



Committee and Date
Cleobury and Rural
Local Joint Committee

Thursday, 26th May - 7 pm

Item
5
Public
Paper

**CLEOBURY AND RURAL LOCAL JOINT COMMITTEE
NOTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 17TH FEBRUARY 2011 AT 7.00 PM
AT LACON CHILDE SCHOOL, LOVE LANE, CLEOBURY MORTIMER, DY14 8PE**

PRESENT:

Members of the Committee:

Madge Shineton	Shropshire Council
Deborah Brown	Cleobury Mortimer Parish Council
Theresa Mackrow	Coreley Parish Council
Mark Link	Farlow Parish Council
Linda Clayton	Hopton Wafers Parish Council
David Haywood	Kinlet Parish Council
Chris Jones	Milson and Neen Sollars Parish Council
Diane Newsham	Stottesdon and Sidbury Parish Council
Bill Foster	Wheathill Parish Council

Co-optees

Nick Bews	Boraston Parish Meeting
Bob Braddock	Cleobury Country

Shropshire Council Officers:

Clare Fildes,	Development Officer, AONB Team, Shropshire Council
Paul Beard	Contracts Manager, Waste Management
Steve Price	Lead Officer
Tom Brettell	Senior Community Action Officer
Tracy Johnson	Community Action Officer
Linda Jeavons	Committee Officer

West Mercia Police:

Sgt Graham Preece	West Mercia Police
PC Tony Sewell	West Mercia Police

Also in attendance:

Dr Dawn Powick	Cleobury Mortimer Medical Centre
Ashley Seymour	Matrix Medical
Jenny McCrorie	Cleobury Patients Voice

There were approximately 38 members of the public at the meeting. All attendees sat in groups and were joined by Councillors and Officers.

50. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from:

Gwilym Butler	Shropshire Council
Richard Huffer	Shropshire Council
Brian Howells	Burford Parish Council
Andy Vanderhook	Neen Savage Parish Council
Val Simpson	Lacon Childe School (Governor)

51. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The following declarations of interest were made:

PREJUDICIAL		
Name	Item	Nature of Interest
*Mark Link	Item 9 – Applications for Funding – Cleobury Youth Partnership	Has submitted a quote for screening works
**Madge Shineton	Item 9 – Applications for Funding - Cleobury Youth Partnership	Chair of Cleobury Youth Partnership
**Madge Shineton	Item 9 – Applications for Funding – The 4 Parishes Heritage Group	Member of The 4 Parishes Heritage Group but holds no office.

*Left the room and took no part in the consideration of, or voting on, this matter.

**Left the room and took no part in the consideration of, or voting on, this matter. The Vice Chair, David Haywood, took the chair for this item.

52. DECISION NOTES

RESOLVED : that the decision notes of the last meeting held on 21st October 2010, be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

53. CHANGE IN ORDER OF BUSINESS

As the Police were temporarily unavailable, it was agreed that item 5, Shropshire Council Budget – Update, be taken as the next item of business.

54. SHROPSHIRE COUNCIL BUDGET – UPDATE

The Lead Officer gave a presentation on the Shropshire Council Budget outlining the challenges and savings which needed to be made over the next four years, which amounted to £66 million, excluding the £10 million savings already found in the 2010/11 financial year. £31 million savings had been identified, which left £47 million to be found over the next three years.

55. COMMUNITY SAFETY

Sgt Graham Preece updated the Committee on recent police activities within the overall area of the LJC, reported crime figures for the area, answered questions from the floor, and urged all to report any anti social / criminal behaviour.

PC Tony Sewell was also in attendance and introduced himself to the community; he outlined his role and how he intended to contribute and make a difference in the community.

56. MEDICAL CENTRE UPDATE

Jenny McCrorie, introduced and outlined the work of the new patients' group, Cleobury Patients' Voice. She advised that there would be a community launch of the group at 10.00 am on 26th March in the Parish Hall to which all were invited.

Ashley Seymour, Matrix Medical, was in attendance and gave an update on the provision of a new medical centre in Cleobury Mortimer and circulated a "site chronology" of events.

In response, Members of Cleobury Mortimer Parish Council explained that the Parish Council were committed to providing a new medical centre fit for purpose and were not delaying the process intentionally, they could not commit to anything until all relevant facts were known, and it was vital that value for money was obtained.

Following a heated debate, it was suggested that an item to discuss the Medical Centre be placed on the agenda at a future meeting of Cleobury Mortimer Parish Council.

57. SHROPSHIRE HILLS AREA OF OUTSTANDING NATURAL BEAUTY

Phil Holden, AONB Team Manager, was in attendance and gave a presentation on the vital role of the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and how local people could benefit and get involved.

A copy of the presentation could be obtained by contact Linda Jeavons on (01743) 252738 or email linda.jeavons@shropshire.gov.uk.

58. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

In response to the following question:

"We have heard that the building for the new toilet block in Cleobury Mortimer will not now go ahead after being told funds had been ringfenced to finance the building. Please explain the reasoning behind this decision."

The following response was subsequently received from Steve Brown, Head of Environmental Maintenance:

"Shropshire Council's Cabinet approved a capital finance report that listed the toilets at Cleobury as a project that would be withdrawn from the Council's capital programme. This report was subsequently approved by the Cabinet, and hence, funding for this project has been withdrawn. The Town Council was previously informed that there was a capital spending freeze and that all projects (particularly those not started) were or could be at risk. Thus, the decision to withdraw funding has been taken in light of the current economic environment and the Council's stated position in reducing expenditure. Shropshire Council will be working with the Town Council to explore opportunities for the existing toilets in the town, these discussions are ongoing".

59. APPLICATIONS FOR FUNDING

The Senior Community Action Officer introduced the item and it was decided as follows:

RESOLVED:

- (i) that the following Community Chest applications be approved:

Applicant	Project	Decision
Vital Link Newsletter	Assistance with production costs for 2011	£432
Cleobury Mortimer Horticultural Society	Extension of allotments	£300
Coreley Parish Council	Village hall signage	£400
Neen Savage Village Hall	Kitchen redecoration	£494
Cleobury Patients' Voice	Launch event	£500

- (ii) that, following a satisfactory appraisal, the Chairman be given delegated authority to approve the following Community Chest applications:

Applicant	Project	Decision
Cleobury Country Tourism Group	New leaflet	£500
Kinlet Countryside Group	New leaflet	£314

(iii) that the following larger grants be approved:

Applicant	Project	Decision
Cleobury Youth Partnership	Costs towards the planting of a barrier hedge between skate park and Glen caravan site.	£1,271
The Friends of Doddington Church	Costs towards the restoration of the tower and entrance area	£2,500
Cleobury Country Ltd	Costs towards the purchase of a range of new equipment to improve offer of affordable equipment to hire to the community	£1,518
Hole in the Wall Festival	Young promoters project	£2,500

(iv) that the following larger grant be refused:

Applicant	Project
The 4 Parishes Heritage Group	Costs towards the creation of a bloomery at Chorley Show.

(v) that the following grant from the LJC priorities budget be granted:

Applicant	Project	Decision
The Friends of St Mary's Church	Costs towards the rewiring of the Church	£5,000

(vi) that sufficient funds be vired from the Community Chest and Priorities budgets to the Larger Grants budget to cover all agreed projects.

In conclusion, the Senior Community Action Officer reminded all that a delegated budget to support local projects was available through the Local Joint Committee and encouraged all groups to apply. The deadline of 8th April 2011 for funding applications to be considered at the next meeting was noted.

60. FEEDBACK FROM FUNDED PROJECTS / COMMUNITY ACTION OFFICER – UPDATE

The Senior Community Action Officer presented a progress report on behalf of the following three groups following their recent receipt of funding:

- St Mary's Youth Project
- South Shropshire Youth Forum
- Cleobury Skate Park Committee

As this would be Tom Brettell's last meeting as the Community Regeneration Officer for this LJC, the Chairman thanked him for all his hard work, enthusiasm and commitment.

The meeting noted that Tracy Johnson would be the Community Action Officer for Cleobury and Rural LJC and could be contacted on (01746) 713111, and/or email: tracy.johnson@shropshire.gov.uk.

62. IDENTIFICATION OF FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

No items were identified

63. SHROPSHIRE COUNCIL CONSULTATIONS**Bus Strategy 2011-2016**

The Chairman introduced the item as detailed at Appendix 13, attached to the report, and drew attention to the Consultation Roadshow planned for Tuesday, 22nd February at the Cleobury Country Library from 10.00 am to 1.00 pm to which everyone was invited. She urged all to respond to the consultation.

64. DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS AND VENUES

- (a) To note future meeting dates and venues:
 - Thursday, 26th May 2011
 - Thursday, 22nd September 2011
 - Thursday, 19th January 2012
- (b) To note future preparation meeting dates:
 - Tuesday, 3rd May 2011
 - Wednesday, 24th August 2011
 - Wednesday, 14th December 2011

65. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There were no items.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending.

The meeting ended at 9.05 pm.

Chairman: _____

Date: _____