

BOWBROOK, COPTHORNE, RADBROOK LOCAL JOINT COMMITTEE

NOTE OF DECISIONS AND ACTIONS ARISING FROM THE MEETING HELD ON 18 MARCH 2010 AT OXON OLD SCHOOL HALL

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Committee Members Present:

Councillor Peter Adams (Shropshire Council and Shrewsbury Town Council)

Councillor Peter Nutting (Chairman) (Shropshire Council and Shrewsbury Town Council)

Councillor Keith Roberts (Vice-Chairman) (Shropshire Council and Shrewsbury Town Council)

Officers Present:

Nick Taylor, Lead Officer

Gwyn Bevan, Community Regeneration Officer

Amanda Holyoak, Committee Officer

Alison Kennedy, Infrastructure Manager, Cycle Shrewsbury

Larry Wolfe, Head of Waste Management, Shropshire Council

West Mercia Police Officers Present:

CSO Jacqui Baldwin, Meole and Copthorne

CSO Ivan Collumbell, Bowbrook and Porthill

There were 49 members of the public present at the meeting, of which 12 were from the local youth club.

	ACTION
<p>1. Welcome and Introductions</p> <p>The Chair thanked those present for attending the meeting.</p>	
<p>2. Apologies for Absence and Substitutions</p> <p>There were no apologies from Members of the Committee. Apologies had been submitted by a number of members of the public.</p>	
<p>3. Declarations of Interest</p> <p>There were no declarations of interest.</p>	
<p>4. Youth Issues</p> <p>Members of the Gains Park Youth Club attended the meeting and showed a video they had made to highlight their issues with the area. Main points emerging from the video and the following discussion were:</p>	

- Poor lighting at night, lots of dark places
- Although some felt safe after dark, many were worried about being assaulted
- Speed racers
- Not enough to do close by
- Youth shelter was in a location where nobody wanted it
- Lights were needed at the multi use games area - the Cage for football
- Youth Club building was not big enough and was in a poor state
- The BMX track at Shorncliffe Avenue was inadequate, and often covered in broken glass

Following exploration of the issues, members of the Committee said they would:

- Look into the possibility of moving the Youth Shelter
- Look into the possibility of timed lighting at the Cage, and if this was possible, whether the Committee's funds could be used for this purpose
- Ask the Community Support Officer to look into issues around not feeling safe after dark

Gwyn Bevan

They also reported that Oxon Primary School had a new football pitch which would be available to the junior sports leagues and that the speed limit along the main Gains Park Way was due to fall from 40 mph to 30 mph. It was hoped that the police would do some speed testing work here.

5. Cycle Shrewsbury

- 5.1 Alison Kennedy, Infrastructure Manager, Cycle Shrewsbury explained the objectives behind the Cycle Shrewsbury Project and reported on three schemes planned in the area. These were a Toucan Crossing at Mytton Oak Road, a Toucan Crossing at Radbrook Road and changes in priority in Crowmeole Lane. Work was also underway at Oxon CE Primary School, Radbrook Primary and St George's Junior School to encourage and support more cycling to school.
- 5.2 A number of concerns and differing views were expressed regarding Crowmeole Lane which was very narrow in parts and used by motorists, cyclists and pedestrians.
- 5.3 The Chairman asked for further details of the costs of installing a bridge for pedestrians alongside Crowmeole Lane.
- 5.4 Ms Kennedy said she was happy to provide further information or receive comments on any of the proposals and would be happy to meet or talk with interested people. (contact details: Alison.kennedy@shopshire.gov.uk 01743 253505). The Chairman thanked her for attending the meeting.

Alison Kennedy

6. Refuse

- 6.1 Larry Wolfe, Head of Waste Management , Shropshire Council and Donald Macphail, Managing Director of Veolia Shropshire, were welcomed to the meeting and asked to explain the circumstances behind the refuse collection issues in the bad weather earlier in the year and the reasons for the decisions made. A report was tabled on these matters.
- 6.2 Members of the Committee and members of the public present expressed dissatisfaction firstly that collections were not made over a long period of time and also with the communications around that time which it was felt had been misleading and inaccurate.
- 6.3 Mr Wolfe and Mr MacPhail said that sending heavy refuse trucks out in icy road conditions would have been a hazard to other road users and pedestrians. They explained it had been down to depot managers and professional drivers to assess which roads were safe to collect from and supervisors had made checks on these decisions.
- 6.4 Members of the Committee commented that it appeared that whole estates had been missed out and whilst accepting that the situation was a difficult one, they were not convinced that as much was done as there could have been.
- 6.5 Mr Wolfe and Mr Macphail confirmed that both communications and operational issues were being reviewed for that reason and the Chairman thanked them for attending the meeting.

7. Note of Last Meeting

- 7.1 The note of the meeting held on 14 January 2010 was confirmed as a correct record.

8. Update from Councillors

- 8.1 Councillor Nutting reported that Shrewsbury Town Council was going from strength to strength and encouraged members of the public to make contact if they needed to. The Town Clerk, Helen Ball, was extremely helpful and available on 01743 281010
- 8.2 Councillor Adams reported on the good use of the dog bins installed at the football pitch at Pump Lane and eight weekly visits from the cleaning vehicle. He also reported on working cutting trees back around the estate and on the reduction of the speed limit on Welshpool Road, Gains Park Way and Somerby Drive to 30 mph.
- 8.3 Councillor Roberts reported that e-on were working on the problems with electricity supply at Six Acres, ahead of when originally planned. He also reported on a recent tidy up and planting of daffodils at Radbrook Pond.

9. Public Question Time

North West Relief Road

- 9.1 Members of the public referred to a briefing note made available at the meeting on a public consultation regarding the North West Relief Road to be run in April.
- 9.2 The Chairman commented on the locations planned for exhibitions about the road as there was none planned locally. The Lead Officer for the Committee confirmed that he had raised this concern with the Project Manager. He also explained that the consultation at this stage was designed to help inform the decision whether or not to press for funding for the road. If a funding bid was successful there would still be a lengthy planning and statutory process to complete.

**Nick
Taylor**

Local Joint Committees

- 9.3 A member of the public said he had been at a meeting where it had been suggested that the number of Local Joint Committees was to be reduced.
- 9.4 The Chairman reported on his understanding of different proposals for the way ahead. He felt that the Bowbrook, Copthorne and Radbrook LJC was working well and hoped that it would keep going, even in the form of a sub-group of one LJC for the whole of Shrewsbury. Nothing had been agreed as yet.

Tidy Up Projects

- 9.5 A member of the public asked if it was possible for people on community service to be involved in clear up and litter picking in the area. The Community Regeneration Officer confirmed that this had been done in the past and reported that he was arranging further tidy ups schemes in Radbrook, Copthorne and Gains Park.

Speed Limit

- 9.6 Members agreed to find out when the speed limit was due to drop from 40 mph to 30 mph on Gains Park Way.

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10. Police Report

- 10.1 Police representatives reported on the low crime rate in the area. They said that they had not been aware of youth feeling uncomfortable at night and encouraged reporting of any incidents at all which would help dictate priorities.
- 10.2 They noted concerns about walkways at night and people walking

home from the town centre via alleyways to the outskirts of town. Again they encouraged reporting of any issues like this so that passing patrols could be organised during the night.

- 10.3 In response to a question they confirmed it was only possible to issue fixed penalty notices for offences such as graffiti or dog fouling if an officer had seen the offence occur. They were not able to take any action on parking unless it was illegal.
- 10.4 They agreed to look into issues raised by members of the Committee and public in relation to pick up time at Priory and Meole Brace Schools when bus lanes were being used for parking, and also problems caused by parking on the pavement at Stanhill Road by the nursing home.
- 10.5 They also noted the problems around youths congregating on the car parks at the end of Somerby Drive and driving cars on the pitches in that area.
- 10.6 Members of the Committee agreed to find out if it was possible to install bollards to prevent cars from driving onto the pitches.

**Gwyn
Bevan**

10.7 Fire Report

Steve Cox, Fire Officer, reported that most calls in the area were related to automatic fire alarms at the hospitals and there had been a very low number of fires or other incidents. He reminded those present that the fire service would visit free of charge to advise on fire safety and the telephone number for any questions or requests was 01743 260200. The website was also a useful source of information www.shropshirefire.gov.uk.

11. Update from Community Regeneration Officer

- 11.1 Gwyn Bevan, Community Regeneration Officer, reported that at the next meeting young people from Radbrook Youth Club would attend to present their issues.
- 11.2 He reported on progress with Community Led Planning, the first meeting had been held and meetings were scheduled for the last Wednesday of every month at 7.00 pm at the Inn on the Green, Bank Farm Way. More people were needed to join Steering Group and it was essential to identify evidence of need before moving to seek funding. He encouraged anyone with an interest to come along to meetings.
- 11.3 He also reported on litter and graffiti tidy ups planned in the area during April and May and encouraged anyone with concerns about these issues or antisocial behaviour to contact him as he could act as a spokesperson if needed.

- 11.4 Anyone seeking funding for community needs were encouraged to make contact and he would be able to provide advice or direction to possible sources of funds. He also briefed the meeting on the Community Funding Grant Guidance.

12. Grant Applications

Nick Taylor introduced a report on grant funding applications made to the Committee (a copy is attached to the signed note). This set out details of two applications that had been received and provided an update on a previous application.

The Committee discussed the applications and

RESOLVED

- A that funding of £5,000 be awarded to the Beacon Cricket Club and Shelton Cricket Club;
- B that the decision on the application for £2,618 for the Meole Brace Garden and Allotment Club be deferred pending the decision on a funding application made to the Meole Brace LJC;
- C to note that the Time2PLAY Toy Library whose application was deferred at the meeting on 14 January 2010 had obtained funding from an alternative source and the grant applied for was no longer required.

13. Date of Next Meetings

Wednesday 19 May 2010 at 7.00 pm at Radbrook Primary School

*Thursday 15 July 2010 at 7.00 pm **to be changed***

Thursday 14 October 2010 at 7.00 pm at Radbrook Primary School

Thursday 17 February 2011 at 7.00 pm at Oxon Old School Hall