

**NOTE OF ACTIONS AND DECISIONS FROM THE MEETING OF THE
BURNELL AND SEVERN VALLEY LOCAL JOINT COMMITTEE HELD ON
24 JUNE 2013 AT BUILDWAS VILLAGE HALL AT 7.30 PM**

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Present

Mrs C Wild (Chairman), Mr T Barker (Vice-Chairman),
Mr G Ball, Mr V Morgan, Mr T Roberts

There were approximately 2 members of the public at the meeting.

1. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

RESOLVED: That Councillor Claire Wild be elected Chairman for the ensuing municipal year.

2. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

The Chairman welcomed new members of the Committee, namely, Sarah Lloyd (Church Preen, Hughley and Kenley Parish Council), Lee Crowhurst (Condover Parish Council) and Colin Wildblood representing Atcham Parish Council. David Fairclough the Committee's new Community Enablement Officer was also welcomed to his first meeting.

She outlined the remit of the Committee and encouraged the newly elected members to publicise the Local Joint Committee within their parishes especially in terms of applications for funding.

3. APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHAIR

Resolved: That Councillor Tim Barker be elected Vice Chairman for the ensuing municipal year.

4. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE / NOTIFICATIONS OF SUBSTITUTES

Apologies for absence received from Richard Purslow (Berrington), Bill Higgins (Church Pulverbatch) and Brian Nelson (Wroxeter and Uppington). Viv Amos attended as substitute for Brian Nelson.

5. DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS

Lee Crowhurst declared a interest in Minute 8 - Application from Condover Parish Council as she was a member of the Parish Council. She did not vote on the application and took no part in the discussion.

6. NOTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED:

That the notes of the meeting held on the 18 March 2013 be approved and

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signed as a correct record by the Chairman.

7. LOCAL POLICING UPDATE

The Chairman welcomed PS Julie Shephard and PC Dave Harte to the meeting. PC Harte circulated copies of the Rural South and Bayston Hill Local Policing Newsletter which was circulated by email to many residents and asked local Parish Council representatives to ask their Clerks to contact him with their email address to ensure the monthly newsletter was forwarded to them. He was also keen to receive feedback on the newsletter.

PS Shepherd reported that as of 1 September 2012, old policing areas across the surrounding areas had amalgamated and were now supported by a safer neighbourhoods team, as well as the normal 24/7 response units. Residents were advised that if they had any issues they should contact PC Harte or a member of the local policing team. A direct contact number was 101 Ext: 5757, and they could also be contacted through the website www.police.uk

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PC Harte indicated that there were two spikes of crime to report; those of distraction burglaries and the theft of catalytic converters. He reassured those present that the Local Policing Team would continue to patrol the larger area and urged the local representatives to convey to their communities the need to be vigilant and report any suspicious vehicles in the area. He confirmed that the local Policing Team would continue to patrol the area and was keen to maintain a visible police presence on patrol in the area.

Advice was provided to residents on protecting their property, and more information could be found on the police website or by calling the local policing team.

Concern was raised over vehicles exceeding the speed limit on a number of roads within the Local Joint Committee area. PC Harte indicated that regular meetings were held with the Highways Liaison Officers over speeding and could make a request for the PCSOs to undertake speed enforcement exercises.

The Chairman thanked PS Shepherd and PC Harte for their updates.

8. FUNDING APPLICATIONS

The Committee considered the report of the Community Enablement Officer setting out details of the applications for funding received since the previous meeting. He confirmed that the Committee's total budget for the current year was £19,963.

The Community Enablement Officer indicated that the applicants had been unable to attend the meeting to present their cases in person therefore he would do so and would also answer any questions from members of the Committee.

After discussion the Committee voted separately on each application. Lee Crowhurst took no part in the discussion or voting on the application from Condover Parish Council.

RESOLVED :

That the following funding applications be approved:

	Applicant	Project	Grant
a	Condover BroadPlace	Condover Broadplace Technology Improvement to update the current ICT equipment to encourage residents to use the broadplace.	£300.00
b.	Condover Parish Council (Recreation Ground Committee)	Improvements to the pedestrian access to the Condover Sports Ground.	£275.60
c.	Dorrington Village Hall Committee	To purchase a music and lighting system to enable local community groups raise revenue and remain sustainable.	£250.00

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9. UPDATE ON DIGITAL FUTURES

Councillor Claire Wild gave a general update to those present explaining how @shropnet had been set up since the establishment of the unitary council in 2009. It was acknowledged the platform was no longer fit for purpose and that the platform was now clunky and outdated. Councillor Wild stated that consideration needed to be given to some form of platform for parish councils in future, however, due to the financial constraints the Council was presently facing, this was no longer feasible. It was acknowledged that the issue needed serious thought regarding the future facility and suggested that Parish Councils consider the issue to determine its priority to their individual Council.

It was hoped that some representatives of the PCouncils could become involved with the ICT working group and that Parish Councils be consulted upon as to the future service provision.

10. BROADBAND PROJECT UPDATE

Copies of a written update in respect of the Connecting Shropshire project were noted.

11. QUESTION TIME / HAVE YOUR SAY

A number of questions had been dealt with earlier in the meeting when members of the Local Joint Committee had been able to raise their concerns directly with the Local Policing Team.

Those present were encouraged to contact Claire Wild or Tim Barker with details of issues they would like to be considered at future meetings.

13. FUTURE MEETINGS

It was reported that the next meetings would be held on the 14 October 2013 and the 10 March 2014; venues to be confirmed.

Chairman:

Date:

(7.30 pm to 8.50 pm)