



<u>Committee and Date</u>
Broseley and Barrow Local Joint Committee
5 th February 2014
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 10 JULY 2013 AT 7.00 P.M. AT BROSELEY CRICKET CLUB

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Present

Mrs S Gibbons, Dr J E Jones (Chair), Mrs S King, Mr I Pickles, Mr P Smith and Mr D Turner

There were approximately 20 members of the public at the meeting.

		Action
1	Election of Chair It was proposed, seconded and duly RESOLVED: - That Dr J E Jones be elected chair of the Broseley and Barrow Local Joint Committee for the forthcoming year	
2	Welcome and Introductions The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting. She stated that with the agreement of the Committee she would be altering the order of the agenda and that the item on the closure of the B4373 would be taken first.	
3	Appointment of Vice Chair It was proposed, seconded and duly RESOLVED: - That Mrs S King be appointed vice- chair of the Broseley and Barrow Local Joint Committee for the forthcoming year	
4	Apologies for Absence and Substitutions Apologies for absence had been received from Mr P Revell. Mr P Smith substituted.	

5	<p>Declarations of Interest</p> <p>Dr J Jones declared interests in the following items on the ground of bias: -</p> <p>Application from Victoria Hall Committee (Member of the Hall Committee) Application from Broseley Christmas Lights Committee (Member of the Committee) Proposal to ring fence funding for the Victoria Hall (Member of the Hall Committee) Proposal to ring fence funding for the MUGA Lighting Project (Member of the MUGA Committee)</p> <p>She left the room and took no part in the discussion and voting on these matters.</p>	
6	<p>Note</p> <p><u>RESOLVED</u>: That the note of the meeting held on 20 November 2012 be approved and signed by the Chair as a correct record.</p>	
7	<p>Closure of the B4373</p> <p>The Chair welcomed Mike Dixon, Derek Biddle and Gary Stokes from Balfour Beatty, Andy Bates from National Grid and Gary Parton from Shropshire Council.</p> <p>Mr Dixon explained that the closure was necessary to repair several leaks in the gas main and that work was being carried out on 2 sections of pipe at either end of the closure. He went on to say that it was hoped that it was hoped to do most of the work under a “soft” closure where access was maintained to properties along the closure, and farming activities could be facilitated but that there were times when a “hard closure” would be needed where no access would be available. He added that The Contractors and National Grid were continually assessing the work programme to ensure the best outcomes.</p> <p>Several members of the public commented that communication with local residents about the closure had not been very good. Mr Stokes accepted this and commented that he was currently looking at ways of improving communications. He went on to say that a successful drop in session had been held prior to the meeting and that there were plans to hold another session at Cross Lane Head towards the end of the month. He added that he hoped to establish one point of contact in each parish so that regular information could be distributed.</p> <p>A member of the public questioned why the closure of the Coalport Bridge was taking place at the same time as the closure of the B4373 as this would cause a further long Stour for users of that road. Mr Parton commented that it was unfortunate that the two closures overlapped but there was essential works required to the bridge that could not be delayed.</p> <p>The Chair thanked the representatives for their attendance at the meeting.</p>	
8	<p>Current Policing Issues – PACT (Partners and Communities Together)</p> <p>The Chairman introduced Inspector Rob Thomas and PC Stuart Lippitt to the meeting.</p> <p>Inspector Thomas updated the meeting on changes to policing in the LJC area. He informed members that the current number of police officers covering the area would not change but that PC Lippitt would be moving to Bridgnorth and would be replaced by a</p>	

	<p>police constable currently based in Bridgnorth. He went on to say that the response team currently based in Bridgnorth would be based in Malinsgate and would continue to provide 24 hour cover with changed duty times meaning that there would be greater overlap at shift changes. He added that there were plans to introduce mobile data tablets which would mean that officers would not need to return to base as often for updates and to do paperwork and also to introduce a new briefing system to update officers.</p> <p>Several members expressed concerns that PC Lippitt had built up relationships with local people and was well respected and that this would be lost when he moved.</p> <p>A member raised the problem of traffic speeding past Barrow School and asked what could be done. Inspector Thomas advised that evidence needed to be gathered regarding the speed of traffic and that then the various agencies could look at possible mitigation. He went on to say that it may be possible to get the Special Constable from Much Wenlock to do some speed control work there.</p> <p>PC Lippitt updated members on crime in the area. He commented that the area was a “low crime” area and that year on year figures showed that overall crime had reduced. He went on to say that the main crimes reported were burglary especially from sheds, violent crime, usually in the form of domestic violence and theft and handling of stolen property. He urged members of the public to ensure that their property was secure and advised the meeting that the police had a range of security apparatus available for purchase and that further details could be obtained through the Community Action Officer. He also urged members of the public to sign up to the Dotmailer system which would enable them to receive alerts from the police regarding crime and other matters.</p> <p>The Chair paid tribute to the work that PC Lippitt had done during his time in the area and wished him well in his future posting. This was echoed by all present.</p> <p>The Chair thanked Inspector Thomas and PC Lippitt for attending the meeting.</p>	
9	<p>Presentation from the Severn Gorge Countryside Trust</p> <p>The meeting received a presentation from Russell Rowley, Manager of the Severn Gorge Countryside Trust. He outlined the history of the Trust and then gave details of some of their current work and responsibilities.</p> <p>The Chair thanked Mr Rowley for his presentation</p>	
10	<p>Applications for Funding</p> <p>The Committee considered a report from Linda Monteith, Community Action Officer, which outlined applications for funding from the LJC budget.</p> <p>The Community Action Officer advised the meeting that the additional information which was required to support the application from Willey Village Hall had been received and was in order.</p> <p>It was RESOLVED that: -</p> <p>The LJC notes the grant of £174 made under delegated powers to Broseley Jitty Bugs.</p>	

	<p>The LJC awards a grant of £1000 to the Victoria Hall towards the costs of installation of a new fire alarm system</p> <p><i>(Dr Jones having declared an interest left the room and took no part in the discussion and voting on this item)</i></p> <p>The LJC awards a grant of £1000 to the Broseley Christmas Lights Committee towards the costs of purchasing new lighting festoons.</p> <p><i>(Dr Jones having declared an interest left the room and took no part in the discussion and voting on this item)</i></p> <p>The LJC awards a grant of £1000 to Willey Village Hall towards to costs of works to improve the village hall car park</p> <p>That the LJC ring fences £4000 for the Victoria Hall Roofing Project and £4000 for the MUGA lighting project subject to the grant being spent in the 2013/14 financial year and that any addition information must be supplied prior to the release of any grants.</p> <p><i>(Dr Jones having declared an interest left the room and took no part in the discussion and voting on this item)</i></p> <p>That the Youth Transport Grant which currently sits with the Broseley Youth Partnership be moved back to the LJC budget and that a Community Chest be set up to enable local youth groups to apply for funding to enable young people to attend sports or arts trips.</p>	
11	<p>Public Question Time /Identification of future agenda items</p> <p>There were no questions from members of the public.</p> <p>The Chair asked that if anyone had an item that they would like included on the agenda for the next meeting they should contact any member of the committee or the Community Action Officer.</p>	
12	<p>Broadband Project</p> <p>The Chair drew the meeting's attention to the written update on the Rural Broadband Project which was attached to the papers for the meeting.</p>	
13	<p>Grant Applications</p> <p>The meeting noted that note that a Local Joint Committee Application Form and guidance on grant applications from voluntary/community groups is available on the Council's website www.shropshire.gov.uk or by contacting Linda Monteith, Community Action Officer on 01746 713103.</p>	
14	<p>Date of Next Meeting</p> <p>The meeting noted that the date of the next meeting of the Broseley and Barrow Local Joint Committee would be held on 5 February 2014 at 7.00pm at Willey Village Hall</p>	

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	The meeting closed at 8.45pm.	