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Bowbrook, Copthorne and
Radbrook Local Joint Committee

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BOWBROOK, COPTHORNE AND RADBROOK JOINT COMMITTEE

NOTE OF DECISIONS AND ACTION STEMMING FROM THE MEETING HELD ON 7TH JULY 2011 IN RADBROOK PRIMARY SCHOOL, CALVERTON WAY, SHREWSBURY 7.00 P.M. – 8.30 P.M.

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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:

Gwyn Bevan, Community Regeneration Officer
Fiona Howe, Committee Officer
Dave Wallace, Policy Advisor

1. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

It was proposed by Councillor Keith Roberts and seconded by Councillor Peter Adams

RESOLVED:

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

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND SUBSTITUTIONS

There were no apologies from members of the Committee.

Apologies were received from local resident Marshall Cale.

3. APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHAIRMAN

It was proposed by Councillor Peter Nutting and seconded by Councillor Peter Adams

ACTION

RESOLVED:

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

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The following declaration of interest was made:

PERSONAL

MEMBER/OFFICER	ITEM	REASON
Councillor Peter Adams	Minute 8	He was Vice-Chairman of Bicton Health Community Centre.

5. REPORTS FROM POLICE REPRESENTATIVES

PC Tanya Grey and PC Jo Grindley were in attendance and presented an update on the issues affecting the Bowbrook, Copthorne and Radbrook wards.

PC Grey indicated that there had been an issue with drug taking on Shorncliffe Drive, but the matter had been dealt with and parents of the youths involved had been notified.

It was noted that there had been a small increase of anti social behaviour in the Radbrook Green area, as well as thefts from motor vehicles, including vans, and PC Grey reminded residents not to leave valuables and tools in vehicles overnight and advised that stickers were available purveying that message.

PC Grey presented crime figures for the area advising that between April and June 2011, 1 burglary, 5 drug offences, several vehicle crimes, 12 violent crimes, 30 thefts (including Meole Brace Retail Park) and 84 anti social behaviour offences had been recorded. It was noted that the figures relating to anti social behaviour included people missing from care homes in the area.

PC Jo Grindley updated the meeting on cases of anti social behaviour reported in Briery Lane. Police had met with Councillor Adams and the local housing trust regarding residents concerned, and eviction notices had now been issued to the offending tenants. Local youths what had been attracted to the area because of the problem tenants had been issued with warnings.

It was noted that the crime figures for the area included 3 burglaries, 2 burglaries (non-dwelling), 12 criminal damage, 9 violent crime and 53 of anti social behaviour. It was noted that the figures in respect of anti social behaviour included people being reported missing from Shelton Hospital.

The Chairman opened the floor up for questions, and the following issues were raised:

- A 20 mph speed limit had been imposed on Somerby Drive, but it was confirmed that the speed limit was not enforceable. Shropshire Council usually installed appropriate street furniture in order to resolve speeding issues in 20 mph areas and restrict vehicle speeds.
- A request was submitted for CSOs to patrol residential streets around the hospital to try to resolve issues with vehicles parking on pavements, which forced pedestrians onto the highway. It was noted that CSOs would be unable to issue fines, but could issue advisory notices on offending vehicles.
- The issues that had been affecting Shorncliffe Drive appeared to have been resolved, due to the proactive approach taken by the Policing team. It was noted that the Police didn't want to discourage children from playing in that area, but did need to ensure the problems encountered over drug use were removed.
- Police had also been educating youths of the dangers of driving cars and riding scooters under the influence of drugs, and the consequences of their actions if stopped by the Police.

The Chairman confirmed that correspondence had been issued to the Royal Shrewsbury Hospital regarding the situation with staff parking on residential streets, but advised that no response had been received to how this matter was being dealt with. It was noted that the situation would only be made worse when the new building works were complete and that a police presence was essential.

The Chairman thanked the Officers for their attendance.

6. NOTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS

It was agreed that the notes of the meeting of the Bowbrook, Copthorne and Radbrook Local Joint Committee held on 17th February and 12th May 2011 be approved and signed as a correct record by the Chairman.

7. FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS: URBAN EXTENTION

The Chairman welcomed Mr Dave Wallace, Policy Advisor, to the meeting.

Mr Wallace addressed the meeting, providing information on emerging planning policy, and in particular Shrewsbury West Urban Development. The Core Strategy 2012 – 2026 identified 6500

additional dwellings and 90 hectares of employment utilising mainly brownfield sites, and a small proportion of greenfield sites.

The Welshpool Road Urban Extension proposed an urban multi use area which would not just concentrate on housing, but included retail, commercial and health care developments. There was also an intention to improve highway infrastructure by developing the 'Oxon Link Road' and to relocate the current Park and Ride site nearer the A5 bypass. Mr Wallace stressed the importance of ensuring a quality design for all aspects of the proposed urban extension.

It was noted that the proposals were at a preliminary stage, and that a public consultation on Site Allocations and Management of Development (SAMDEV) and Welshpool Road Urban Extension proposals would be undertaken later in the year, where residents would be encouraged to put forward their views and aspirations for the area.

The following questions were raised:

- Concern had been raised over Shepherds Lane and Calcott Lane not being connected to the proposed link road, especially if the North West Relief Road was developed in the future. Mr Wallace confirmed that the roads in question would not be connected directly to the link road, but would be serviced by the existing Welshpool Road. It was noted that the link road and island would be designed to an appropriate standard to cope with traffic flow and that highways would ensure the quality of any development.
- Councillor Nutting requested that planners look at alternatives to junctions, such as bridges or under paths, to improve safety on the link road.
- A resident noted the need to ensure that a school provision was included within any development, as current schools within the area were at capacity, and an additional 700 houses would bring more families to the area. Mr Wallace stated that the advice of Education Officers had indicated that there was no immediate need for a new school in the area, but stressed the need for Shropshire Council to be made aware of residents concerns as soon as possible, in order that assess and incorporate appropriate developments in the planning of the urban extension.
- A resident raised the issue of incorporating Home Zones into the new design, as seen in other European towns and settlements. Mr Wallace indicated that all options could be considered, but advised that this solution would not be appropriate to areas of heavy traffic.

- A resident raised a question in respect of the Localism Bill and what impact local objections to a development would have on the planning process. Mr Wallace indicated that the information coming forward was conflicting, as the Government was development focused, but were also driving localism. He stressed that clarity was needed to marry the two areas up.
- Concern was raised over the potential use of greenfield sites when there was an abundance of brownfield sites available to develop on. Mr Wallace stressed that the priority was to utilise brownfield sites.
- Councillor Adams raised concern over developments spreading south along A5 and was advised that SAMDEV would draw a line around development areas.
- Councillor Nutting advised the meeting that Members would arrange a public meeting to ensure residents were able to feed into the consultation process. Mr Wallace indicated that there would be 2 levels of consultation, which would include the whole of Shrewsbury, and also the master plan for the Welshpool Road Urban Extension.
- Consideration was given to the provision of sports and leisure facilities for the area. Mr Wallace indicated that he expected provision to meet community need, and that it would be essential for Recreation and Leisure Services to be made aware of such a need.
- It was confirmed that all basic utilities would be incorporated in any development.
- Residents confirmed the need for a community centre. Mr Wallace advised the meeting that a community infrastructure levy was being introduced where a tariff would be imposed on all developments, and that any monies would benefit both local communities and Shrewsbury as a whole. Local Councillors and communities would decide on an areas priorities in order to development community facilities.

The Chairman thanked Mr Wallace for attending, and confirmed that a meeting would be held in the new year for residents to comment on future consultations.

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8. LOCAL NEWS AND INFORMATION

Councillor Roberts advised the meeting that he had been elected Shrewsbury Town Council's Deputy Mayor on 16th May 2011. Work had due to start on Southville Close play area and it was expected the refurbishment would be completed by August 2011.

A toucan crossing was being installed on Bank Farm Road/Crowmeole Lane

Councillor Adams reported that the Town Council had started installing portable speed check signs in hot spot areas to help reduce vehicle speeds. The Bow Brook had recently been cleared of debris to help alleviate flooding in and around the area. The estate had also undergone improvements, with trees and hedges being cut back, and street lights being fully visible, and pavements undergoing an 8 week cleaning cycle. The pre-school had relocated from the Community Centre and there was now availability for other clubs, groups or individuals to hire the centre.

Councillor Nutting advised that he had received several complaints regarding overhanging trees and car parking issues in the area, and that work was ongoing to resolve those issues.

Residents were reminded to contact their local Councillor with any issues or concerns.

9. UPDATE FROM COMMUNITY ACTION OFFICER

The Community Action Officer addressed the meeting, advising that he had been working closely with the Police to address anti social behaviour problems affecting the area, and reminded residents to contact him or the police if they were still experiencing problems.

Mr Bevan reported that summer activities would be available in the area, such as cage football and skate ramps, and to contact the Community Action Team for further information.

It was noted that the Community Led Plan work was ongoing and localised working events would be held in each ward in the coming months, with the first public event being held on 20th July 2011 in the Community Hall.

10. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

The Chairman invited members of the public to raise questions and comments:

- Shrubs had been removed from Racecourse Lane and grass seed had been scattered on hard clay surface and the area now looked a mess. Councillor Adams confirmed that he would look into the matter.
- Land at Cavendish Close, off Somerby Drive. The footpath was overgrown and needed cutting back.

Councillor
Adams

- A resident requested if consideration had been given to a proposed site for a community centre. Councillor Nutting advised that it would unlikely that any proposals would be considered at the present time due to the current financial restrictions facing the Council.
- A resident requested the introduction of a reduced 30 mph speed limit being imposed outside the hospital once the temporary speed limit, due to hospital development works, was removed.
- A resident raised concern over the safety of using the exit at the cemetery on Longden Road and requested the installation of a mirror to improve road safety.
- A resident raised concern over Central Taxis parking at the bus stop on Shackleton Way. It was noted that passengers had failed to be picked up due to visibility issues. Members suggested that residents discuss any complaints involving local taxi firms with Carol Foster, Licensing Team Leader, but indicated that this issue would be brought to her attention.
- A request was made for hedge cuttings to be picked up properly as Council operatives had left debris on footpaths making it difficult for people to navigate.
- A request was made for Arriva to display a bus timetable at the Coach Road stop.

The Chairman thanked residents for the comments and questions.

11. DECISION REPORT - APPLICATIONS FOR FUNDING

RESOLVED:

That the following projects funded from the 2011/2012 budget, be approved:

- (a) Shelton Cricket Club – That a contribution of £1,650.00 be approved to assist in the repair and renovation of wicket covers and roller, and purchase a tarpaulin for weather protection during matches.
- (b) Café Connect, Radbrook Green – That a contribution of £800.00 be approved towards the cost of replacing work out kitchen equipment.

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12. CONSTITUTION – SCHEME OF DELEGATION

RESOLVED:

That the Community Action Officer be given delegated authority, in consultation with the LJC Chairman [or, in his/her absence, the Vice Chairman] to determine urgent and time sensitive matters.

13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was noted that the next meeting of the Bowbrook, Copthorne and Radbrook Local Joint Committee would be held on Thursday, 16 February 2012 at 7.00 p.m. at Oxon Old School Hall.

Chairman:.....

Date:.....