



Committee and date:
Bowbrook, Copthorne and Radbrook
Local Joint Committee
21st October 2009
7.00 p.m.

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BOWBROOK, COPTHORNE AND RADBROOK LOCAL JOINT COMMITTEE

NOTE OF DECISIONS AND ACTIONS ARISING FROM THE MEETING HELD ON 22ND JULY 2009 AT 7.00 P.M. AT THE SHROPSHIRE EDUCATION AND CONFERENCE CENTRE, ROYAL SHREWSBURY HOSPITAL, MYTTON OAK ROAD, SHREWSBURY.

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Committee Members Present:

Councillor Peter Nutting (Shropshire Council and Shrewsbury Town Council)
Councillor Keith Roberts (Shropshire Council and Shrewsbury Town Council)

Shropshire Council Officers Present:

Nick Taylor, Lead Officer
Karen Collier, Support Lead Officer
Gwyn Bevan, Community Regeneration Officer
Sarah Townsend, Committee Officer (Notes)

West Mercia Police:

PC Michael Dulson (Bowbrook and Porthill)
CSO Christopher Zacharek (Meole and Copthorne)

There were approximately 24 members of the public in attendance.

ACTION

Welcome by the Lead Officer

The Lead Officer welcomed everyone to the meeting.

1. Election of Chairman

1.1 RESOLVED:

That Councillor Peter Nutting be elected Chairman for the ensuing year.

2. Apologies for Absence

2.1 Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Peter Adams (Shropshire Council and Shrewsbury Town Council) and several members of the public.

3. Appointment of Vice-Chairman

3.1 RESOLVED:

That Councillor Keith Roberts be appointed Vice Chairman for the ensuing year.

4. Declarations of Interest

4.1 No declarations of interest were received.

5. Chairman's Welcome

5.1 The Chairman introduced the Committee and Officers and gave a brief explanation about the purpose and powers of the meeting. He explained that the meeting would be held on a quarterly basis and gave local residents an opportunity to have their say about local issues and service provision.

6. Annual Budget and Application Process

6.1 Councillor Nutting reported that each Local Joint Committee had funding available to support community activities within the area. He explained the process by which organisations could apply for funding from the £38,000 budget allocated to the Local Joint Committee for the first year, 2009/2010. Application forms and financial guidelines were available from Gwyn Bevan, Community Regeneration Officer (01743 252482), or via Shropshire Council's website www.shropshire.gov.uk. Mr Bevan stated that he was happy to provide guidance to anyone requiring further information.

6.2 The deadline for grant applications to be received in order to be considered at the 21st October 2009 meeting was noted as being the middle of September.

ALL

7. Identifying Local Issues

a) Police Report by PC Michael Dulson

7.1 PC Michael Dulson, West Mercia Police, explained that the policing areas currently reflected the old Shrewsbury and Atcham Borough Council Wards. He informed the Committee that in relation to the Radbrook area, his colleague was unable to attend the meeting and he updated those present with the latest statistics in relation to the Bowbrook area, which, was noted as being a low crime rate area.

7.2 Issues of concern raised included:

- Youngsters riding motorbikes within the play area off Shelton Road;
- Visitors to the Royal Shrewsbury Hospital parking in residential streets thereby causing an obstruction; and
- Lorries using The Mount at night despite there being a lorry ban in place between 11.00 p.m. and 7.00 a.m.

7.3 PC Dulson encouraged local residents to report all incidents, as they would be recorded. He stated that the issues raised at the Local Joint Committee meeting would be logged on the PACT database.

7.4 Several questions were asked relating to the PACT meetings at Edgefield. It was noted that they were held at 10.30 a.m. in order that elderly residents would feel that they could attend. Discussion also took place in relation to the publicity of these meetings.

7.5 The contact number for West Mercia Police was noted as being 0300 333 3000. This number could also be used to contact the Community Support Officer. However, in an emergency, PC Dulson stated that 999 should be called.

b) Identification of any other local issues that may guide the work and

priorities of the Committee

7.6 The Chairman asked if there were any community projects that people felt were missing within the area. Strong opinions were expressed for the need of a Community Hall within the Copthorne area. It was noted that a Community Hall used to be situated on the Ministry of Defence land at Shelton Road. However, this was no longer in existence.

7.7 Following discussion, it was **agreed** that a steering group be established to look at the level of interest for a new Community Hall and its proposed uses. Those interested in being part of this group were asked to speak to Mr Bevan at the end of the meeting.

**Gwyn
Bevan**

7.8 The Beacon Cricket Club addressed the meeting explaining that they wanted a new location within the local area as they had outgrown their current facilities. It was also noted that Oxon Church and the Copthorne Scouts and Guides Group would benefit from a Community Hall.

7.9 It was suggested that the land past Bowbrook Allotments might be suitable for use as cricket pitches and that it would also be worthwhile investigating whether this could be combined with a Community Hall upon the same site.

7.10 Following further discussion, it was **agreed** that a multi-purpose Community Hall with associated Sports Facilities, such as cricket pitches, for use by local organisations be investigated. Nick Taylor, Lead Officer, explained that a feasibility study would need to be undertaken in order to establish the level of need and demand, and whether it would be best to combine the two identified needs or keep them as separate projects investigated. It was **further agreed** that the land past Bowbrook Allotments, owned by Shropshire Council, be initially investigated and that Officers report back on their findings at the next Local Joint Committee meeting.

**Nick
Taylor**

ALL

8. Public Question Time

8.1 The Chairman invited questions from members of the public. Issues raised included:

8.2 Various questions from the Haresfield, Cavendish and Florence Residents Group

Please refer to the attached table entitled 'Completed Comments, Questions and Suggestions Sheets' for a list of the questions asked and Officers responses.

8.3 The Possibility of an Ice Rink in Shrewsbury

Councillor Nutting replied that proposals for an ice rink would be best included as part of the Quarry pool review because of the potential energy saving costs it could generate if combined with a swimming centre.

8.4 Shropshire Core Strategy

Mr Taylor explained that the next stage of consultation would begin on 10th August and end on 2nd October 2009. He would write to everyone on the Committee's distribution list with further information regarding how to access the consultation documents and the dates of the public consultation meetings.

**Nick
Taylor**

8.5 Arriva Bus Service Review

It was noted that changes to the bus routes would be implemented from 7th September 2009 and it was thought that buses 12 and 22 would be affected. It

	was agreed that those present would be written to with further information regarding the changes. Councillor Roberts reported that there was currently nine low level access buses operating within the town and that by the end of the year, 95% of the buses would provide low level access.	Nick Taylor
8.6	The issue of reduced fares on buses was raised. It was noted that Martin Withington, Head of Transportation at Shropshire Council, was the liaison between Arriva and Shropshire Council and would be able to provide further information. (Please refer to the attached table entitled 'Completed Comments, Questions and Suggestions Sheets' for the relevant response).	
8.7	Mr Taylor stated that he would invite Mr Withington to the next meeting to answer the concerns of local residents and possibly, someone from Arriva.	Nick Taylor
8.8	<u>Quantum Leap</u> Concern was expressed regarding whether a risk assessment had been undertaken by a Safety Officer. Mr Taylor assured those present that health and safety issues would have been addressed.	
9.	Future Agenda Items	
9.1	It was agreed that the following agenda items be considered at the next meeting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proposals for a new Community Hall and associated Sports Facilities; and • Arriva Bus Service Review. 	ALL
10.	Date of Next Meeting	
10.1	It was confirmed that the next meeting of the Bowbrook, Copthorne and Radbrook Local Joint Committee would be held on Wednesday, 21 st October 2009 at 7.00 p.m. at Radbrook Primary School, Calverton Way, Shrewsbury.	
10.2	It was noted that the three local Councillors would be present half an hour before the commencement of the meeting in order to address any local issues that were concerning residents.	ALL

The meeting ended at 8.45 p.m.

Chairman:.....

Date:.....