

## **EASTERN SHREWSBURY LOCAL JOINT COMMITTEE**

### **NOTE OF DECISIONS AND ACTION STEMMING FROM THE MEETING HELD ON 12<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2010 IN BELVIDERE SCHOOL, CROWMERE ROAD, SHREWSBURY 7.00 p.m. – 9.19 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  
Kath Pickwell, Community Regeneration Officer  
Fiona Howe, Committee Officer

There were approximately 31 members of the public at the meeting.

#### **ACTION**

#### **1. CHAIRMANS INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME**

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

#### **2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

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

Apologies were received from local residents, Chris Freestone, Sue Davies and Mrs Woodcote, police representative, PC Jane Cowen and Di Phillips, Shropshire Council Youth Worker.

### **3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest received.

### **4. NOTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

#### **RESOLVED:**

That the notes of the meeting held on the 6<sup>th</sup> July 2010 be signed as a correct record.

### **5. SITE ALLOCATIONS AND MANAGEMENT OF DEVELOPMENT UPDATE**

The Policy Manager was in attendance and presented an update on Site Allocations and Management Development. Mr Mortimer provided background information into the Local Development Framework process and advised that the initial consultation responses were being disseminated and that officers would be able to feedback on headline issues shortly, but that analysis would not be available until the new year and this information would be reported back to the new meeting.

Members were advised that the next stage in the consultation process would be to consider site specific issues and the consultation was expected to commence in May 2011. Mr Mortimer advised that these consultations would feed through to the final plan for inspection in early 2012 and adoption by early 2013.

Mr Mortimer provided an update on other policy work being undertaken in the form of an infrastructure levy and charging plan which would replace the existing S106 agreements. It was also noted that officers were looking at developing a locality plan for key settlements within Shropshire, which would be area specific and not a one plan fits all approach.

In response to questions, the Policy Manager provided the following responses:

- The initial consultation process had been publicised through Town and Parish Councils and community groups as well as Officer's attending over 70 public meetings. He added that a lot of emphasis had been placed on the website and that a DVD had been produced to help address people's questions and concerns over the process. The Council had also undertaken an advertising campaign through the press and on local radio.
- A resident requested further information on proposed development on two sites. Mr Mortimer advised that he would need to feedback information in respect of the Old Brick Store on Underdale Road. He advised that the field at the rear of Dale Road had been identified as a possible development site on the original consultation document, but indicated that this land was located on a flood plane and that there were

other more appropriate sites which would be easier to develop.

- The meeting was advised that any land owner or developer could register their interest for the site to be put forward for development land, but this did not mean that an application would be approved.
- It was noted that since the amalgamation of all Shropshire councils it had been deemed appropriate to include all possible development sites in the first stage of the Site Allocation consultation process, Officers could then identify the appropriate sites for inclusion on the final plan.

The Chairman thanked Mr Mortimer for attending the meeting and providing such an informative update.

## **6. FUTURE OF SHREWSBURY LOCAL COMMITTEES**

Councillor Gwilym Butler, Portfolio Holder for Partnership Working, presented an update on the proposals for Shropshire Local Joint Committees. He stated that proposals would be considered by Cabinet in October/November 2010 and then be considered by Council in December 2010. He stated that if the proposals were approved they would come into effect on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2011.

It was noted that it had been proposed that formal Local Joint Committee meetings be reduced from 4 meetings per year to 2 or 3. He advised that they were encouraging local Councillors to hold their own informal meetings within the community and were providing support to assist Members, but stressed that these meetings would not be supported by Council Officers.

In respect of Shrewsbury Local Joint Committees, it was proposed that each area Local Joint Committee would hold 2 meetings per year and then a further 2 Shrewsbury wide meetings would be held during the year.

In response to questions raised by members of the public, Councillor Butler provided the following responses:

- It was noted that grant funding was only one part of the function of every Local Joint Committee, he added that the Council were reviewing the constitution to consider amending the current provision for funding approval to include delegation of the function to members of the Committee.
- The Portfolio Holder stated that at the present time the Local Joint Committee budget remained unchanged within the Council's budget, but that it had not been confirmed and that this figure could change. He reassured the public that Members would not make a snap decision about any changes to Local Joint Committees and would keep people informed.

The Chairman thanked Councillor Butler for his informative update.

## **7. UNDERDALE, MONKMOOR AND ABBEY COMMUNITY COMMITTEE UPDATE**

A representative of the Underdale, Monkmoor and Abbey Community Committee (UMACC) presented an update to the meeting advising that the Committee had set up groups to work on the actions identified within the action plan and they were in turn speaking to the Shropshire Council regarding the issues raised. It was noted that they were looking at how to best to feedback the information in order to keep residents informed on progress.

The meeting was advised that UMACC was planning to consult with local youths before Christmas as their views had not been included within the current action plan responses. It was noted that litter picks were taking place within the local area and that work was ongoing to look at the feasibility of setting up a walking bus for St. Giles School. The Community Regeneration Officer stated that the group had identified lead officers to take matters forward and work on the issues raised within the action plan.

The Chairman thanked Ms Frasier for her update and the hard work being undertaken by the group.

## **8. COMMUNITY GAMES AND OLYMPIAN SHROPSHIRE**

The Chairman introduced Shropshire Council Officer, Andrew Bannerman, to the meeting.

Mr Bannerman provided background information on the event, advising residents that in 1864 William Penny Brookes brought his Olympian Games to the Quarry park in Shrewsbury. He stated that it was the biggest cultural and sports festival the county had ever seen and included traditional sports and arts events as well as some more bizarre competitions.

The meeting was advised that they would be recreating the event on the 17, 18 and 19 June 2011 and were encouraging local residents to get involved. He stated that on the first day they would be running a school festival specifically for older primary school children who would take part in many varied events including the Severn Loop run. On the second day they had joined forces with Shrewsbury Carnival organisers who were using the Victorian theme for the event. On the final day the event organisers were planning a Victorian picnic where people would be encouraged to dress in Victorian clothes for the event. They would also be using sports facilities next to the quarry for Victorian tennis, bowls and cricket.

It was noted that they were running workshops in local areas to help prepare for the events. The first introductory meeting would be held on 1<sup>st</sup> November 2010 at 7.30 p.m. in the Shirehall with a second event taking place on 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2010 in Pontesbury.

In response to questions raised by residents, Mr Bannerman stated that the 3 day event would be centred around the Quarry park as this was the original venue for the games, but they would be working out in the community during the run up. It was noted that residents could contact his team at the Shirehall to get updated information.

The Community Regeneration Officer introduced a presentation on the Community Games programme which was running alongside the Olympian Festival, but stated that this project would run through until 2012. She advised residents that the West Midlands had been selected as the only area to take part in the programme and stated that it could be a sports or art based event and that it could be as large or small as they wanted, the only stipulation was that the event had an opening and closing ceremony. It was noted that help and advice was available but no funding was available. She followed by advising that residents could work with the Community Regeneration Team to seek out other sources of funding.

The Chairman thanked Mr Bannerman and Mrs Pickwell for their presentations.

## **9. ROUGH SLEEPERS**

The Community Regeneration Officer advised the meeting that Officers had met with representatives of the Arc, the Police and the Rough Sleepers Task Group to discuss the issues identified at the previous Local Joint Committee meeting. It was noted that they were working together to identify ways to address the problems being experienced.

## **10. LOCAL POLICING IN THE COMMUNITY**

PC Kerry Hawkins and CSO Cassie Beesley were in attendance and provided an update on issues affecting the Underdale, Monkmoor and Abbey areas.

She reported that the PACT key priorities for the past three months had been to address the problems affecting Hayward Court and youths causing anti social behaviour within the area. It was noted that the Police had met with Severnside Housing and arranged for the gates to be closed to stop people cutting through the area and reducing the anti social behaviour being experienced by residents. She reported that both crime and anti social figures for the Monkmoor area were falling.

Another problem raising concern was a recent spate of arson attacks. It was noted that the Police and Fire Service were working together to ensure that this matter did not get out of hand and identify the individuals responsible.

The meeting was advised that the youth football scheme for 12 to 16 year olds was going from strength to strength and now had over 40 youngsters

attending on a regular basis. It was noted that they were now looking at increasing the age range to include under 12's in the scheme.

In response to questions raised by residents, PC Hawkins provided the following response:

- As a result of a recent investigation relating to a missile attack on a residential property, an Officer had advised that they would be contacting local schools and retailers, who sell catapults, to discuss addressing the issue. PC Hawkins advised that she would speak to the officer concerned and would provide an update to the next meeting.

PC Hawkins

The Chairman thanked PC Hawkins and CSO Beesley for their attendance and input into the meeting.

## 11. SHROPSHIRE FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE

A representative from Shropshire Fire and Rescue addressed the meeting advising residents of their concerns over a recent spate of arson attacks in the area, stating that at the present time these fire were relatively small and low key, but urged anyone with any information to get in touch. He added that the Fire Service had produced a handout relating to arson alerts with guidance on actions to be taken and stated that anyone could go to the fire station for advice and guidance if they needed further information.

It was noted that the service was still providing fire safety assessments and fitting free smoke detectors, but added that with the cuts to public sector funding this may become means tested in the future.

It was reported that in the run up to Bonfire Night, crews were advising that organised and supervised events on public land would be extinguished by Fire Crews by 22:00 hours. It was noted that any stockpile of combustible material placed in open spaces would be removed.

The Chairman thanked them for their attendance and update.

## 12. 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) St Winefride RC Church – That a contribution of £1,000 be approved to extend and refurbish their car park. A condition was attached to the funding approval, which stipulated that the facility must not

exclude any sector of the community.

- (b) Shropshire Army Cadet Force Band and Bugles – That a contribution of £185.71 be approved for the purchase of IT equipment for the cadets.
- (c) Frankwell Wanderers Football Club – That a contribution of £1,902 be granted to provide a portable toilet on playing ground at Crowmoor School and the purchase of training equipment.
- (d) Shrewsbury Amateur Operatic Society – That a contribution of £1,000.00 be granted to assist the group in staging a production of ‘Oliver’. A condition was attached to the funding approval, which stated that match funding must be secured from all other Local Joint Committees and that if a profit was achieved funding would be repaid proportionately to the profit achieved.
- (e) Monkmoor Local Policing Team – That a contribution of £2,020 be granted to provide regular training sessions at the Wilfred Owen School. A condition was attached to the funding approval, which stated that if the hire of the pitches were provided at a reduced rate or free of charge then this sum would be repaid.
- (f) Porchfield Sheltered Housing Rehab Programme – That a contribution of £706.22 be granted to assist residents of Porchfield Sheltered Housing maintain their gardens with the support of the Rehab Programme.
- (g) Bromford Supported Housing Project – That a contribution of £523.00 be granted to offer a Creative Art Workshop for residents over the winter months.

That the following applications be deferred:

- (h) DASH (Disability Arts in Shropshire) – That the application be deferred to allow for further information on funding decisions from other Shrewsbury and rural Local Joint Committees to be received.
- (i) Severnside Boxing Club – That the application be deferred to allow for further information to be obtained on the locality of the children participating in the club’s activities.

### 13. LETS TALK

The Chairman invited questions from the members of the audience.

Residents raised issues including:

- Agenda item: Reduction of services due to spending cuts and what the effect this would;
- Speed of traffic on Belvidere Road bridge and possible traffic calming

All Members  
and Officers

measures;

- Building on flood planes and green belt land;

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

#### **14. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING**

That the next meeting of the Eastern Shrewsbury Local Joint Committee be held on Thursday, 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2011 at 7.00 p.m. in the Council Chamber, Shirehall, Abbey Foregate, Shrewsbury.

Chairman:.....

Date:.....