



<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 2 DECEMBER 2009 AT 7.00 P.M. AT VICTORIA HALL, BROSELEY

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Present

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

There were approximately 16 members of the public at the meeting.

		Action
1.	Welcome and Apologies for Absence An apology for absence was received from Mr P M Whiteman OBE. The Chair referred to the recent sad death of his wife and members extended their condolences.	
2.	Declarations of Interest Dr Jones declared a personal interest in the Wyldwoods funding application which affected John Wilkinson Primary School. Dr Jones declared a personal and prejudicial interest in the Birchmeadow Centre funding application as Chair of the Birchmeadow Centre Management Committee. Mr Pickles and Mr Robinson declared personal and prejudicial interests in the same item as members of Broseley Town Council.	
3.	Note <u>RESOLVED</u> : That the note of the last meeting held on 21 September 2009, be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.	

	<p>Arising thereon:</p> <p><u>Public Consultation on moving Broseley Post Office (Item 8)</u></p> <p>It was reported that Post Office Ltd, in a letter of 7 October 2009, had confirmed that the re-location of Broseley Post Office would proceed as planned. Concerns raised during the consultation period about the state of the car parking facilities had been brought to the attention of the owners of the car park. The Post Office had also indicated that they would support any approach to the Council, made by the new sub-postmaster to have a designated disabled parking bay nearer the new premises.</p> <p>Mr Glyn Shaw, Senior Engineer, Strategic Highways and Traffic, would be holding a site meeting on 4 December with Broseley Town councillors and the Chair and would look at the proposed location of an additional disabled parking bay. If feasible, it could be included in the current round of Civil Parking Enforcement reviews.</p>	GS
4.	<p>Shropshire Council Budget Consultation 2010/11</p> <p>The Committee received a presentation on the 2010/11 budget by Mr Keith Barrow, Leader Shropshire Council and Ms Cheryl Williams, Corporate Finance Manager. It was emphasised that the Council wanted to involve local people in the budget setting exercise and accordingly wanted to receive their views. (A copy of the presentation and the questions the audience were asked to respond to is on the webpage for this meeting). Copies of a leaflet "Financial Facts at a Glance" were also circulated.</p> <p>During the question and answer session the following points were covered:-</p> <p>In response to concerns over the future running costs of Theatre Severn, Shrewsbury, Mr Barrow stated that it had been more popular than anticipated and he was confident that with higher profile artistes being attracted in the second year of operation, extra income would be generated.</p> <p>He accepted points made over the importance of the tourism industry to the county, and felt that budgets and resources could be used more effectively. A brochure about the whole of the county would be promoted. The television advertising campaign about shopping in Shrewsbury would also be followed by the promotion of Shropshire's market towns in the new year.</p> <p>Questions were raised as to the reasons why levels of support for children with special educational needs had been reviewed, which had resulted in some children receiving less hours of learning support. Mr Barrow gave an assurance that the Council were not targeting children with special educational needs to save money. It was agreed that the points raised would be investigated and a reply sent.</p> <p>Previous assurances that all services would not be run centrally were</p>	CW

	<p>questioned and a view was put forward that residents were getting centralisation, not equalisation, e.g. the Active Lifestyles Officer at Bridgnorth was not being replaced when he moved on. Mr Barrow replied that local government services were being equalised across the county and a check would be made into the specific example which had been raised. If there was an important need locally it should be supported by the Council without people having to travel to Shrewsbury.</p> <p>A request was made for the co-ordination of services with neighbouring councils. There had been a tradition of children from East Shropshire with special educational needs going to Telford, not Shrewsbury, which was much further away, and it was hoped that this would continue. In replying, Mr Barrow stated that he wanted to co-operate with Telford and Wrekin Council as closely as possible.</p> <p>Concern was raised that a number of Council housing maintenance issues were not being addressed, which made a large difference to tenants' quality of life, and Mr Barrow was asked to keep the matter under review. It was noted that Bridgnorth District Council's housing services had been criticised in an Audit Commission inspection the previous year.</p> <p>In conclusion Mr Barrow explained that the Council hoped to achieve savings of £2 million in 2010/11 as the Council were facing much more substantial cuts in 2011/12. It was also his intention to keep Council Tax under control. Therefore whenever an officer post fell vacant its justification in the organisation was being examined.</p>	CW
5.	<p>Update on Leisure Funding and Facilities</p> <p>The Committee received a report on developments which had taken place over the provision of sports and leisure services in Broseley.</p> <p>The Chairman explained that the Birchmeadow Centre funding application could not be considered as the Committee were not quorate for this item. A minimum of three members was needed and only two members were present who could vote on this item. A report on the issues involved was being considered at a Shropshire Council meeting on 10 December, and if necessary a special meeting of the committee would be held to make that particular decision.</p> <p>Andrea McWilliams then gave the latest position on the Multi Use Games Area and the Birchmeadow Park project, in the absence of Amy Davies. Members agreed that the work of local volunteers and officers should be commended.</p>	KB/ AW
6.	<p>Update on Public Transport connections to Williams Brookes School</p> <p>Ms Bradshaw, Lead Officer, stated that the possibility of funding some additional transport provision to William Brookes School for school children from Broseley and Barrow had been investigated. Broseley to Much Wenlock was part of a commercial bus route. There was no guarantee that sufficient passenger numbers would use this commercial service if there was an increase in</p>	

	frequency in local bus services, and this did not appear to be a feasible way forward at this point in time.																					
7.	<p>Current Policing Issues – PACT (Partners and Communities Together)</p> <p>The Committee received crime and anti-social behaviour statistics for the period 1 July 2008 to 30 June 2009 within the LJC area.</p> <p>Tim Weaver Crime, Risk Manager, explained that although West Mercia was a safe area to live, with low levels of crime, the perception of fear of being a victim of crime remained high. Overall in the Shropshire Division crime had fallen by 3% in the past twelve months. Locally, burglary was down, robbery was nil for the year, there had been a slight rise in vehicle crime, violent crime and anti social behaviour. In terms of detailed information he pointed out that the West Mercia website had recently been revamped and crime statistics were easily accessible as well as the details of forthcoming meetings or events held locally.</p> <p>In responding to questions about local drug offences CSO Mal Goddard reported that three raids had been carried out in the previous two months. Two persons had been arrested for allegedly being involved in the production and selling of cannabis and a large quantity of cannabis had been seized.</p>																					
8.	<p>Broseley and Barrow budget : Funding Applications</p> <p>The Committee considered a report from Ms Karen Bradshaw, Lead Officer on four 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"> <thead> <tr> <th>No</th> <th>Applicant</th> <th>Project</th> <th>Decision</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>1.</td> <td>Broseley Boxing Club</td> <td>Fitness and boxing coaching. Cost of providing a boxing coach to allow the Club to continue to provide lessons.</td> <td>£600</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2.</td> <td>St. Winefride's Church Committee</td> <td>New lighter tables and trolley</td> <td>£710.95</td> </tr> <tr> <td>3</td> <td>Wyldwoods</td> <td>Breathing Place for Broseley and Barrow. To provide free activities to children from John Wilkinson Primary School to take part in a variety of activities throughout the year.</td> <td>£900</td> </tr> <tr> <td>4</td> <td>Willey Village Hall Committee</td> <td>Painting exterior of village hall</td> <td>£400</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	No	Applicant	Project	Decision	1.	Broseley Boxing Club	Fitness and boxing coaching. Cost of providing a boxing coach to allow the Club to continue to provide lessons.	£600	2.	St. Winefride's Church Committee	New lighter tables and trolley	£710.95	3	Wyldwoods	Breathing Place for Broseley and Barrow. To provide free activities to children from John Wilkinson Primary School to take part in a variety of activities throughout the year.	£900	4	Willey Village Hall Committee	Painting exterior of village hall	£400	KB
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9.	<p>Shropshire Council Consultation Items (for information)</p> <p>The Committee received information on Shropshire Council's new consultation portal and two current consultations in particular on:</p> <p>Shropshire's new Community Strategy 2010-2020</p> <p>A new draft cultural strategy entitled "Evolution, Revolution & Innovation: Culture in Shropshire, Telford & Wrekin"</p>	
10.	<p>Public Question Time /Identification of future agenda items</p> <p>The following items were put forward for consideration:</p> <p>Housing issues</p> <p>Recycling proposals</p>	
11.	<p>Date of next meeting</p> <p>It was noted that the next ordinary meeting would be held on Monday 1 March 2010 at Willey and District Village Hall. If necessary a special short meeting would also be held to consider the allocation of funding to the Birchmeadow Centre.</p>	DEW
	<p style="text-align: center;">Chair</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Date.....</p> <p>The meeting closed at 9.00 p.m.</p>	