues raised relating to the Shropshire Link Service and local bus services, a copy of the relevant minute and report on the review of the Rural Transport Strategy, submitted to the Councils Development Services Scrutiny Committee, was made available for information.

## **10. Rural Community Engagement**

10.1 The Committee noted a paper by Jake Berriman on Rural Community Engagement.

## **11. Teme Leisure Feedback**

11.1 The Chairman indicated that the copy of a letter from Lee Hassan, General Manager (Teme Leisure) to Peter Phillips on some of the points raised at the meeting in July 2009, had been submitted for members' information only. A Scrutiny Panel had been established by Shropshire Council to review the matter.

11.2 In response to an invitation from the Community Services Scrutiny Committee, it was **agreed** that Jane Carroll and Eddie Jones be nominated to serve on the Scrutiny Panel.

**PC/JC/  
EJ**

## **12. Shropshire Council Consultations**

12.1 It was noted that the following items were included on the Shropshire Partnership's new Consultation Portal:

- Shropshire Budget Consultation 2010-2011;
- Sustainable Community Strategy; and
- Shropshire Parish Charter.

## **13. Public Question Time**

13.1 A member of the public referred to strong local opposition to the possible siting of a biomass incinerator in Bishop's Castle and asked for clarification regarding the possible sale of Council owned land for the proposal. In turn the Chairman indicated that the matter should be taken up with the developer and in relation to any query regarding the planning process, Rob Mills of Shropshire Council would be able to advise him on the current position. He indicated that he would raise the matter directly with the appropriate Portfolio Holder and report back on the current position to the next meeting for information.

**NH/JB**

## **14. Future Agenda Items**

14.1 It was **agreed** that the following items be considered at the next meeting of the Committee in March:

- Broadband provision in the rural areas; and
- Royal Mail service in the rural areas.

**FH/PC**

14.2 It was noted that any queries regarding insurance cover for village halls should be referred to the Community Council for Shropshire.

14.3 It was noted that it would be beneficial if parish and town councils re-confirmed to Shropshire Council any wish to retain telephone boxes in their area.

14.1 It was noted that members should contact the Community Regeneration Officer, should they come up with any further ideas for future agenda items. **ALL**

**15. Date and Time of Next Meeting**

15.1 It was agreed that the next meeting of the Committee would be held in Edgton Village Hall at 7 pm on Wednesday, 17<sup>th</sup> March 2010. **ALL**

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

**Date**.....