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Radbrook Local Joint  
Committee

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## COMMUNITY VENUES AND SPORTS FACILITIES

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### Summary

At the LJC's first two meetings concerns were raised over the availability of community venues and sports facilities on the area. Enquiries have been made to scope and map the extent of current facilities and a meeting held in December 2009. A summary of the meeting's discussions follows.

### Recommendations

The meeting felt that further scoping work should be undertaken to see whether there were any short term solutions to existing gaps in provision.

The meeting also felt that a community based planning process should take place in order that the Local Joint Committee can get a clear picture across the area involving a wider scoping of community need to direct its future long term work.

### Report - Summary of a meeting in December 2009

#### PRESENT:

Councillors Adams and Nutting

Council Community Working- Gill Jones, Gwyn Bevan

Shrewsbury Town Council- Mike Cox

Shelton Church- Syd Hopgood

Mount Residents- Ron Iremonger  
SAHA Bowling- Noel Shutt and George Hough  
Oxon Bowling- Tony Manders  
SAHA Football- D. Smith  
Beacon Cricket- Gayle Crampton and Neil Kiely  
Police- PC Dulson and CSO Jones

**APOLOGIES:**

Councillors- Keith Roberts  
Copthorne Townswomen's Guild- Jean Davison  
SAHA Football- Carl Johnson  
Oxon Church- Rev. Sue Caddy  
Council sports development- Sean McCarthy  
Council youth worker- Matt Smith

Community Regeneration Officer Gwyn Bevan gave the reason and background to the meeting which stemmed from concerns raised at the last two LJC meetings over the availability of community venues and sports facilities on the north west of Shrewsbury particularly in the area of Copthorne.

**Problem solving exercises:**

**ARE ALL INTERESTED PARTIES REPRESENTED?**

The meeting agreed the following should be contacted

- Pre school groups
- Young people (BMX and skating) Bicton youth club.
- Shelton cricket club
- Other Churches- St George's Parish
- Woodfield Tennis Club
- Elderly groups ( Edgfield Green, Deane Close/Kenton Close, Ideal Homes)
- Royal Shrewsbury hospital staff.

**WHAT FACILITIES ARE CURRENTLY AVAILABLE?**

**Community venues**

- Radbrook Centre
- Rad Valley Road Scout and Guide Hut
- Gains Park Community Centre
- Shelton Church Hall

**Sports Venues**

- One cricket pitch (club standard)
- Two bowling greens
- Seven football pitches
- BMX track
- Skate ramps
- Fishing pools
- One multi use games area

The meeting recognised that there are other sports facilities in the area ( The Barracks and Shrewsbury Public school) however these are not available for community use.

## ARE THESE FACILITIES APPROPRIATE/ADEQUATE?

### **Community venues:-**

The meeting recognised that the above community venues are over subscribed and it is difficult to book a venue in the area and none of them can accommodate more than 60 people. There are insufficient community venues in the area to accommodate the current need.

### **Sport venues:-**

Cricket:- Three clubs with several teams(Shelton, Beacon and Mercenaries) There are insufficient cricket facilities to accommodate this need in the area.

Bowling:- Two clubs with several teams ( SAHA and Oxon). There are insufficient bowling facilities to accommodate this need in the area.

Football:-The largest junior football club in the town with twenty three teams. There are insufficient football facilities to accommodate this need in the area.

BMX track:- small and very worn track.

Skate ramps:-

Fishing pools:- two pools in the south of the area.

Sports not catered for:-

Badminton  
Tennis  
Athletics  
Rugby  
Basketball  
Cycle routes  
Dancing

## WHAT ARE THE GAPS?

- Suitable centrally located community venue.
- Cricket facilities.
- Football facilities.
- Bowling facilities.

**List of Background Papers (This MUST be completed for all reports, but does not include items containing exempt or confidential information)**

**Human Rights Act Appraisal**

The recommendations contained in this report are compatible with the provisions of the Human Rights act 1998

**Environmental Appraisal**

**Risk Management Appraisal**

**Community / Consultations Appraisal**

**Cabinet Member**

Gwilym Butler

**Local Member**

Peter Adams, Peter Nutting, Keith Roberts

**Appendices**