



Committee and Date
Underdale, Monkmoor and
Abbey Local Joint Committee

1st December 2009

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UNDERDALE, MONKMOOR AND ABBEY LOCAL JOINT COMMITTEE

NOTE OF DECISIONS AND ACTION STEMMING FROM THE MEETING HELD ON 9th SEPTEMBER 2009 AT CROWMOOR BAPTIST CHURCH HALL, CROWMERE ROAD, SHREWSBURY 7.00 p.m. – 8.46 p.m.

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Committee Members Present:

Councillor Tony Durnell (Shropshire Council and Shrewsbury Town Council)
Councillor Miles Kenny (Shropshire Council and Shrewsbury Town Council)
Councillor Mrs Jo Jones (Shropshire Council and Shrewsbury Town Council)

Officers Present:

Sam Hine, Head of Community Working
Chris Thomas, Support Officer
Steve Cunningham, Senior Community Regeneration Officer
Kath Pickwell, Community Regeneration Officer
Jason Hughes, Principle Traffic Engineer
Fiona Howe, Committee Officer

There were approximately 29 members of the public at the meeting.

ACTION

12. WELCOME BY THE CHAIRMAN

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced the Members and Officers in attendance.

13. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence from the Members.

Apologies were received from Kevin Malone, Lead Officer, PC Kerry Hawkins, Julie Griffiths, Shrewsbury Basketball Club, and Tony Southall, Underdale, Monkmoor and Abbey Community Committee.

14. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations were received.

15. MINUTES

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting held on the 6th July 2009 be signed as a correct record.

16. UNDERDALE, MONKMOOR AND ABBEY COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

Mrs Vargas, a representative from the Underdale, Monkmoor and Abbey Community Committee, was in attendance and provided an update on work currently being undertaken by the group.

Mrs Vargas advised the meeting that they had been reviewing the draft questionnaire and confirmed that, subject to funding, these would be sent to all households within the area at the end of September 2009. It was noted that this document would help identify areas to be included within the local areas Community Led Plan.

17. FEEDBACK FROM PARTNERS AND COMMUNITIES TOGETHER (PACT)

Community Support Officer (CSO) Beasley reported that incidents of anti social behaviour were average for the West Mercia area and that crime had reduced by 8%. It was noted that the local policing team had been working closely with their partners to engage young people in the area. A member of the public requested information on what the West Mercia average was. This would be provided to the next meeting.

CSO Beasley advised the meeting that the local policing team had held a PACT street briefing on Hearne Way which had given residents the opportunity to report their concerns and issues affecting their area. This event had proved very successful and the policing team were intending to roll this out to other areas.

CSO Jones reported that the local policing teams were now in place for the Underdale, Monkmoor and Abbey areas and they were keen to improve the work that had already been undertaken within the community. The residents were advised that the Local Policing Team had been working on resolving the issues relating to the vagrants in the Abbey Foregate area.

18. COMMUNITY REGENERATION UPDATE

The Community Regeneration Officer reported that she had been working with local contacts within the Underdale, Monkmoor and Abbey Wards to help to develop projects. It was noted that among these proposed projects was the introduction of a sensory garden by the Abbots Wood Caring for People Group.

Members were advised that the Monkmoor Allotment Holders were looking to encourage more people to apply for allotments as well as encouraging young people to get involved.

The Community Regeneration Officer added that she had been working closely with the Underdale, Monkmoor and Abbey Community Committee to support the activity needed to get a Community Led Plan off the ground.

**Local
Policing
Team**

19. COMMUNITY LED PLAN

The Community Regeneration Team and a representative from the Community Council for Shropshire facilitated workgroups to identify key areas of need within the local community.

At the conclusion of the workgroups the Community Regeneration Officer advised those in attendance that the work undertaken during the exercise would be fed back to the next meeting of the Underdale, Monkmoor and Abbey Local Joint Committee. A resident requested that priorities identified previously during the pilot scheme be included in the work currently being undertaken with the Community Led Plan.

In response to questions raised by those present it was noted that this exercise was only part of a wider public consultation and that there would be more chances for the community to get involved in the development of the plan. Residents were advised that it would be a three to five year plan and that it would be a fluid document to enable changes to be made in line with changes in key priorities and need within the community.

The Chairman thanked the Officers for their assistance during the consideration of the item.

**Community
Regeneration
Officer**

20. DECISION REPORT - LOCAL JOINT COMMITTEE FUNDING UPDATE

The Support Officer introduced the Local Joint Committee Funding Update report which set out details of grant funding applications which had been received (copy attached to the signed Minutes).

A resident raised concern over the Underdale, Monkmoor and Abbey Community Committee application stating that it would be using a large proportion of the budget. It was noted that this work was being undertaken to help provide a long term plan which would be a benefit to the community and would help determine need for further funding projects in the area. The meeting was advised that the Community Regeneration Team would continue to look at other funding options that would help support the work.

During the discussion the Committee concluded that the Underdale, Monkmoor and Abbey Community Committee should seek to engage with a larger proportion of the local community and increase its membership. It was also noted that they were working with the Community Council for Shropshire to become a constituted group.

**Community
Regeneration
Officer**

RESOLVED:

That the following projects funded from the 2009/2010 budget , be approved:

- (a) Upton Lane BMX Club – That a contribution of £5,000 be approved.
- (b) Underdale, Monkmoor and Abbey Community Committee – That an amount of up to £5,000 be ring fenced for the activities identified within the proposal and the production of a Community Led Plan and that UMACC would undertake the work with the support of Shropshire Council and the Community Council of Shropshire with Shropshire Council retaining responsibility for payments upon receipt of agreed invoices.

**Lead Officer/
Finance**

21. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED:

That the next meeting of the Underdale, Monkmoor and Abbey Local Joint Committee be held on Tuesday, 1st December 2009 at 7.00 p.m. in the Council Chamber, Shirehall, Abbey Foregate, Shrewsbury.

Chairman:.....

Date:.....