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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 12th MAY 2010 AT CROWMOOR BAPTIST CHURCH HALL, CROWMERE ROAD, SHREWSBURY 7.00 p.m. – 9.02 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:

Kevin Malone, Lead Officer
Chris Thomas, Support Officer
Ruth Mansfield, Community Regeneration Officer
David Bell, Community Regeneration Officer
Fiona Howe, Committee Officer

There were approximately 38 members of the public at the meeting.

ACTION

1. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs Jo Jones and seconded by Councillor Tony Durnell.

RESOLVED:

That Councillor Tony Durnell be elected Chairman for the ensuing year.

2. WELCOME BY THE CHAIRMAN

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced the

Members and Officers in attendance. He noted the changes to the programmed agenda, advising that the item relating to the Site Allocation Consultation had been deferred and that we would be receiving a presentation on Local Planning Regulations.

3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence from the members of Committee.

Apologies were received from local residents, Mr H Hutchins, Mr D Jones, Mr M Kabhir, Mrs A Kenny, Ms J McCloughlin and Mrs Woodcote.

4. APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

It was proposed by Councillor Tony Durnell and seconded by Councillor Mrs Jo Jones.

RESOLVED:

That Councillor Mrs Jo Jones be appointed Vice-Chairman for the ensuing year.

5. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The following declarations of interest were made:

PERSONAL:

MEMBER/OFFICER	ITEM	REASON
Councillor M. Kenny	Minute 12 Application (c)	He was a member of the Telepost Club.

6. NOTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED:

That the notes of the meeting held on the 3rd March 2010 be signed as a correct record.

7. LOCAL PLANNING REGULATIONS

The Chairman welcomed Mr Dave Richards, Area Principal Planning Officer, to the meeting.

Mr Richards provided an overview of Planning Regulations and how they had evolved over the years. He provided a detailed explanation of the planning process and the timescales involved when considering an

application. It was also noted that an application could be viewed and commented on by accessing the Council's website and planning portal.

He advised the meeting that prior to undertaking any work on a property a resident should consult the Planning Department to confirm if planning permission was required. He directed residents to the form 'Do I Need Planning Permission' which provided information that would assess whether the proposals required planning permission.

It was noted that Building Regulations dealt with different issues than Planning Regulations and that no comments could be made on these submissions.

In response to questions raised by members of the public, Mr Richards confirmed the following:

- Building Control would need to be consulted to confirm if a ramp was required instead of steps to the entrance of a building as there were issues with compliance with the Disability Discrimination Act.
- If reinstating iron railings on the curtilidge of a property that abuts a highway and the fencing was less than 1 metre in height no planning permission would be required, but he reminded the meeting that advice should always be taken prior to starting any work on a property.
- Extensions without planning permission – If there was no record of planning permission being granted for an extension which was had been erected over 4 years previously and where there had been no complaints raised from neighbouring residential properties it was unlikely that any action would be taken by the Local Authority, but he reiterated that advice should be taken from a Planning Officer.
- Replacing driveways – If a driveway was made of a porous material or there was appropriate drainage then there should be no issues with the planning process, but reiterated that the Local Authority should be consulted prior to the commencement of any works.

The Chairman thanked Mr Richards for his attendance and assistance during the debate.

8. COMMUNITY PLAN FEEDBACK

The Chairman of the Underdale, Monkmoor and Abbey Community Committee, Mr Southall, provided an update on work being undertaken by UMACC.

Residents were advised that they had received over 1000 responses to the questionnaires sent out to households in the area and that they were currently processing all the responses in order to publish the Community Plan in June 2010. He advised that once the plan had been completed it was their intention to present it at the next Eastern Shrewsbury Local Joint

Committee in July.

It was noted that gaps in the consultation had been identified and it was their intention to rectify these so that there were responses from a broad age range of residents.

He concluded that this was a large but useful product and welcomed volunteers to come forward to assist with its development and attend their next meeting on 22 May 2010.

The Chairman thanked Mr Southall for his attendance.

9. LOCAL POLICING IN THE COMMUNITY

Pc Jo Winter provided an update on issues affecting the Underdale, Monkmoor and Abbey areas.

She stated that they were working closely with their partners and the community to address any reported problems and had gathered information from community events, local residents and street briefings.

It was noted that every three months the police set new priorities for the area and that at the present time they were looking at resolving the issue of parking at the Conway Drive bus stop by using enforcement and education of drivers.

In response to questions raised, PC Winter advised that the issues of anti social behaviour surrounding the Asda recycling site had been looking to and that there were regular patrols of this area to help reduce any problems being encountered by residents. She also requested that residents report these incidents to the police in order that they can be addressed.

PC Winter confirmed that the next street briefing would be held on 8th June 2010 in Buttington Road and that advertising would be sent out nearer the time.

The Chairman thanked PC Winter for her attendance.

10. COMMUNITY REGENERATION UPDATE

The Community Regeneration Office, Ruth Mansfield, advised the meeting that in Kath Pickwell's absence David Bell would be liaising with residents of Underdale, Monkmoor and Abbey wards until further notice.

11. LETS TALK

The Chairman invited questions from the members of the audience.

Residents raised issues including:

- Funding and volunteers for Crowmoor School Allotment/Garden.

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- Speeding and overweight vehicles using Belvidere Road Railway Bridge.
- The proposed reduction in the number of Local Joint Committees.

The Chairman thanked all those present for their input into the meeting.

12. DECISION REPORT - LOCAL JOINT COMMITTEE FUNDING

The Chairman 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 20010/2011 budget, be approved:

- (a) Porchfields Residents Club – That a contribution of £1,710 be approved for the provision of storage equipment and a larger electric cooker and hob. That if Severnside Housing are unable to provide match funding for this application, that it be considered by this Committee at a future meeting.
- (b) Wilfred Owen School (Monkmoor Local Policing Team) – That a contribution of £600 be approved for the continued provision of 40 x 1 hour football coaching session.
- (c) Belle Vue Youth Club – That a contribution of £1,180.80 be approved for the provision of new equipment.
- (d) Crowmoor Toy Lending Library – That a contribution of £6,800 be approved for the provision of toys, training, uniforms and a storage shed.
- (e) Column Allotment Society – That a contribution of £1,415 be approved for the provision of a new garden/tool shed at the Column Allotment site. Members confirmed that they would agreeable to fund additional planning application costs in respect of this development.

That the following application be deferred:

- (f) Telepost Bowling Club – That the application be deferred to allow for further information to be obtained from the Police and Shropshire Council's Homelessness Section. Members requested that the Community Regeneration Officer work with the applicant to submit a more in depth application for consideration at the next meeting of the Local Joint Committee.

That the following application be refused:

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- (g) Shrewsbury Children's Bookfest – That a contribution of £500 be refused.

Members considered it more appropriate for the Severn Loop Local Joint Committee to fund this application as the work undertaken by the organisation was within the river loop.

13. LETS TALK

The Chairman invited questions from the members of the audience.

Residents raised issues including:

- Parking issues;
- Dog fouling;
- Road safety;
- Improving the street scene;
- Street lamp maintenance;
- Issues effecting wheelchair/scooter users; and
- Road gritting.

The Chairman thanked all those present for their input into the meeting.

14. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED:

That the next meeting of the Eastern Shrewsbury Local Joint Committee be held on Tuesday, 6th July 2010 at 7.00 p.m. in the Council Chamber, Shirehall, Abbey Foregate, Shrewsbury.

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Chairman:.....

Date:.....