

**Committee and Date**

Bishop's Castle, Chirbury &
Worthen and Clun LJC

13th October 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 7TH JULY 2010,
7.00 – 9.00 P.M.
AT
NORBURY VILLAGE HALL, NORBURY, SHROPSHIRE**

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Committee Members Present:

Shropshire Council

Peter Phillips Bishop's Castle

Town/Parish Councils

Trevor Hughes	Bedstone and Bucknell Parish Council
Valerie Whately	Bettws-y-Crwyn Parish Council
Jane Carroll	Bishop's Castle Town Council
Andrew Craig	Chirbury with Brompton Parish Council
Colin Pendry	Clun and Chapel Lawn Parish Council (Vice Chairman)
Jonathan Roberts	Clungunford 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 Officers Present:

Claire Porter	Lead Officer
Jake Berriman	Support Officer
Frances Hall	Community Regeneration Officer
Penny Chamberlain	Committee Officer (Decision Notes)
Martin Key	Environmental Protection Manager
Cheryl Williams	Finance Manager

West Mercia Police: Sgt Nicky Roberts and CSO Ross O'Neill.

West Midlands Ambulance Service: Messrs N Hudson and K Kowauk

Community First Responders Team: Cliff Medicott (Manager)

Shropshire Councillors:

Gwilym Butler – Portfolio Holder for Locality Working

There were approximately 20 members of the public present at the meeting.

1. Welcome and Apologies for Absence

- 1.1 The Vice Chairman, Colin Pendry, 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:

- Heather Kidd (Chairman) – Shropshire Council – Chirbury and Worthen;
- Nigel Hartin – Shropshire Council – Clun;
- Llewellyn Morgan – Llanfair Waterdine Parish Council; and
- John Croxton – Clunbury Parish Council.

4. Declarations of Interest

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

Andrew Craig – Note 11 (Budget 2010/2011 Decision Report) Personal and Prejudicial interest in relation to the application from Chirbury with Brompton Parish Council as a member of that Council. He indicated that he would leave the room should consideration of, and voting take place, on that individual item.

Eddie Jones – Note 11 (Budget 2010/2011 Decision Report) – Personal and Prejudicial interest in relation to the application from the Newcastle and District Gardening Society due to having health and safety responsibilities at the show. He indicated that he would leave the room should consideration of, and voting take place, on that individual item.

Keith Mansell – Note 11 (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 indicated that he would leave the room should consideration of, and voting take place, on that individual item.

Peter Phillips – Note 11 (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 indicated that he would leave the room should consideration of, and voting take place, on that individual item.

Jonthan Roberts – Note 11 (Budget 2010/2011 Decision Report) – Personal and Prejudicial interest in relation to the applications from St Cuthbert's Church, Clungunford due to his wife being Treasurer.

He indicated that he would leave the room should consideration of, and voting take place, on this individual item.

Valerie Whately – Note 11 (Budget Decision 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 indicated that she would leave the room should consideration of, and voting take place, on that individual item.

(Note: All the above members remained in the room as no discussion or voting took place individually on the applications referred to.)

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

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

**Vice
Chairman/
Committee
officer**

4. Police Report

- 4.1 Ross O'Neil, Community Police Officer for the Bishop's Castle area updated the Committee on recent police activities within the overall LJC area, including a successful investigation into a number of incidents in the Ratlinghope and Stiperstones locality and also action taken to reduce anti-social behaviour in the Bishop's Castle, Brockton and Worthen areas. The Vice-Chairman also welcomed Sergeant Nicky Roberts to her first LJC meeting.

- 4.2 They answered questions from members of the Committee and public on a number of issues, including the following:

- Police staffing numbers in the area; and
- The possible introduction of a 20 mph speed limit in Bucknell.

- 4.3 The Vice-Chairman thanked the Police officers for their continued attendance and contribution to the meeting.

5. Ambulance Service

- 5.1 Representatives from the county's Community First Responders Team (Cliff Medicott) and the West Midlands Ambulance Service (Nathan Hudson) gave presentations on their respective areas of responsibility and provided details on how they affected the LJC area.

- 5.2 During these presentations they answered questions from members of the Committee and public on the following issues:

- The requirements necessary to become a First Responder and the cost of training.
- The availability of, and number of, first responders in the LJC19 area.
- The availability and use of defibrillators in the local area.
- The role of community responders in relation to attending incidents.
- The recording of response times for the different categories of incidents, and the lack of differentiating between recording responses in the rural area compared to urban areas.
- The difficulties which arise from the use of SAT NAV in the rural areas.
- The inter-action between the West Midlands and Welsh ambulance services.
- The inter-action with the Air Ambulance Service based at RAF Cosford.
- The possible merits of people knowing their house's 6 digit, Ordnance Survey number to better direct the emergency services, and whether or not, there were any benefits of displaying this clearly on roofs.
- The acknowledged slower response times to calls in the rural parts of the county and overall targets to improve responses throughout the area.
- The need for response times in the rural area to be looked at by the Scrutiny Committee.

5.3 Following the discussion, the Vice-Chairman thanked the Ambulance Service representatives for their attendance and replying to everyone's concerns and questions. In turn, they indicated that they would discuss further the suggestion put forward about people knowing and also displaying their Ordnance Survey number on their property, with the Community Responder team.

6. The Private Water Supplies (England) Regulations 2009

6.1 Martin Key, Shropshire Council's recently appointed Environmental Protection Manager presented a statement on The Private Water Supplies (England) Regulations 2009 which had come into force on 1st January 2010. Notably of the 1,971 known private water supplies in Shropshire, serving approximately 14,000 people, many of them were located in the LJC 19 area.

6.2 He answered questions from members of the Committee and public on the following issues:

- The discretion for testing of single private dwellings to be carried out only if requested by the owner or occupier of the dwelling.

- The waiving of the administration fee for sampling and the risk assessment for single private dwellings on income support, pension guarantee credit or disability living allowance.
- Contamination and the impact of pesticides on water supplies and methods used to treat such incidents and other bacterial or substance failures.
- The identification of properties with private water supplies and the accuracy plus updating of historical records.
- Measures to be used to deal with commercial properties such as bed and breakfast establishments or caravan parks.
- The scale of the fees and charges vis-à-vis the fees charged by Severn Trent for users of public water supplies.
- The lack of consultation with the parishes and LJC's on the issue.
- The review to be undertaken into the matter in six months time.
- The intention of the charging regime to generate a break even position for the Council in carrying out the activity.

6.3 Following the discussion the Vice-Chairman thanked Mr Key for answering everyone's questions. In turn, Mr Key indicated that he would stay for the remainder of the discussion, in case anyone wished to speak to him on an individual basis at the end of the meeting.

7. Shropshire Council's Budget Consultation

7.1 The Vice- Chairman welcomed Councillor Gwilym Butler, Portfolio Holder for Locality Working and Cheryl Williams, Finance Manager, to the meeting who gave a presentation on the Revenue Budget for 2011/2012.

(A copy of the presentation slides and and key messages (tabled at the meeting) were subsequently placed on the Council website with the agenda and papers for the meeting.)

7.2 During a lengthy discussion they answered questions from members of the Committee and public on various issues emanating from their presentation, including the following matters:

- The timescale for the "Transformation" process.
- Whether LJC's could choose which items should be maintained in their particular area.
- The weight to be placed by Shropshire Council on the consultations with the LJC's and parishes.
- The role of the Parish Charter.
- The specific concerns of the rural area eg sparsity issues.
- Whether LJC's could step in and provide services which might be cut.

- The budget allocation being awarded to LJC's from next year and beyond.
- The capacity of the smaller parishes to take on additional services.

8. Issues Update from around the LJC area

8.1 Several members took the opportunity to update the Committee on various matters arising in their parishes, as follows:

- Their Parish Council's wish to provide more facilities for young people. (Member advised to contact Village Outreach re equipment and facilities.)
- The number of unauthorised building developments that were taking place in Clungunford and Myndtown areas and the fact that whilst most were dealt with through retrospective applications, very few were refused consent.
- Concern also expressed at the apparent lack of response by Shropshire Council to letters submitted about enforcement action. (The Committee's Lead Officer asked that the members concerned, contact her with further details in order that she could look into the incidents.)
- Meetings which had taken place or were planned between Clungunford and neighbouring parishes on hubs and clusters.

Lead Officer

9. Contact Information Sheet

9.1 At the suggestion of the Vice-Chairman it was agreed that in light of this issue being raised and championed by the Chairman, consideration of this item be deferred to the next meeting of the Committee in October to enable her to be present.

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10. Shropshire Council Consultations

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

- Childcare Sufficiency; and
- Education for Shropshire Consultation.

11. Budget 2010/2011 Decision Report

11.1 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 second round for funding from the annual budget allocation of £49,000.

- 11.2 **RESOLVED:**
That, 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>
• St Cuthbert's Church, Clungunford	Approved funding of £200.
• Snailbeach Village Hall	Approved funding of £1,304.55.
• Kempton Village Hall	Approved funding of £498.69.
• West Mercia Police – Bishop's Castle	Approved funding of £520.
• Newcastle and District Gardening Society	Approved funding of £565.
• Preventative Services Team – Community Council	Approved funding of £494.
• Chirbury with Brompton Parish Council	Approved funding of £7,297.88.
• Lydham and More Village Hall	Approved funding of £1,922.72.
• Bucknell Memorial hall and Recreation Ground Committee	Approved funding of £11,000 with the proviso that they carry out local fundraising to raise at least £5,000.
• Village Outreach	Approved funding of £1,299.98.
• United Branch of the Pony Club	Approved funding of £2,250.
• Redlake Valley Village Hall	Approved funding of £1,624.
• Arts Alive	Approved funding of £1,000.

12. **Local Development Framework: Site Allocations and Management of Development DPD – Feedback**

- 12.1 Further to the May meeting, the feedback on members' comments on the Local Development Framework was noted.

13. Public Question Time

13.1 No questions were received from members of the public.

14. Future Agenda Items

14.1 It was agreed that an update on digital radio should be placed on the agenda for the next LJC meeting.

Committee
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14.2 It was noted that members would discuss the issue of match funding of grant applications at their next pre-meeting.

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15. Date and Time of Next Meeting

15.1 It was agreed that the next meeting of the Committee would be held in Clun Memorial Hall at 7 pm on Wednesday, 13th October 2010.

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Signed.....Chairman

Date.....