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Eastern Shrewsbury Local Joint
Committee

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EASTERN SHREWSBURY LOCAL JOINT COMMITTEE

NOTE OF DECISIONS AND ACTION STEMMING FROM THE MEETING HELD ON 1ST DECEMBER 2009 AT COUNCIL CHAMBER, SHIREHALL, ABBEY FOREGATE, SHREWSBURY 7.00 p.m. – 8.54 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:

Laura Rowley, Director of Resources
Kevin Malone, Lead Officer
Chris Thomas, Support Officer
Kath Pickwell, Community Regeneration Officer
Fiona Howe, Committee Officer

There were approximately 30 members of the public at the meeting.

ACTION

22. WELCOME BY THE CHAIRMAN

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

23. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence from the Members.

Apologies were received from Julie Griffiths, Shrewsbury Basketball Club, Geoff Proffitt, Hamish Harvey, Nicola Moore and Chris Freestone.

24. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations were received.

25. NOTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED:

That the notes of the meeting held on the 9th September 2009 be signed as a correct record.

26. BUDGET CONSULTATION

The Council's Director of Resources, Laura Rowley, gave a short presentation on the Council's budget 2010/2011.

The headlines for the 2010/2011 budget were:

- To protect key services, consolidate the Council's revenue budget and minimise the pressure on Council Tax
- To save £7.1M
- To set aside £2M to prepare for the assumed grant loss of £4M in 2011/12
- To improve services through capital investment.

A practical consultation exercise was then conducted with a series of questions posed to the audience with voting using electronic keypads to determine the responses.

Concern was raised over the proposed changes to the Meals on Wheels services. Members were advised that a full assessment would be carried out on an individual, prior to any changes being implemented.

It was noted that the results of the exercise would be taken into account by the Council in determining its 2010/11 budget.

27. LOCAL POLICING IN THE COMMUNITY

PC Jane Cowan and PC Jo Winter addressed the meeting advising local residents that they were working within the area to address any policing issues. PC Cowan stated it was important for members of the public to contact them when they encountered problems in order that they could be proactive in resolving them as quickly as possible.

PC Cowan reported that the areas criminal damage figures had reduced by 54% and overall crime had seen a reduction of 31%.

Concern was raised over cars being parked on pavements causing an obstruction to pedestrians and especially to disabled people. PC Cowan requested that residents contact them when they see these offences occurring. Concern was also raised over cyclists riding on pavements. Residents were advised that the Police had implemented zero tolerance in respect of the matter, but they were unable to issue fixed penalty notices on anyone under 16. She stated that the Police were working with local schools to make children more aware of cycle and road safety.

The Chairman thanked the Police for their update and asked residents to

Speak to them after the meeting if they had further concerns that needed addressing.

28. COMMUNITY REGENERATION UPDATE

The Community Regeneration Officer reported that Underdale, Monkmoor and Abbey Community Committee had taken the lead on developing the Community Plan and had sent out Questionnaires to every household in the area. It was noted that they had received over 800 responses so far and that almost 100 people had indicated that they wished assist in developing the plan. She reminded everyone in attendance that all forms should be completed by 4th December 2009.

She reported that Monkmoor Residents Group had been reformed, with the assistance of Severnside Housing, and their next meeting was due to be held on 12th January 2010.

29. DECISION REPORT - UPDATE ON PROJECTS FUNDED BY THE LOCAL JOINT COMMITTEE FOR UNDERDALE, MONKMOOR AND ABBEY 2009/2010

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

RESOLVED:

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

- (a) 1st Roberts Scout Group – That a contribution of £840.36 be approved.
- (b) Pre-school Learning Alliance – That a contribution of £1,020 be approved.
- (c) Richard Onslow Court Residents Group – That a contribution of £1,500 be approved.
- (d) Toddle In – That a contribution of £2,500 be approved.

**Lead Officer/
Finance**

30. LET'S TALK

The Chairman invited questions and comments from members of the audience.

Concern was raised over the proposed changes to the category of prisoner housed at The Dana. Members advised that they were unable to provide any information and that this matter was out of their remit. The Chairman advised them to contact the Prison Service to discuss the issue.

A representative from Shropshire Fire and Rescue Service address the meeting inviting residents to sign up for smoke alarms and home risk assessments which were being provided free of charge.

31. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED:

That the next meeting of the Eastern Shrewsbury Local Joint Committee be held on Tuesday, 3rd March 2010 at 7.00 p.m. at Wilfred Owen School, Monkmoor Campus, Woodcote Way, Shrewsbury.

Chairman:.....

Date:.....