



<u>Committee and Date</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Paper</u>
Broseley and Barrow Local Joint Committee	4	A
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7.00 pm		

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE BROSELEY LOCAL JOINT COMMITTEE HELD ON 26 MARCH 2009 AT 7.00 P.M. AT WILLEY AND DISTRICT VILLAGE HALL

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Present

Mrs C Cooper, Mrs S King (Vice-Chair), Mr I Pickles and Dr J E Jones (Chair)

1.	Apologies	Action
	There were no apologies for absence from members as they were all present. Mrs D Roberts had submitted her apologies.	
2.	Declarations of Interest	
	Cllr King declared a personal and prejudicial interest in agenda item 8 as a member of the Severn Flower Club. She left the room during consideration of the application.	
3.	Minutes	
	<p><u>RESOLVED</u> : That the minutes of the last meeting held on 15 January 2009, be approved and signed by the Chair as a correct record.</p> <p>Arising thereon:</p> <p>3.1 <u>Update on public transport connections to William Brookes School (Item 4)</u></p> <p>Ms Bradshaw, Assistant Director Youth Support and Lead Officer reported that the problems of transport were not restricted to William Brookes School. Officers were examining practical solutions over the issue of extended school programmes at various schools in Shropshire, but there were no firm answers to date.</p> <p>3.2 <u>Future arrangements for Local Joint Committees (Item 5)</u></p> <p>The Chair reported that following the ending of the two-tier system the Committee would no longer have a representative from Bridgnorth District Council, but would have a member from Much Wenlock, as part of Barrow parish was within that electoral division. The Implementation Executive Committee had agreed that it would be possible for Broseley Town Council and Barrow Parish Council to nominate two representatives.</p>	KB

4.	Scrutiny: Local highway network															
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	<p>A presentation was made by Mr Ian Kilby, Head of Development Management Shropshire Council on the changes in planning services across Shropshire as a result of the creation of the unitary authority. The presentation covered:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preparation of Shropshire Core Strategy and strategic options for planning policy. • Interim Planning Guidance on Affordable housing to achieve a consistent approach across Shropshire • Development Management. There would be three area teams. The Southern Area Team would have offices at Bridgnorth and Ludlow. Further advice and information was on the Shropshire Council website under Development Management. • The regulatory committee structure for development control functions etc. In the interregnum a single committee would be meeting on a weekly basis around the county but following the June elections there would be a separate 															

	<p>committee for the Bridgnorth area, meeting on a monthly basis.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The important role of parish councils. In view of the high proportion of planning decisions delegated to officers, matters of local concern, where there were six objectors or where the parish council had different views, based on material planning grounds, could trigger referral to a regulatory committee <p>Several issues were raised at the meeting regarding the decision making process. Reference was made to the practice of Barrow Parish Council to not discuss applications with residents in view of concerns about their impartiality being affected. Mr Kilby referred to a document Constructive Talk and the arrangements for pre-application discussions and he agreed to check that parish councils could also hold pre-application discussions.</p>	IK																
6.	Review of Parish Plans: Barrow																	
	<p>Mrs King introduced the review of the Broseley Parish Plan which had been compiled from answers to a questionnaire sent to all residents. The meeting was temporarily adjourned to allow the audience to read the Winter 2008 annual review document (copy attached to signed minutes).</p> <p>Concern was raised by a member of the public about access to properties arising from the construction of a new national cycle route between Bridgnorth and Coalport. It was agreed to ask relevant officers to give advice.</p>	DEW																
7.	Identification of funding based on existing parish plans																	
	<p>A report (copy attached to signed minutes) on the Broseley Plan 2004 was circulated.</p> <p>It was reported that part of the remit of the Local Joint Committee was to act as a decision maker with regard to the delivery of services and to prioritise resource allocation in its area. At the last meeting the Committee had agreed that the funding allocation for 2009/10 should be divided equally between grant aid applications and to address local priorities e.g. as set out in parish plans.</p> <p>The audience was then divided up into three discussion groups and asked to take part in putting forward suggestions on the identification of priorities for the communities in Barrow and Broseley which, if required, could be the subject of research by a community regeneration officer in order to give sufficient time to help bring these to fruition in 2009/10.</p> <p>Following the completion of pro-formas on priority funding areas and what had been requested the Chair read out the contents which referred to</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="252 1646 1391 1998"> <tr> <td>Youth events</td> <td>Financial and promotional support</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Fly tipping and cleaning issues</td> <td>Litter picks, machines for rural roads</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Local community transport</td> <td>Publicity and funding for more drivers</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Birchmeadow Centre</td> <td>Sound proofing to reduce noise nuisance to residents</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Development of community centre</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Birchmeadow Park</td> <td>Funding to improve usage by a wider group of people , planting, seating</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Senior Citizens</td> <td>Playground area for the elderly</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Dog mess</td> <td>Highlighter scheme</td> </tr> </table>	Youth events	Financial and promotional support	Fly tipping and cleaning issues	Litter picks, machines for rural roads	Local community transport	Publicity and funding for more drivers	Birchmeadow Centre	Sound proofing to reduce noise nuisance to residents		Development of community centre	Birchmeadow Park	Funding to improve usage by a wider group of people , planting, seating	Senior Citizens	Playground area for the elderly	Dog mess	Highlighter scheme	KB
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	The Chair added that this information was very useful and would be taken into consideration by the Committee.													
8.	Funding Applications													
	<p>The Committee considered a report (copy attached to signed minutes) from Ms Bradshaw, Assistant Director Youth Support on two grant aid applications from the local budget 2008/09 allocation.</p> <p>RESOLVED : That the following decisions be made in respect of the under-mentioned applications:</p> <table border="0"> <thead> <tr> <th>No</th> <th>Applicant</th> <th>Project</th> <th>Decision</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>1.</td> <td>Broseley Army Cadet Force</td> <td>Youth inclusion programme</td> <td>£200</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2.</td> <td>Severn Flower Club Broseley</td> <td>NAFAS 50th anniversary national show</td> <td>£1,000</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	No	Applicant	Project	Decision	1.	Broseley Army Cadet Force	Youth inclusion programme	£200	2.	Severn Flower Club Broseley	NAFAS 50 th anniversary national show	£1,000	KB
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9.	Public Question Time/ Identification of future agenda items													
	<p>Clarification was given that concessionary bus and rail cards could continue to be obtained from Broseley Library.</p> <p>Information was given on youth events with all proceeds going to Friendly Bus.</p> <p>Ms Bradshaw reported that in addition to the local joint committee funds the Shropshire Partnership was giving grants of £1,000 to groups in respect of equalities and diversity projects.</p>													
10.	CInCH - The Shropshire LINK													
	<p>It was reported that Community Involvement in Care and Health (CInCH) was an independent, voluntary organisation established by statute under the Local Involvement Network (LINK) initiative by the Department of Health. A LINK had been set up in each of the local health authority areas around England with the purpose of encouraging grass roots information on, and knowledge of local health and social care services to identify what works well, suggest means of improvement and comment on what is missing or difficult to access. From assessment of that information, the LINK would instigate research to seek solutions and put those to service providers, supported by statutory powers to require responses and explanations. Copies of an information leaflet and application forms were circulated.</p>													
11.	Dates of future meetings													
	<p>It was noted that the diary dates for 2009/10 had not been settled. They would be put on the web page in due course</p>	JD												
	<p style="text-align: center;">CHAIR</p> <p style="text-align: center;">DATE.....</p> <p>The meeting closed at 8.45 pm.</p>													