



<u>Committee and Date</u>
Broseley and Barrow Local Joint Committee
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7.00 pm

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NOTE OF ACTIONS AND DECISIONS FROM THE MEETING OF THE BROSELEY AND BARROW LOCAL JOINT COMMITTEE HELD ON 25 APRIL 2012 AT 7.00 P.M. AT THE VICTORIA HALL, BROSELEY

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Present

Mr N Downes, Mrs S Gibbons, Dr J E Jones (Chair), Mr I Pickles, Mr A Taylor and Mr P M Whiteman OBE

There were approximately 30 members of the public at the meeting.

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24.	<p>Welcome and Apologies for Absence/Substitutions</p> <p>The chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and in particular the invited speakers, Mark Hunter (Veolia), Larry Wolfe, Steve Ogram, Sue Adams and Alison Brock from Shropshire Council.</p> <p>Apologies for absence were received from Mrs S King. Mr N Downes was substituting and both he and Mr A Taylor were welcomed to the meeting. The Chairman also added that Joy Baister who had requested that an item be included on the agenda about recycling was unable to attend the meeting and had also sent her apologies.</p> <p>The Chairman said that details of the Queen's visit to Shropshire as part of the Diamond Jubilee celebrations had been announced and that an event was being held at RAF Cosford in July 2012.</p> <p>The Chairman also said that a community safety event was being held at Birch Meadow Centre, Broseley on Saturday 28 April 2012 to help people keep wise and well.</p> <p>The Chairman also said that more volunteers were required to assist when the Olympic torch comes through Broseley. Training will be provided.</p>	

25.	<p>Declarations of Interest</p> <p>Mr N Downes and Mrs S Gibbons declared prejudicial interests as members of Barrow Parish Council.</p> <p>Dr Jones and Mr I Pickles declared prejudicial interests as members of the Broseley Partnership.</p>	
26.	<p>Note</p> <p><u>RESOLVED</u> : That the note of the meeting held on 21 September 2011 be approved and signed by the chair as a correct record.</p>	
27.	<p>Current Policing Issues – PACT (Partners and Communities Together)</p> <p>CSO Mal Goddard said that there had been a number of shed break-ins recently in the Broseley area and that some had also occurred as Buildwas. He said catching the person concerned is a priority. In reply to a question, he said that these were not linked to the break-in at the church.</p>	
28.	<p>Kerbside Recycling and Plastic Bottles</p> <p>The Chairman introduced Larry Wolfe, Waste Services Manager, Shropshire Council and also Mark Hunter from Veolia.</p> <p>Larry Wolfe provided an update on the new recycling facility at Faraday Drive, Bridgnorth. He spoke about the changes in cardboard composting standards which had meant that information had to be sent to 133,000 properties informing people of the changes. He said that trials of cardboard collection were being undertaken in the north of the County and that the results of that would be known by July 2012.</p> <p>Larry Wolfe said that a kerbside plastic bottle collection had been introduced on an area by area basis throughout the County and that the Bridgnorth area was the last area where this service became available. He said that the facilities in Barnsley Lane and at Stanley Lane, Bridgnorth were unsuitable because waste could not be bulked up. A new facility at Faraday Drive had to be set up. He said that the glass, plastic bottles, paper and cardboard were sent to a number of different locations and were used in a variety of different products including new bottles and in road building.</p> <p>A local resident expressed his concern that the Bridgnorth area had been the last to introduce plastic bottle collection. A further concern for local residents was the litter caused on windy days. Mark Hunter said that Veolia were aware of this problem and this was mainly due to the need to lift the recycling high up to load onto the vehicles. He also said that people were encouraged to ‘wash and squash plastic bottles as squashing them made them less likely to blow around in the wind.</p> <p>The Chairman thanked Larry Wolfe and Mark Hunter.</p>	

29.	<p>Broadband Project</p> <p>Alison Brock, Business Improvement, Shropshire Council updated the Committee on the Broadband Project. She said that £530m had been allocated nationally and that £8.2m had been awarded to Shropshire and Telford & Wrekin and that the aim of the project was to provide 100% of Shropshire with access to broadband with a minimum speed of 2mbps, to deliver superfast broadband to as much of the county as possible and to provide support to businesses and local residents using broadband. She said that the aim was for this to be achieved by 2015.</p> <p>The Chairman thanked Alison Brock for the presentation.</p>	
30.	<p>Transforming Housing Landlord Services – Development of an at Arms Length Management Organisation</p> <p>The Chairman introduced Steve Ogram, Finance Manager and Sue Adams, Service Manager.</p> <p>Steve Ogram gave a brief explanation of where the Management of the Housing Service was a few years ago up to now. He reminded the meeting that the housing stocks of the former Bridgnorth District Council and Oswestry Borough Council had been brought together in April 2009 and that there were around 4200 properties. He said management costs had been reduced as part of the merger and that the best parts of each of the services had been cherry picked and included in the new service. Other options for the management of the housing stocks were rejected by both of the former Councils tenants.</p> <p>Steve Ogram also said that money in the Housing Revenue Account cannot be used to subsidise Council Services nor can money go the other way. He said that changes introduced on 1 April 2012 mean that the housing subsidy has been removed and that money from the Housing Revenue no longer has to be paid to Government which amounted to around £5m per year. Instead a settlement of £83.3m has been paid. This amount was borrowed and will be repaid over a period of 30 years, but means that the costs to the Housing Revenue Account are known in advance instead of having to wait until December each year.</p> <p>Sue Adams said that now that the costs are known that it will be easier to plan what to do. She said that consideration had been given to different options for managing the Housing Service and that Cabinet had decided that the best option was an at Arms Length Management Organisation. This would mean that the Housing Stock would remain in Council ownership.</p> <p>Sue Adams said that a consultation exercise would be undertaken over the summer and that a decision would be taken in October or November 2012 with the new arrangements coming into effect from 1 April 2013.</p> <p>The Chairman thanked both Steve Ogram and Sue Adams for their attendance.</p>	

31. Funding Update 2011/12 and project feedback

The Committee considered a report from Linda Monteith, Community Action Officer, which provided information on ten bids for funding and a summary of projects funded under delegated powers. Representatives from Willey Youth Club addressed the committee seeking support for the Club's application and Sheila Whittles on behalf of All Saints Church, Broseley (Parochial Church Council) thanked the committee for the grant awarded.

RESOLVED :

That the following decisions be made in respect of the under-mentioned applications:

Applicant	Project	Decision
Willey and District Village Hall Committee	Replacement of old heavy tables	£800.00
Barrow Parish Council	Provision of two wooden benches at two locations in Barrow	£1,000.00
Wydlewoods	Summer holiday family activities	Application withdrawn
Broseley Boxing Club	Lads and Dads project	£1,000.00
The Friendly Transport Service	Over 60's Swimming Club	£800.00
Broseley Youth Theatre	Youth Production of Bugsy Malone	£458.00
Willey Youth Club	Activity Weekend	£500.00
Broseley Partnership	Reprint of Broseley Map and Town Guide	£250.00
Broseley Social Club	Queen's Jubilee Gala Day	£250.00
Broseley Cinema	Publicity Boards	£160.00

In accordance with their declarations of interest, Mr Downes, Mrs Gibbons Dr Jones and Mr Pickles left the meeting during consideration of those items in which they had declared a prejudicial interest. Mr P M Whiteman took the chair for the consideration of the Broseley Partnership application.

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32.	<p>Public Question Time /Identification of future agenda items</p> <p>It was agreed that as the Council had entered a new contact with Ringway for highway repairs that an appropriate officer be invited to the next meeting of the committee to explain how the areas roads will be maintained.</p> <p>It was also agreed that someone from the Severn Gorge Conservation Trust be invited to the next meeting as it appears that most of the work they are carrying out is Ironbridge based. Clarification also required on what they are responsible for.</p> <p>.</p>	ACD/ TW
	<p>Chair</p> <p>Date.....</p> <p>The meeting closed at 8.45pm.</p>	