

**Committee and Date**

Bishop's Castle, Chirbury &
Worthen and Clun LJC

7th July 2010
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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 20TH MAY 2010,
7.00 – 9.30 P.M.
AT
EDGTON VILLAGE HALL, EDGTON, SHROPSHIRE**

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Committee Members Present:Shropshire Council

Peter Phillips	Bishop's Castle
Nigel Hartin	Clun
Heather Kidd	Chirbury & Worthen

Town/Parish Councils

Trevor Hughes	Bedstone and Bucknell Parish Council
Valerie Whately	Bettws-y-Crwyn Parish Council
Andrew Craig	Chirbury with Brompton Parish Council
Colin Pendry	Clun and Chapel Lawn 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
Mike Reynolds	Newcastle on Clun Parish Council
Brian Ince	Worthen with Shelve Parish Council

Shropshire Council Officers Present:

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

West Mercia Police:

CSO Ross O'Neill

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

1. Election of Chairman**Resolved:**

That, Mrs Heather Kidd be elected Chairman of the Committee for the ensuing municipal year.

2. Welcome and Apologies for Absence

- 2.1 The new Chairman, Heather Kidd, welcomed everyone to the meeting and each member of the Committee introduced themselves.

Apologies for absence were submitted as follows from members of the Committee:

- Jane Carroll – Bishop's Castle Town Council; and
- Eddie Jones – Newcastle on Clun Parish Council.

Apologies were also submitted from PC Nick Williams.

3. Appointment of Vice Chairman**Resolved:**

That, Mr Colin Pendry be appointed Vice Chairman of the Committee for the ensuing municipal year.

4. Declarations of Interest

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

Nigel Hartin – Note 7 (Budget 2010/2011 Decision Report) – Personal and Prejudicial interest in relation to the application from Bucknell Playgroup as his wife helped with the group. He left the room during the consideration of, and voting on, this item.

Trevor Hughes – Note 7 (Budget 2010/2011 Decision Report) – Personal and Prejudicial interest in relation to the application from the Bucknell Memorial Hall and Recreation Ground Committee as a member of the Committee. He left the room during the consideration of, and voting on, this item.

Heather Kidd – Note 7 (Budget 2010/2011 Decision Report) – Personal and Prejudicial interest in relation to the application from Village Outreach as a member of the Board of Enterprise South Shropshire. She left the room during the consideration of, and voting on, this item.

Keith Mansell – Note 7 (Budget 2010/2011 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.

Llewellyn Morgan – Note 7 (Budget 2010/2011 Decision Report) – Personal and Prejudicial interest in relation to the application from Llanfair Singers as a member of the Group. He left the room during the consideration of, and voting on, this item.

Peter Phillips – Note 7 (Budget 2010/2011 Decision Report) – Personal and Prejudicial interest in relation to the application from Village Outreach as a member of the Board of Enterprise South Shropshire. He left the room during the consideration of, and voting on, this item.

Valerie Whately – Note 7 (Budget 2010/2011 Decision Report) Personal and Prejudicial interest in relation to the application from the United Branch of the Pony Club as her niece was a member of the Club. She left the room during the consideration of, and voting on, this item.

Jackie Williams – Note 7 (Budget 2010/2011 Decision Report) – Personal interest in relation to the application from the Clun Carnival and Show Committee as a judge at the Show.

5. Decision Notes of the LJC Meeting Held on 2010

- 5.1 The Decision Notes of the Bishop's Castle, Chirbury & Worthen and Clun Local Joint Committee held on 17th March 2010 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.
- 5.2 The Chairman suggested that consideration be given later in the meeting to inviting representatives from the Ambulance Service to attend the next meeting to discuss response times.

6. Police Report

- 6.1 Ross O'Neill, Community Police Officer for the Bishop's Castle area updated the Committee on recent police activities within the overall LJC area. In view of a recent spate of burglaries, particularly from garden sheds, he advised everyone present to improve their home security arrangements and suggested a number of measures which might be taken to help protect their properties. In referring to a number of scrap metal incidents in south Shropshire, he urged the public to be vigilant and to report anything suspicious to the police. In addition to visiting local primary schools, the Police were also working closing on youth matters with the Bishop's Castle Community College.

**Chairman/
Committee
officer**

6.2 He answered questions from members of the Committee and public on a number of issues, including the following:

- The absence of any arrests in respect of the recent spate of burglaries.
- The progress being made with the introduction of “Rural Watch” in order that local parishes might feed into the scheme – he advised that system called “Ring Master” was now up and running.
- Problems of speeding in the area, notably Bishop’s Castle, specifically in relation to the narrow point in High Street – he urged members of the public to take a description of the speeding vehicles, including registration details and to forward these to the Police so that appropriate action might be taken.
- The introduction of a 30 mph speed limit in Bucknell without consultation – Matter for the Highways Authority who would be asked to look into the position and to respond back.
- The possible introduction of a 20 mph speed limit outside the primary school in Bucknell – Highways Authority to be requested to review the position.
- Clarification was sought regarding actual crimes and those appearing in crime statistics for an area – he confirmed that every crime reported to the Police was included in the crime statistics and emphasised the importance of the public reporting all incidents and the co-relation with provision of resources.

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6.3 The Chairman thanked CSO O’Neil for his attendance and for his contribution to the meeting.

7. Budget 2009/2010 Decision Report

7.1 Members considered a report by the Committee’s Lead Officer, Claire Porter on an assessment of the 13 applications which had been received during the first round for funding from the annual budget allocation of £49,000. An underspend of £2,841.06 had been carried forward from 2009/10, making a total of £51,841.06 to be distributed in 2010/11.

7.2 Members acknowledged receipt of an emailed copy of a letter on behalf of the United Branch of the Pony Club to the Committee’s Lead Officer, and her response.

7.3 RESOLVED:

- (a) That, subject to the applications from Bucknell Playgroup, United Branch of the Pony Club and Village Outreach being deferred to the next round in July 2010, to enable further information to be provided by the applicants, 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>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clun Youth Club 	Approved funding of £1,100 with the proviso that if the group should dissolve, the equipment would be donated to another organisation with similar interests and aims.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hope Youth Club 	Approved funding of £465.95 with the proviso that if the group should dissolve, the equipment would be donated to another organisation with similar interests and aims.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Worthen Players 	Approved funding of £228.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Norbury Village Hall Charitable Trust 	Approved funding of £800.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • South Shropshire Engineering Ambassadors 	Approved funding of £700.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Llanfair Singers 	Approved funding of £500 with the recommendation that the applicant be advised to purchase the books from another, cheaper source eg Amazon.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clun Carnival and Show Committee 	Funding not approved as it was considered that the applicant organisation had sufficient money in reserve to cover all costs.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bishop's Castle Michaelmas Fair Committee 	Funding not approved as the sustainability of the annual event was queried, if it had to rely on grants.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bucknell Memorial Hall & Recreation Ground Committee 	Deferment of consideration to the next round to enable further information to be provided by the applicant.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leintwardine History Society 	Approved funding of £1,500.

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| <p>(b) That, with a view to improving the application procedure for all parties, applicants be invited to attend the next LJC pre-meeting to present their individual applications and answer questions from members, prior to members deliberating on each application, and that the pilot be reviewed at the meeting on 7th July to determine whether the new procedure should be implemented for all future funding rounds.</p> | <p>Com
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| <p>(c) That, in light of comments made at the meeting by applicants concerning the unsuitability of the application form, particularly insofar as it related to the submission of relevant financial data, Tim Ward, Parish Clerk for Chirbury with Brompton be invited to assist the Council with the drawing up of a more appropriate form.</p> | <p>CP/TW</p> |
| <p>(d) That, the pre-determination box on the appraisal form dispatched to members with each application prior to the pre meeting be removed, in recognition of the many stages of the application process, during which, members might glean new information and formulate and/or change their views on the applications.</p> | <p>Com
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8. Issues Update From Around The LJC Area

- 8.1 In response to a suggestion made at the March meeting, several members took the opportunity to update the Committee on the various matters, including the following:
- Their Parish Council's appreciation of being afforded the opportunity to attend, and contribute to the debate regarding the future of LJC's at the recent LJC summit in April;
 - Their Parish Council's wish for more co-ordination between ALC and the LJC's;
 - The consultation exercise being undertaken by Shropshire Council into the future of education/schools in Shropshire;
 - The Task and Finish Group set up by Shropshire Council on the Meals on Wheels Service;
 - The Task and Finish Group set up by Shropshire to review the Mobile Library Services;
 - The removal of the Community Skip Service from Bishop's Castle and the possibility of the LJC scrutinising the impact of the removal at a future meeting;
 - The progress being made on the Chirbury with Brompton Parish Plan;
 - The recent opening of Marton Village Hall;
 - Police activity with regard to speeding on roads within the Chirbury with Brompton area;
 - Continuing issues with highway maintenance in the local area; and
 - The recent completion of restoration work on Hopton Castle.

9. Local Development Framework: Site Allocations & Management of Development DPD – Issues and Options – Consultation

- 9.1 Jake Berriman, the Committee's Support Officer and Shropshire Council's Head of Strategy and Policy gave a short presentation on the Development Plan Document entitled "Site Allocations and Management of Development", which had been out for consultation since 2nd April with comments requested by 25th June 2010. He explained that to make the process more meaningful and accessible to the public and stakeholders, a separate consultation document had been produced for each LJC area. A copy of the "Planning for a flourishing Shropshire in the Bishop's Castle, Chirbury & Worthen and Clun LJC area" had been circulated with the agenda papers and also tabled at the meeting.

(At this point in the meeting, the Chairman adjourned proceedings for 10 minutes to enable members of the Committee and public to participate in an interactive session, to show their thoughts and views about their considered priorities for the area.)

- 9.2 During a lengthy discussion he answered questions from members of the Committee and public on various issues, including the following matters:

- The means by which adjoining communities could progress to become a cluster.
- With the exception of Bishop's Castle, the flexibility afforded to each village or town in the LJC area to comment on whether or not they wished to have any development in their local communities.
- The financial benefits a new development might bring to a local community.
- The definition of a viable and successful settlement.
- The long term life of the Strategy through to 2026.
- The length of time given to the consultation process during the last 12 months and his attendance at a number of individual parish/town council meetings to assist with their deliberations on the matter.
- The consultations and negotiations being undertaken with other Council directorates and outside partners.
- The possibility or not, of changes to the numbers in houses arising from the recent change in Government.
- The planning policies insofar as they related to the provision of accommodation for the elderly and young in farming communities.
- The different means whereby social and affordable housing might be provided in an area.
- The percentage of social and affordable houses to be provided in Bishop's Castle as part of its overall allocated total, and the increase in external and internal traffic movements.

10. Parish Council Elections

- 10.1 Shropshire Councillor Nigel Hartin asked the Committee to consider the following issue which had been raised recently at a meeting of Clun and Chapel Lawn Parish Council:

“Due to the difficulty in filling vacancies and concern by members of the public at the lack of contested elections for parish councillors, Clun and Chapel Lawn Parish Council are seeking the support of the LJC to ask Shropshire Council to review electoral arrangements in Shropshire with regard to the number of parish/town councillors required for each parish/town.”

Colin Pendry, the Committee’s representative from that area also spoke in support of the review.

10.2 **RESOLVED:**

That, Shropshire Council be asked to review the position.

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11. Shropshire Council Consultations

- 11.1 It was noted that the following items were included on the Shropshire Partnership’s Consultation Portal:

- Shropshire North West Relief Road; and
- Draft Code of Practice for the Agricultural Use of Poultry Manure.

12. Public Question Time

- 12.1 There were no questions from the public.

13. Future Agenda Items

- 13.1 It was noted that a number of items had been put forward earlier in the meeting as future agenda matters namely, ambulance response times and scrutiny of the impact of the removal of the community skips from Bishop’s Castle. It was agreed that these items be discussed at the next meeting.

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- 13.2 It was also agreed that an update on highways maintenance matters should be considered at a future meeting together with a report on the impact of the financial position.

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- 13.3 In response to a query from the Chairman, the Committee’s Community Regeneration Officer Frances Hall, indicated that she had referred the issue of publishing a leaflet with contact details for the

LJC area to Shropshire Council's Communications Team, but that the matter had not been progressed further due to the likely costs. It was agreed that the matter would be discussed further at the next meeting.	CP/FH/PC
13.4 The Chairman urged members to notify either herself or officers, should they come up with any further ideas for future agenda items.	ALL
14. Date and Time of Next Meeting	
14.1 It was agreed that the next meeting of the Committee would be held in Norbury Village Hall at 7 pm on Thursday, Wednesday, 7 th July 2010.	ALL

Signed.....
Chairman

Date.....