



Committee and Date
Bishop's Castle, Chirbury &
Worthen and Clun LJC
20 May 2010
7 pm

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

**NOTE OF DECISIONS AND ACTIONS STEMMING FROM THE MEETING HELD
ON 17TH MARCH 2010,
7.00 – 9.00 P.M.**

**AT
SpArC, Bishop's Castle, SHROPSHIRE, SY9 5AY**

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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
Jane Carroll Bishop's Castle Town 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
Keith Mansell Myndtown Combined Parish Council
Eddie Jones Newcastle on Clun Parish Council
Brian Ince Worthen with Shelve Parish Council

Shropshire Council Members/Officers Present:

Claire Porter Lead Officer
Jake Berriman Support Officer
Frances Hall Community Regeneration Officer
Penny Chamberlain Committee Officer (Decision Notes)

West Mercia Police:

PC Nick Williams

British Telecom:

Ian Binks Partnership Director

There were approximately 25 members of the public present at the meeting.

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); and
- Trevor Hughes Bedstone and Bucknell Parish Council.

The Chairman also reported that Anthony Haighway had submitted his resignation as the Committee's representative from Mainstone with Colebatch 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:

Eddie Jones – Note 5 (Budget 2009/2010 Decision Report) – Personal and Prejudicial interest in relation to the application from the Newcastle Children's Centre due to his close friendship with the applicant. He left the room during the consideration of, and voting on, this item.

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Keith Mansell – Note 5 (Budget 2009/2010 Decision Report) – Personal and Prejudicial interest in relation to the application from Norbury Village Hall Charitable Trust as a member of the Village Hall Management Committee. He left the room during the consideration of, and voting on, this item.

Valerie Whately – Note 5 (Budget 2009/2010 Decision Report) – Personal and Prejudicial interest in relation to the application from the Newcastle Children's Centre due to her husband's position on the Board of Newcastle Primary School Governors. She left the room during the consideration of, and voting on, this item.

Valerie Whately – Note 5 (Budget 2009/2010 Decision Report) – Personal and Prejudicial interest in relation to the application from the Newcastle Primary School PTA due to her husband's position on the Board of Governors. She left the room during the consideration of, and voting on, this item.

3. Decision Notes of the LJC Meeting Held on 20th January 2010

- 3.1 The Decision Notes of the Bishop's Castle, Chirbury & Worthen and Clun Local Joint Committee held on 20th January 2010 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

Chairman/
Committee
officer

4. Police Report

- 4.1 PC Williams, Community Police Officer for the Bishop's Castle area updated the Committee on police activities within the LJC area.

5. Budget 2009/2010 Decision Report

- 5.1 Members considered a report by the Committee's Lead Officer, Claire Porter on an assessment of the 8 applications which had been received during the second round for funding from the annual budget allocation of £49,000.

Frances Hall indicated that arrangements were being made for feedback to be submitted to the next meeting of the Committee on the progress of some schemes which had previously received funding from the Committee.

Community
Regen
Officer

5.2 RESOLVED:

That subject to the application from the United Branch of the Pony Club being deferred to the next round in May 2010 to enable further information to be provided by the applicant, the proposed budget allocations as set out in the report by the Lead Officer be approved, namely:

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<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Decision</u>
• All Saints Church PCC, Worthen	Approved funding of £500.
• Clun Walking Club	Approved funding of £500 with the proviso that after one year, if there was any surplus from the sale of the booklets and the production of any additional copies, then this surplus would be passed to the Parish Council.
• Newcastle Children's Centre	Approved funding of £1,075.
• Norbury Village Hall Charitable Trust	Approved funding of £500.

- St Georges School PTA Approved funding of £1,379.97.
- Worthen Youth Club Approved funding of £475.
- Newcastle Primary School PTA Approved funding of £5,000.

6. **Broadband Coverage In Rural Areas**

6.1 Ian Binks, BT's Partnership Director gave a presentation on broadband access in rural areas, and provided hints and tips on how customers could improve the speed of their broadband connection. He also reported on the issue of "Not-Spots" which was causing specific challenges and problems in rural areas, particularly in the vicinity of Clun in the local LJC 19 area and commended the briefing note prepared on the issue by the Council's Head of ICT Services and circulated with the agenda papers.

Frances Hall undertook to circulate copies of the presentation by Ian Binks upon request to those present at the meeting.

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6.2 Following a lengthy discussion the Chairman thanked Mr Binks for his presentation and everyone for contributing and advised that he would endeavour to see if an article could be included in a future edition of the Shropshire Magazine on tips for improving broadband connections. He also agreed to raise the issue with the Council's Economic Development Team to see if they could look into the problems and ascertain if any monies might be allocated to the matter.

Chairman

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7. **Shropshire Council Consultations**

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

- Shropshire Parish Charter; and
- Core Strategy.

8. **Public Question Time**

8.1 A member of the Committee referred to the review of the community skip service and queried why the matter had not been referred for consultation to either the town/parish councils or the LJC. In response, the Chairman indicated that local councillors would continue to make representations on the matter and undertook to submit comments about the lack of consultation on behalf of the Committee.

Chairman

8.2 A member also expressed concern about the time being taken by the emergency services to respond to incidents in the area. She made specific mention of a recent occurrence during which the Ambulance Service had taken 40 minutes to arrive at the scene of the report. She asked if the matter of responses across all the emergency services could be considered by the LJC at a future meeting. **FH**

9. Local Joint Committees – Evaluation Forms

9.1 The Chairman explained that at the end of the first year of operation, an evaluation of the Local Joint Committees was being undertaken, and asked all present to complete the form tabled, in order to let the Council know their views. He reminded members of the LJC Summit to be held on the matter at Shrewsbury Town Football Club on 29th April 2010. **ALL**

Arising from the discussion it was agreed that an item be included on the next agenda to enable each representative to inform the Committee of happenings in their area. It was agreed that each representative should be permitted to speak for no longer than 3 minutes. **PC/ALL**

10. Future Agenda Items

10.1 It was noted that a number of items had been put forward earlier in the meeting as future agenda matters, namely divisional/parish matters, emergency service response times and consultation issues. **FH/PC**

The Chairman urged members to notify either himself or officers, should they come up with any further ideas for future agenda items. **ALL**

11. Date and Time of Next Meeting

11.1 It was agreed that the next meeting of the Committee would be held in Edgton Village Hall at 7 pm on Thursday, 20th May 2010. **ALL**

Signed.....
Chairman

Date.....