



<u>Committee and Date</u>
Broseley and Barrow Local Joint Committee
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NOTE OF ACTIONS AND DECISIONS FROM THE MEETING OF THE BROSELEY AND BARROW LOCAL JOINT COMMITTEE HELD ON 21 SEPTEMBER 2009 AT 7.30 P.M. AT BARROW CE PRIMARY SCHOOL, BROSELEY

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Present

Mrs S Gibbons, Mrs S King (Vice-Chair), Mr I Pickles, Mr P J Robinson, Dr J E Jones (Chair) and Mr P M Whiteman OBE.

There were approximately 18 members of the public at the meeting.

1.	<p>Welcome and Apologies for Absence</p> <p>There were no apologies for absence as all members were present.</p> <p>The Chair pointed out that Jennifer Fullard, Communications Officer, was present to provide information on services provided by Shropshire Council and to answer questions raised by members of the public.</p>	
2.	<p>Declarations of Interest</p> <p>Dr Jones declared a personal and prejudicial interest in agenda item 7 as Secretary of Broseley Christmas Lights Committee. She left the room during consideration of the application.</p>	
3.	<p>Note</p> <p><u>RESOLVED</u> : That the note of the last meeting held on 15 June 2009, be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.</p> <p>Arising thereon:</p> <p><u>Scrutiny : Local Highway network (Item 5)</u></p> <p>It was reported that Mr Bennett, Highways Manager South East, Shropshire Council, had provided updated information on two issues raised previously.</p>	

	<p>The request for a section of the B4373 to be straightened, where there was a severe bend near Nordley, had been forwarded to the Projects Team. A 30 mph speed limit was now in force in Nordley.</p> <p>The ownership of an overgrown hedge on Coalport Road had been established and a letter had been sent to the owner requesting that it be cut back within fourteen days.</p>	
<p>4.</p>	<p>Update on Public Transport connections to Williams Brookes School</p> <p>The Lead Officer Karen Bradshaw reported that there were potential solutions, but no ready made answers available regarding the request for William Brookes School pupils to be able to travel to Barrow and Broseley by bus after staying on for after-school and other leisure activities and to enable members of the public to access the facilities. There was a subsidised Arriva public bus (which departed Much Wenlock at 5.20 p.m.), but it was not possible to subsidise any other transport arrangements.</p> <p>Options put forward for consideration were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use of a William Brookes School owned minibus to provide a shuttle to and from Broseley. • Making arrangements with the Broseley Friendly Bus • Continued use of the existing Arriva public bus service • The Committee could consider funding some locally contracted bus arrangements • Setting up car sharing arrangement for evening transport • Contracting directly a dedicated bus service • Contracting a taxi bus for 'on request' transport. <p>Members pointed out that voluntary drivers were required by the Friendly Bus and the William Brookes School were also looking into the transport issues.</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>a) That the Community Regeneration Officer be asked to discuss the situation with the Friendly Bus Service.</p> <p>b) That that after school transport provision be considered by the Committee on a regular basis.</p>	<p>AM</p> <p>KB/NP</p>
<p>5.</p>	<p>Local Development Framework Core Strategy Consultation</p> <p>Mrs Helen Howie, Principal Policy Officer Housing, gave a brief overview of the preparation of the Shropshire Core Strategy, which would contain a long term planning development strategy up to 2026, and include a range of strategic objectives and policies with which to guide decisions on planning applications. She pointed out that consultation on the "Policy Directions" document, which set out the preferred approach to future development priorities, would end on 2 October. It followed on from the 'Issues and Options' document. The next stage would be the writing of actual policies.</p> <p>She also drew the Committee's attention to existing preferred policies relating to the level and distribution of housing, where the focus was on developments in existing towns and less on the edge of settlements. Sporadic housing development in the open countryside would not normally be allowed but there was an exception if it was for community benefit including affordable housing and rural employment opportunities.</p>	

	<p>Leaflets on the “Policy Directions Executive Summary”, “Affordable homes for Local People: Exception Sites” and “Build your own Affordable Home” were also made available.</p> <p>Members felt that there should be a proper level of housing allocations for Broseley in the Core Strategy.</p> <p>Reference was made to suggestions in a local newspaper that the Ironbridge Power Station site could be used as a wind farm in the future. However the site was in a dip. The Council might support new energy technologies which could make use of the existing infrastructure.</p> <p>Mr Stephen Gittins reported that Severnside Housing had taken over complete responsibility for houses at Beech Drive and Miners Meadow, Broseley. They wished to encourage local people to apply for any vacancies. Under Severnside Housing’s allocation policy Shropshire Council had 100% nomination rights to properties in Broseley.</p>																	
<p>6.</p>	<p>Current Policing and Anti- Social Behaviour Issues</p> <p>CSO Malcolm Goddard reported that local crime statistics (e.g. Broseley East and West) could be accessed by logging onto westmercia.crimemapper.co.uk. In the last twelve months there had been an overall increase in crime levels in both wards but a general decrease in anti-social behaviour, and crime levels remained average. With regard to the night time economy more complaints had been received, but not more reported incidents. There was now an increased Police presence at weekends.</p> <p>Mr Gittins reported on Severnside Housing's policies and working practices to address any anti-social behaviour by residents, and their intention to introduce Neighbourhood Service Agreements which would cover working in partnership with other agencies e.g. the Police, to improve the community and deal with local issues.</p>																	
<p>7.</p>	<p>Broseley and Barrow budget : Funding Applications</p> <p>The Committee considered a report from Ms Karen Bradshaw, Lead Officer on three grant aid applications from the 2009/10 community chest allocation.</p> <p>RESOLVED : That the following decisions be made in respect of the under-mentioned applications:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="279 1556 1085 2004"> <thead> <tr> <th>No</th> <th>Applicant</th> <th>Project</th> <th>Decision</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>1.</td> <td>Bridges</td> <td>Picturing our world -Local and Global. Series of local community events.</td> <td>£500</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2.</td> <td>Broseley Christmas Lights Committee.</td> <td>Building alterations for storage.</td> <td>£600</td> </tr> <tr> <td>3.</td> <td>Broseley Youth Sports FC</td> <td>Purchase of football goals and waterproof clothing.</td> <td>£1,166.36p</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	No	Applicant	Project	Decision	1.	Bridges	Picturing our world -Local and Global. Series of local community events.	£500	2.	Broseley Christmas Lights Committee.	Building alterations for storage.	£600	3.	Broseley Youth Sports FC	Purchase of football goals and waterproof clothing.	£1,166.36p	<p>KB</p>
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	<p>The Committee noted that the Birchmeadow Centre had been allocated £48,000 from the Community Fund towards an extension of the theatre and stage. A steer would be required at the next meeting on how the £5,000 agreed in principle by the Committee should be spent.</p> <p>Ms Bradshaw presented a report which gave further information on the proposed allocation of £5,000 towards youth activities.</p> <p>The Committee also received a presentation from young people who wished the additional allocation to be used for more structured sessions, rather than drop-in sessions.</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>a) That £5,000 be allocated to continue the Youth Focus Activity Project (on Thursday nights with occasional other sessions) for the remainder of the current financial year.</p> <p>b) That feedback be requested at the end of the funding period.</p>	KB
8.	<p>Public Consultation on moving Broseley Post Office</p> <p>It was reported that the Post Office Ltd had been undertaking a public consultation exercise on their plans to re-locate the branch at 73 High Street, Broseley to new premises at Spar Stores in the High Street. Any comments on the proposal had been requested by 22 September.</p> <p>A member reported that Broseley Town Council supported the proposal and was very pleased at the extended opening hours and improved facilities, including low level access for the public in wheelchairs. Concerns had been raised about the car parking facilities and that the disabled car parking bay was outside the existing post office.</p>	
9.	<p>Household Recycling Centre entry restrictions (Information Item)</p> <p>Information on proposed changes to the rules regarding access to Shropshire's Household Recycling Centres for residents was circulated.</p> <p>It was reported that Shropshire Council members had asked for the proposal to be re-considered and a report would be submitted to Cabinet.</p>	
10.	<p>Public Question Time /Identification of future agenda items</p> <p>No specific agenda items requests were made for the next meeting.</p>	
11.	<p>Date of next meeting</p> <p>It was noted that the date of the next meeting had been changed to Wednesday 2 December at 7.00 p.m. as the Victoria Hall, Broseley, was unavailable on the original date of 1 December.</p>	DEW
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