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Brown Clee and Highley Local Joint Committee
Brown Clee Zone
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BROWN CLEE AND HIGHLEY LOCAL JOINT COMMITTEE

BROWN CLEE ZONE NOTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 18TH APRIL 2012 7.00 pm – 8.50 pm

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Committee Members Present:

Mrs M Nicholls	Shropshire Council
Mr R Tindall	Shropshire Council
Mr N Lewis	Aston Botterell, Burwarton and Cleobury North Parish Council
Mr H Lane	Billingsley, Deuxhill, Glazeley and Middleton Scriven Parish Council
Mr B Theobald	Chelmarsh Parish Council
Mr C Millington	Chetton Parish Council
Mrs R Jones	Ditton Priors Parish Council

Officers present:

Linda Monteith, Community Action Officer, Shropshire Council
Linda Jeavons, Democratic Services, Shropshire Council

West Mercia Police:

CSO Shelley Hyde West Mercia Police

There were 16 members of the public in attendance.

1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and all Members introduced themselves.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from:

Mr S Wentworth Ditton Priors Parish Council

Neil Grove, Shropshire Fire and Rescue

ACTION

- (i) **Shropshire Fire and Rescue** - With reference to the apologies received from Shropshire Fire and Rescue, the meeting noted that, if anyone had any concerns/questions, these would be taken back to Neil Grove and a response would either be sent direct or reported back via the minutes. There were no questions.
- (ii) **Police** - There were no questions from the floor.

3. APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

RESOLVED:

That Councillor H Lane be appointed Vice-Chairman for the Brown Clee Zone for the ensuing year.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

5. NOTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED : that the decision notes of the meeting held on 26th October 2011, be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

6. FEEDBACK FROM FUNDED PROJECTS

6.1 Neenton Community Society Ltd (Becom)

John Pickup was in attendance and provided an update on the project to acquire and create community-owned facilities for the village of Neenton through purchase and renovation of the closed and dilapidated Pheasant Inn pub. Becom (Industrial and Provident Society for the Benefit of the Community) had been awarded £5,000 from the Brown Clee and Highley (Brown Clee Zone) Local Joint Committee to pay for legal fees, security, and administration costs, which had secured the purchase of the Pheasant within two years.

Main points:

- A 'Future of Neenton' survey had been undertaken in 2007, which had identified that the local residents would like somewhere to meet, socialise, eat and drink, with 80% specifically proposing the re-opening of the Pheasant. A further 35%-63% felt additional housing would benefit the village of Neenton.

- In June 2011, Neenton had voted overwhelmingly to fund the restoration of the Pheasant as a community-owned facility, and to provide affordable housing, and to become a 'community cluster' in order that planning permission could be obtained for the housing.
- 30th March 2012 – option agreements were signed and the Pheasant was leased to Neenton Community Society.

In response to questions from the floor, he explained:

- That an application had been made to the HM Revenues and Customs in order that gift aid could be received on any donations.
- The aim was to create a community-owned facility that would attract visitors to the area providing a much needed economic boost and be an asset that would owe nobody anything.
- The Society was open to anyone who supported the objectives, at a cost of £1, plus an annual subscription of £5 for the first year; and all profit would go to the charitable objectives.
- The project would initially be funded by three detached market value houses - this was considered to be the most efficient way of yielding the most money. The intention was then to provide two affordable dwellings, but the final number would be determined following consultation between the village and South Shropshire Housing Association. Much needed car parking would also be provided for the village.
- A Pheasant Day was planned for 9th May between 2 pm and 9 pm in Cleobury North Village Hall to which everyone was invited to drop in and give their thoughts.

In conclusion he thanked the LJC for the grant.

A copy of the presentation would be attached to the signed minutes; and could be found on the website via the following link:

<http://www.shropshire.gov.uk/committee.nsf/0/F746E631C371CC90802579D700332418?opendocument>

6.2 Burwarton Pre School

Wendy Lloyd from Burwarton Pre-School was in attendance and provided an update on the project to purchase a sandpit and accessories as part of a larger project to provide free-flow play.

In response to questions, she explained:

- Originally started with 12 children, but this had increased last year to 30. There were currently 29 children on the register.
- The pre-school was open all day on Tues/Weds/Thurs/Fri
- The catchment area covered Neen Savage, Eudon George, Chetton, Wheathill, Clee St Margaret and Ditton Priors.

The meeting adjourned at 8.05pm and reconvened at 8.10 pm.

7. APPLICATIONS FOR FUNDING

The Community Action Officer introduced the report.

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RESOLVED:

(i) that the following grants be approved:

Applicant	Project	Decision
Chetton Village Hall	Provision of a servery area	£1,487.00
Eardington Village Hall	Provision of new village hall chairs	£1,330.00
Four Parishes Heritage Group	Provision of computer/printer facilities	£450.00
Cleobury North Village Hall	To renew areas of the car park	£860.00

(ii) that, as the proposed project was for community use, and not exclusively for school use, the application for Friends of Morville School be deferred for the following reasons:

- A community consultation exercise to be undertaken to identify the aspirations of the local people; and
- Further information to be provided by the applicant on the benefits to the wider community.

(iii) that the following criteria be applied to all funding applications:

- Only one application per project per year will normally be permitted;
- All grants must be claimed within three months;
- All projects to complete a monitoring form and, where possible, provide photographs to illustrate how the money had been spent;
- All projects to supply a set of recent accounts or recent bank statement with the funding application;
- Unless the market deemed it impossible to obtain the pre-requisite number of quotes, all projects with items up to the value of £1,000 to supply two quotes per item; and all projects with items over £1,000 to supply three quotes per item.

8. COMMUNITY ACTION OFFICER - UPDATE

Linda Monteith, Community Action Officer, gave an update on her work and achievements to date.

Linda continued to work closely with Ditton Priors Parish Council and Oak Farm. She would be attending Oak Farm AGM on 19th April 2012.

She continued to support, work and meet with local groups helping them to find ways to access funding monies; and would meet with anyone who needed her assistance.

9. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Jayne Madeley, Ditton Priors Parish Council, thanked the LJC for the £400 granted to pay for a feasibility study for new street lights. This grant had generated a further £21,000 from LEADER funding and a loan from the Public Works Board.

The Chairman informed the meeting that Oak Farm, Ditton Priors was in the process of transferring ownership from Shropshire Council to become a Community Land Trust. Current community uses such as the provision of allotments and the composting scheme would continue, and it was hoped that Oak Farm would develop further when transferred to the community.

10. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Community Land Trust – Oak Farm

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11. DATES AND VENUES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

The following dates and venues for future meetings were noted:

Brown Cleve Zone

Wednesday, 14th November 2012 – Cleobury North Village Hall
Pre-Agenda meeting – 5.00 pm on Wednesday, 10th October 2012 (For Committee Members only)

Highley

Wednesday, 25th July 2012 - Severn Centre, Highley
Pre-Agenda meeting - 27th June 2012 - (For Committee Members only)

Wednesday, 6th March 2013 – Severn Centre, Highley
Pre-Agenda meeting – 6th February 2012 – (For Committee Members only)

Chairman: _____

Date: _____

