



<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 3 JULY 2010 AT 2.00 P.M. AT THE HAYCOP, 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 100 members of the public at the meeting.

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14.	<p>Welcome and Apologies for Absence/ Substitutions</p> <p>The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and reported there were no apologies for absence from councillors, as they were all present. Several apologies from members of the public were given. A specific welcome was extended to PC Stuart Lippit who was attending for the first time following the recent retirement of PC Allan Hand, and the Chair expressed the Committee's thanks and gratitude for all his services to the local community.</p>	
15.	<p>Declarations of Interest</p> <p>Mr Robinson declared a personal and prejudicial interest in agenda item 6 because his wife was a director and volunteer driver of The Friendly Transport Service. (He left the gazebo while this item was discussed).</p>	
16.	<p>Note</p> <p><u>RESOLVED</u> : That the note of the last meeting held on 4 May 2010 be approved and signed by the Chair as a correct record.</p>	

17.	<p>The Haycop Project</p> <p>Adrian Miles, Chairman of the Haycop Conservation Group, explained that it would be three years on 24 July since the start of the project to turn the Haycop, which had become very overgrown, into a nature reserve. He explained the work being done on the area and how various grants had been used. He also paid thanks all the nature conservation volunteers and the landowner Deryck Roberts and his daughter Jane who was the Treasurer. Various experts would be arriving shortly to give guided walks around the site and highlight the varied wildlife.</p>							
18.	<p>Just Credit Union</p> <p>Karen Farrow, Operations Manager, gave a presentation on the activities of the Just Credit Union, which was a not-for-profit organisation, managed and run by trained volunteers. This community bank served all persons who lived or worked within the area administered by Shropshire Council.</p> <p>The primary objective was financial inclusion across the financial and social spectrum by offering financial services to their members which might otherwise not be available. There were no restrictions or conditions on how much could be paid into accounts. The Just Credit Union also provided loans and she explained how much cheaper their interest rates were than their nearest legal competitor and much less than loan sharks. They had been contracted by the Department for Work and Pensions to deliver affordable personal loans to people on low incomes.</p> <p>Karen stated that she was aware that a Credit union had existed in Broseley in the past and she pointed out that if any volunteers came forward she would be happy to give support in training people to get it off the ground locally.</p>							
19.	<p>Funding Applications 2010/11 and Project Feedback</p> <p>The Committee considered a report from Karen Bradshaw, Lead Officer which gave details of allocations made to date from the 2010/11 Community Chest, two further bids for funding and feedback on some of the projects funded from the previous year's budget.</p> <p><u>RESOLVED</u> :</p> <p>a) That the Committee note grants made to date.</p> <p>b) That the following decisions be made in respect of the under-mentioned applications:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="304 1832 1347 2033"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="304 1832 580 1895">Applicant</th> <th data-bbox="580 1832 1174 1895">Project</th> <th data-bbox="1174 1832 1347 1895">Decision</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="304 1895 580 2033">Friends of Penn's Meadow</td> <td data-bbox="580 1895 1174 2033">Further improvements to Penn's Meadow i.e. hedge laying, tree surgery, new bulbs.</td> <td data-bbox="1174 1895 1347 2033">Grant of £1,500</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Applicant	Project	Decision	Friends of Penn's Meadow	Further improvements to Penn's Meadow i.e. hedge laying, tree surgery, new bulbs.	Grant of £1,500	
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	c) That further discussions with the Friendly Transport Service be approved, in the light of their proposals received in relation to subsidising transport links between Broseley and the Much Wenlock Sports Centre.			KB
20.	<p>Outcomes of budget consultation</p> <p>Laura Rowley, Director of Resources presented a report on the outcomes of the consultation on the budget proposals for 2010/11 which had resulted in a number of changes to the final budget strategy. She gave a brief outline of the measures which had been approved to reduce revenue spending in the current financial year, and pointed out that the capital programme included continued expenditure on the re-development of the William Brookes School, which was nearing completion (including £5m on new community and arts facilities). The Council had been seeking grants for extra care housing for older people across the county and a site was being examined in Much Wenlock.</p> <p>Local Joint Committees would be consulted in the Autumn on Shropshire Council's 2011/12 budget and a public meeting would also be held in Shrewsbury. She stressed that it was very important that views were put forward as they would influence the budget setting process in dealing with the effect of large reductions in public spending. Detailed information would also be made available on the Council's website, including a "budget simulator" where members of the public could put forward their own budget ideas.</p>			
21.	<p>Current Policing Issues – PACT (Partners and Communities Together)</p> <p>PC Stuart Lippitt reported that he was covering the area in a caretaker capacity until a decision was made on whether a local Broseley police officer would be appointed to replace PC Allan Hand.</p>			
22.	<p>Public Question Time /Identification of future agenda items</p> <p>Following discussion it was agreed that an investigation should be made into derelict land at Hill Top Farm, Floyer Hall Lane, Benthall and a further attempt be made to establish ownership. The Vice-Chair said that she would raise the matter at meeting of Barrow Parish Council the following week.</p> <p>It was stated that local residents had expressed concerns that priority was being given to Much Wenlock over Broseley in the allocation of resources. It was also felt that the Broseley and Barrow LJC was working well and should be retained. Laura Rowley agreed to feed these concerns back.</p>			

23.	<p>Future meetings</p> <p>It was noted that future meetings had been arranged as follows:</p> <p>Thursday 21 October 2010: Willey and District Village Hall at 7.00 p.m. Wednesday 2 February 2011: Victoria Hall, Broseley at 7.00 p.m.</p>	DEW
	<p style="text-align: center;">Chair</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Date.....</p> <p>The meeting closed at 3.10 p.m.</p>	