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 Broseley and Barrow Local
 Joint Committee
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NOTE OF A MEETING OF THE BROSELEY AND BARROW LOCAL JOINT COMMITTEE HELD ON 15 JUNE 2009 AT 7.00 P.M. AT THE VICTORIA HALL, BROSELEY

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Present

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

1.	Election of Chairman	ACTION
	<u>RESOLVED</u> : That Dr J E Jones be elected Chairman for the ensuing year.	
2.	Apologies	
	Apologies for absence were received from Mrs S Gibbons and Mr P M Whiteman Mrs C Crawford had also stated she was unable to attend.	
3.	Appointment of Vice-Chairman	
	<u>RESOLVED</u> : That Mrs S King be appointed Vice-Chairman for the ensuing year.	
4.	Declarations of Interest	
	Dr Jones, Mr Pickles and Mr Robinson declared personal interests in the agenda item on leisure/ community facilities as members of the Broseley Partnership and/or Birchmeadow Management Centre.	
5.	Minutes	
	<u>RESOLVED</u> : That the minutes of the last meeting held on 26 March 2009, be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record. Arising thereon: 3.1 <u>Update on public transport connections to William Brookes School (Item 3.1)</u> A written report was requested for the next meeting to update the Committee on any progress.	KB

	<p>4 <u>Scrutiny : Local Highway network (Item 5)</u></p> <p>The following updated information was supplied by Mr Bennett, Highways Manager South East, Shropshire Council, in respect of issues raised at the last meeting :</p>																						
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6	<p>Leisure/community facilities in Broseley</p>																						
	<p>Sam Hine, Head of Community Working, George Candler Assistant Director Culture & Leisure, and Andrea McWilliams Community Regeneration Officer were welcomed to the meeting.</p> <p>The Chair reported that the previous Advantage West Midlands funding route being used by the Broseley Partnership to achieve refurbishment of the Birchmeadow Centre</p>																						

	<p>and redevelopment of the Victoria Hall had been abandoned. It had been agreed to concentrate on the Birchmeadow Centre and a small bid had been made to obtain funding from Shropshire Council's Community Fund for an extension project.</p> <p>Ms Hine explained that Shropshire Council were aware of the aspirations of the community and her team of officers would assist, and Andrea especially in Broseley in addressing local priorities. Unfortunately Advantage West Midlands, (a regional development agency), had had their budget reduced and were having to concentrate on economic development projects rather than community building centre schemes. It was recognised that there was a shortage of funding opportunities for large schemes and a phased approach was recommended. If the National Lottery announced a new scheme they would be well placed to bid because all the survey information, collected previously, could be put to good use.</p> <p>Mr Candler reported that there had been some success and £140,000 had been secured as part of Bridgnorth District Council's approach to deliver a multi use games area at Broseley CE Primary School, Dark Lane. Further funding was also needed from the Football Foundation.</p> <p>Members of the audience accepted that there was a need to move forward collectively, not with a large scheme, but a phased approach to make the existing building and facilities more viable. Concern was also expressed that the Broseley Partnership had not been well served by previous officer advice.</p> <p>Committee Members pointed out that a major build was required at the Birchmeadow Centre and they hoped that progress would be made in view of the deteriorating structural condition of the building. They also hoped that Shropshire Council would act in a joined up way in assisting Broseley with culture, leisure and sports activities.</p> <p>Ms Hine explained that while Shropshire Council had a capital investment programme, there had to be realism and they needed to work collectively to meet these aspirations over a period of time.</p> <p>Mr Candler added that the award of the Olympic Games in 2012 had affected national sports building budgets. Sport England had offered funding to nurture sports in their area. £1.1 m was available for play areas in Shropshire, with seven already identified and scope to develop a further fifteen. A Leisure Facilities Strategy across the county would be available from the autumn, with the first phase giving an overview of current provision.</p> <p>In drawing the debate to a conclusion the Chair hoped that progress would soon be made with regard to the Birchmeadow Centre as the bad condition of the building meant that not a great deal of time was available and it would not be sustainable in the long-term.</p>	SH/G C/KB/ AM
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7.	Identification of funding priorities for 2009/10	
	<p>Ms Bradshaw presented a report on outline proposals for the allocation of funding for the 2009/10 financial year.</p> <p>In relation to the noise concerns from residents of the adjacent mobile home park it was reported that the funding proposals for the Birchmeadow Centre could include provision for sound proofing.</p> <p>Members agreed that they needed more information on the proposal to jointly fund a post with Churches Together to assist with the delivery of youth provision.</p> <p><u>RESOLVED</u>: That the Committee support the allocation of £5,000 each in principle to two priority areas: The development of leisure and community facilities at Birchmeadow Community Centre Provision of youth activities</p> <p>and that these are brought forward to the next meeting.</p>	KB
8.	Public Question Time /Identification of future agenda items	
	No specific agenda items requests were made for the next meeting.	
9.	Dates	
	<p>It was reported that it had been proposed to hold future meetings as follows: Thursday 10 September 2009 at Barrow C E Primary School Tuesday 1 December 2009 at Victoria Hall Broseley Monday 1 March 2010 at Willey and District Village Hall</p> <p>However, the September meeting date clashed with a meeting of Barrow Parish Council and it had not yet been possible to agree upon a new date.</p>	DEW
	<p style="text-align: center;">Chair</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Date.....</p> <p>The meeting closed at 8.05 pm.</p>	