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Valley Local Joint
Committee

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NOTE OF ACTIONS AND DECISIONS FROM THE MEETING OF THE BURNELL AND SEVERN VALLEY LOCAL JOINT COMMITTEE HELD ON 16 MARCH 2010 AT CRESSAGE VILLAGE HALL, CRESSAGE (7.30 – 8.45 PM).

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Present

Mr T Barker (Vice-Chairman)(in the Chair), Mr S Bott, Mr M Corrie, Mr L E Dixon, Mrs J Griffiths, Mr D Lane, Mr A McVittie, Dr C D Meads, Mr B Nelson, Mr T Perkins, Mr B Pinches, Mr E J Plant, Mr T Roberts and Mrs C Wild(Chairman).

There were approximately 40 members of the public at the meeting.

1. Apologies for Absence/Substitutions

It was reported that Mr T Perkins was representing Church Pulverbatch Parish Council in place of Mr B Higgins at the meeting.

Mr B Pinches represented Cardington Parish Council in place of Mr A Seabury

Mr A Powis was now Berrington Parish Council's representative on the Committee.

2. Declarations of Interest

Mr Barker declared a personal interest in the Cantlop Bridge funding application.

Mr Dixon declared a personal interest in the Atcham Malthouse Bowling Green and storage garage in Atcham funding applications.

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Mrs Griffiths declared a personal interest in the funding application concerning the purchase of land for Leebotwood Village Hall.

Mrs Wild declared a personal interest in the Cantlop Bridge funding application.

(Mr Seabury left the room during the discussion and vote in respect of the of the Gretton Trust Room funding application).

3. Note

RESOLVED : That the note of the last meeting held on 19 January 2010 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record, subject to the inclusion of Mr Corrie and Mr Ince in the attendance list.

4. Funding Applications

The Committee agreed that the order of the agenda should be revised to consider a funding application for a picnic bench at Cantlop Bridge, put forward by a local child, who spoke in support.

Members agreed that it was an excellent idea and it was

RESOLVED: That the application be approved.

5. Bus Services – Shropshire Link Service

The Committee received a presentation from Jonathan Hayes, Team Leader, Public Transport and Matt Johnson, Senior Public Transport Officer.

The presentation (which is on the webpage for this meeting) covered the costs of providing public transport services in Shropshire, concessionary fares, capital programme, Conventional bus services in the LJC area and the demand responsive Shropshire Link. It was explained that because of the challenges in providing comprehensive rural access to public transport and the relatively high cost of providing conventional bus services in rural areas the Shropshire Link had been introduced to provide links between rural communities and local towns. Journeys had to be pre-booked with at least 24 hours notice up to a maximum of seven days in advance. With the exception of January, when there had been very poor weather, each month had seen an increase in patronage since the launch of the service in November 2008.

The following matters were raised in the meeting.

Park and Ride buses were waiting at bus stops with their engines still running.

No controls over when they ran.

Service 436 was regularly late by 20 minutes either way.

Officers explained that Arriva had been informed that it was not an excuse to say that the engines would not re-start if turned off and they would communicate further. However, in cold weather engines were left running to keep the passengers warm.

Shrewsbury Park and Ride services had a ten minute frequency, but on occasion vehicles tended to bunch up, so efforts were made to try and spread them out. There was also the issue of drivers' breaks. A further complication recently had been the effects of the explosion in Shrewsbury Town Centre which had affected traffic movements.

The 436 Service had seen some improvements with new vehicles and a new timetable. The timetable, however, might be too tight and the results of any review would be reported back to the LJC.

It was accepted that the closest market town for eastern parts of the LJC area was Wellington. In response to requests Zone 6 would be extended into Wellington. However, this service could not go as far as Telford Town Centre.

It was also explained that since 1 April 2008 everyone aged 60 had been eligible to receive free off-peak travel on local buses. However, from April concessionary travel eligibility for older persons of either sex would change to be brought into line within increases in the state retirement age for women.

6. Current Policing Issues – PACT (Partners and Community Together)

CSO Dave Baron reported that recent police surgeries had been held at Bayston Hill, Cross Houses and Acton Burnell. The main issues which had been raised had been about dog fouling and speeding traffic.

PC Ray Foster, whose local area covered Bayston Hill and Cross Houses, was also introduced.

7. Updates from Community Regeneration Officer and Education Awareness Officer, Environmental Maintenance, Development Services

Rachel Johnson circulated a newsletter highlighting some of the activities she had undertaken in her first six months and undertook to circulate it to parish council clerks. She particularly wished to assist in encouraging new initiatives which addressed local needs.

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Gillian Burvill referred to various recent projects she had been involved in locally. Improvements had been carried out at Cressage Churchyard and the Community Payback Team had spent 360 hours there in total. (A few photographs were displayed in the hall). She had taken part in a school assembly at Christchurch CE Primary School, Cressage to talk to children about litter and dog fouling and graffiti. She had also given a talk at

Condover C E Primary School on similar issues. The Community Pay Back Team had also been asked to give the Cantlop Bridge area a tidy up. She also referred to community campaigns to encourage people to clean up after their dogs.

8. Funding Applications

The Committee received a report from Chris Edwards, Lead Officer on various funding applications.

Representatives of organisations were present to explain the nature of their applications and where necessary answered questions.

RESOLVED:

a) That the following applications be grant aided from the 2009/10 budget allocation:

Running costs of fourth vehicle for Church Stretton Area Ring and Ride	£650.00
Replace 'Up and Over' garage door in Atcham	£385.00
Improvements to Atcham Malthouse Bowling Club	£1,305.00
Hot Cupboard replacing Warming Cupboard, Cardington	£500.00
Interior redecoration including minor repairs, Cound Moor	£1,400.00
Toilet refurbishment ensuring DDA Compliance, Cressage	£3,500.00
Improvements to Gretton Trust Room	£530.00
Supplementary signage at Cross Houses Allotments	£381.11
Oak picnic table at picnic area by Cantlop Bridge	£600

b) That the application for £3,000 in respect of the purchase of land to extend a car park at Leebotwood Village Hall be approved from the 2010/11 budget allocation.

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9. Public Question Time / Identification of future agenda items

A request was made for a presentation on the provision of affordable housing in the area. The Chairman agreed to invite Mr Malcolm Price, Portfolio Holder for Housing to the next meeting.

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10. Shropshire Core Strategy Final Plan Publication

Information was provided in the agenda on how persons could make representations in respect of the Final Plan version of the Shropshire Core Strategy.

The Chairman also drew attention to the importance of the next consultation on the Issues and Options of the Site Allocations and

Management of Development document (SAMDev) which would shape where developments would take place.

11. Evaluation of Local Joint Committee

Members of the audience were asked to complete an evaluation questionnaire either at the meeting or by completing an on-line attendees' survey form by Friday 9 April, 2010.

Parish councillors were also urged to attend the LJC summit on the 29 April 2010.

12. Future meetings

It was reported that the dates and venues of public LJC meetings in the 2010/11 municipal year were as follows:

- Monday 24 May 2010: Condover Village Hall
- Tuesday 13 July 2010: Eaton Constantine Village Hall
- Tuesday 19 October 2010: Picklescott Village Hall
- Monday 7 February 2011: Buildwas Village Hall

Members of the Committee were asked to note that a 'planning' meeting had been arranged for Monday 10 May at 7.30 p.m. at Condover Village Hall.

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Signed

Date