

<u>Committee and date:</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Paper</u>
Underdale, Monkmoor and Abbey LJC	5	A
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7.00 p.m.		

UNDERDALE AND MONKMOOR LOCAL MEETING PILOT

NOTE OF DECISIONS AND ACTION STEMMING FROM THE MEETING HELD ON THE 17TH MARCH 2009 AT CROWMOOR BAPTIST CHURCH, CROWMERE ROAD, SHREWSBURY 7.00 p.m – 9.16 p.m.

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Committee Members Present:

Councillor C. M. Freestone (Shrewsbury & Atcham Borough Council)
Councillor J. M. W. Kenny (Shropshire County Council)
Councillors W. R. Sambrook (Shrewsbury & Atcham Borough Council)
Councillor Mrs S. Sambrook (Shropshire County Council)

Officers Present:

Kevin Malone, Lead Officer, Shropshire County Council
Jake Berriman, Shropshire County Council
Tim Sneddon, North Shropshire District Council
Gary Rogers, Shropshire County Council
Jason Hughes, Shropshire County Council
Mo Gregson, Shropshire County Council
Fiona Howe, Shrewsbury & Atcham Borough Council (Notes)

1. Welcome to Meeting

The Chairman, Councillor Kenny welcomed and thanked everyone for attending the meeting and explained that the meeting offered an opportunity for the public to have a say about local issues and local services. Councillor Kenny introduced the other members of the Committee who were all Councillors from Shropshire County Council and Shrewsbury and Atcham Borough Council.

2. Apologies for Absence

There were no apologies for absence from the members as they were all present.

It was reported that Ms J Bubb, Mr G Spencer, Mr T Southall and Mr C Davies had indicated that they were unable to attend the meeting.

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3. Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were confirmed as a correct record.

4. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

5. Core Strategy Presentation

The Head of Strategy and Planning, Jake Berriman, presented a briefing paper on the Shropshire Core Strategy: Issues and Options (a copy of which is attached to the signed minutes) and answered questions from local residents.

Mr Berriman reported on the various options available to enable the Council to confirm appropriate housing sites and employment land for future development within the Local Development Framework. The meeting was advised that it was likely that the final Core Strategy would comprise of a mix of options, and that further debate would clarify what combination would be most acceptable.

In response to questions, Mr Berriman explained that the proposals had not been agreed and that the public were being actively encouraged to have an input into the decision making process by submitting a response to the consultation document. It was noted that any decision made on the Local Development Framework was none political and that in the interim period, prior to the June 2009 elections, officers would continue working on proposals in order to ensure that deadlines were adhered to.

The Chairman thanked Mr Berriman for the informative presentation.

6. Whitehall Update

The Chairman presented an update on Shropshire Council's proposals for the Whitehall site. Mr Kenny reported that officers were still in discussion with the landlords and that it was expected that services would move into the office space in the Autumn. It was confirmed that at the present time the Substance Misuse Team and Children and Young Peoples Services were due to be sited in this building and that car parking arrangements, including overflow arrangements, were still being worked on in order to ensure local residents were not inconvenienced.

The Chairman welcomed Liz Welsh and Julie Thornby, representatives from the Shropshire Primary Care Trust (PCT), to the meeting and asked them to present their update on the GP Partnership proposals for the Whitehall site to those present.

Ms Welsh advised the meeting that the service would be set up to help enhance the existing facilities within the borough and would provide a walk in and an appointment service open Monday – Sunday from 8.00 a.m. through to 8.00 p.m. throughout the year.

In response to questions, Ms Welsh stated that the PCT had undertaken a consultation in the summer of 2008 on the principles of a GP Partnership being integrated into existing services and that it was only recently that the Whitehall site had been identified.

Concern was raised over the lack of parking provision at the site. Ms Welsh stated that there would be 24 dedicated parking spaces for visitors to the unit and it had been felt that this provision was adequate, but that the issue would be kept under review.

The Committee agreed that it would be beneficial to receive an update on how the service was performing at a future meeting in order that any issues could be fed back to the PCT to address.

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The Chairman thanks Ms Welsh and Ms Thornby for providing such a positive update.

7. DECISION REPORT - Applications for Funding

The Chairman introduced the report which set out details of grant funding applications which had been received (copy attached to the signed minutes).

A number of representatives addressed the meeting providing information on their application and answering questions from members. The Chairman invited representatives of organisations who had previously received funding to provide a funding update to the meeting.

RESOLVED:

That the Committee approve the following projects to be funded from the 2008/2009 budget:

Finance

- (a) Shrewsbury Music Therapy Unit Trust Fund – That a contribution of £2,000 be approved with a condition applied that the subsidised places funded by the grant go to children from the Monkmoor and Underdale wards.
- (b) Shrewsbury Basketball Club – That a contribution of £1,500 be approved with a condition applied that monies are ring fenced to be spent on activities for young people from the Monkmoor and Underdale wards.
- (c) Shrewsbury Friends of the Earth and Marches Energy Agency – That a contribution of £4,317 be approved.
- (d) Underdale and Monkmoor Community Committee – That a contribution of £880 be approved.

That the following application be not supported for the following reasons:

- (e) Shropshire Wildlife Trust – Members considered that the work

undertaken by the Trust was beneficial to Shropshire as a whole but did not consider it benefited Monkmoor and Underdale ward directly.

That the following application be deferred for the following reasons:

- (f) BMX Club – That further consideration of the grant application to provide funds for the BMX Club be deferred to a later date pending further information on funding partners and to allow for adequate funding provision to be made available if the Committee were minded to approve the application.

8. Community Policing and Highway Issues

The Head of Environmental Maintenance for the central area, Mr Tim Sneddon, introduced Gary Rogers, Senior Highways Manager, and Jason Hughes, Principle Engineer. Mr Sneddon presented a summary of the services to be provided by the section. It was noted that the service would continue to deal with highway issues but would also be responsible for the dog fouling, the Dog Warden and Parkright.

Mr Hughes reported that a draft traffic plan in respect of Severndale School had been produced to address the problems being experienced by residents on Hearne Way and Woodcote Way. It was noted that the plan was expected to be finalised within the next couple of months and that residents would start to see an improvement in the current situation prior to the summer holiday period.

Concern was raised over the current provision of dog fouling enforcement. In response, Mr Sneddon advised that the policies and provision of staffing would be looked at to ensure increased coverage of the service in order to improve the current situation. Mr Sneddon stated that there was also a need to educate owners as well as providing improved enforcement provision by the Council.

The Chairman updated the meeting on Speedwatch advising all those in attendance that it was a complex issue for the urban areas, but that if residents wished to get further information then they should contact their Community Safety Officer to move the matter forward.

The Chairman thanked the officers for their attendance and assistance in the deliberations of the issues raised.

9. Future Meeting Provision

The Chairman reported that the next meeting of the Local Joint Committee would take place in late June or early July 2009 once elections for Shropshire Council had been undertaken.

Chairman:

7.00 p.m. – 9.14 p.m.

Date: