

COMMENTS, QUESTIONS, SUGGESTIONS AND UPDATES from 9 February 2011 meeting

Bridgnorth, Worfield, Alveley and Claverley Local Joint Committee

	Comments/Questions/Suggestions	Response Requested From	Response/Action
1a)	A member of the public said he had been contacted by the press for his views on Shropshire Council's proposal to charge event organisers £1000 for clearing rubbish after an event. As an event organiser, he had not had any communication from Shropshire Council and suggested the council should consult with people directly affected before issuing press releases.	Steve Brown, Head of Environmental Maintenance.	There are no plans to a charge for cleaning up after events by Shropshire Council. There will be improved licensing and support for organisers to ensure that they have arrangements in place to clean up during and after events. But no charge is planned.
1b)	It was further suggested that the council should arrange a workshop for all event organisers in the area where they could find out about all current legislation.	Tom Brettell, Senior Community Action Officer	I have spoken to Joy Durrant, Festivals & Events officer for Shropshire Council who has confirmed that she will be developing a training/ information programme for festivals and events later this year. I will liaise with the events locally and confirm what needs they have and look to arrange a session in June/ July.
2.	Another member of the public suggested that the dangerous junction by the Esso garage at Cann Hall Road should be looked into by Highways officers.	Alice Dilly Highways and Transportation	The accident history will be looked at and a site visit will be carried out. However, if there is no evidence of personal injury accidents, it will be very difficult to justify carrying out any works as with limited budgets we must concentrate our resources on casualty reduction.

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3.	It was also suggested that the bus change-over outside the British Legion should be moved because it caused traffic jams.	Alice Dilly/Matt Johnson Highways and Transportation	The current changeover location / stop is the choice of Arriva (primary local operator) for use by staff on their services. Driver changes should be done at the bus shelter adjacent to The Fosters Arms / Vine Inn. This is opposite to their staff waiting and rest room and out of the main carriage way at this point. As the shelter is an identifiable bus stop, we are unable to prevent them using this for such purposes, although we will talk to the operator about their considerate use of the stop and requesting that they minimise vehicle standing times as much as possible.
4.	It was suggested that direction signs should be erected to direct visitors to the large car park at Westgate, which was under-utilised at weekends.	Zoe Mortimer, Highways and Transportation	The traffic direction signs for all car parks within Bridgnorth will be reviewed together and are to include a review of the need for signing to Westgate HQ Car Park/Public Car Park'

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5.	<p>Suggestions for future agenda items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ambulance Service (response times; call centre problems) • Community Council of Shropshire (vulnerable people) • Carers – My Life, My Choice team • Fly-tipping • Divisional Surveyor to be invited to attend a future meeting to discuss general maintenance and improvement of roads. • Bridgnorth District Community Transport • Housing • Police and Crime Commissioners 		May 2011