



Committee and date
Ellesmere Area
Local Joint Committee
7 January 2010
7.00pm

Item
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NOTE OF DECISIONS AND ACTIONS ARISING FROM THE ELLESMERE AREA LOCAL JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 30 SEPTEMBER 2009

7.00pm – 9.30pm

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Present:

Members of the Committee:

Steve Davenport	Shropshire Council
Ann Hartley	Shropshire Council (Chairman)
Brian Williams	Shropshire Council
Alf Johnson	Cockshutt-cum-Petton Parish Council
Kay Egerton	Ellesmere Rural Parish Council
John Frost	Ellesmere Town Council
Chris Symes	Welshampton and Lyneal Parish Council

Officers:

John Rowley	Assistant Director, CYPS (Lead Officer)
John Skelton	Senior Organisational Development Officer (Support Officer)
Corrie Davies	Community Regeneration Officer
Siôn Stedman	Committee Officer
Sgt Julian Hinds	Local Police Officer

There were approximately 20 members of the public in attendance

ACTION

1. Chairman's Welcome

- 1.1 The Chairman welcomed everyone to meeting. She gave a brief explanation and background about the purpose and powers of the meeting, noting that opportunity would be given for local residents to have their say about local issues and service provision. She went on to explain the format of the meeting and key items on the agenda.
- 1.2 It was noted that the Committee had an annual budget of £28,000 and a decision report recommending how some of this money should be allocated would be considered later in the meeting.
- 1.3 It was noted that Dave Wallace, Communities and Housing Policy Team Leader for Shropshire Council was in attendance to provide information about the development of the Shropshire Core Strategy. It was also noted that Communications Officer Gareth Proffitt was in attendance to provide information about accessing Shropshire Council services.

2. Apologies and Substitutions

- 2.1 An apology for absence was received from Councillor Pat McLaughlin (Ellesmere Town Council). Councillor John Frost substituted.

3. Declarations of Interest

- 3.1 There were no declarations of interest.

4. Note of the Previous Meeting

- 4.1 **AGREED:** that the note of the meeting held on 9 July 2009 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

- 4.2 Following a discussion of future agenda items it was confirmed that the topics of parking and speeding would be considered in depth at the January 2010 LJC meeting.

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5. Local Issues – Discussion Session

- 5.1 Members of the public broke into groups and were joined by one or two councillors and an officer. Each group was asked to identify what was good or not so good about the area and this was then fed back to the meeting.

- 5.2 The main issues raised were:

- parking in Ellesmere town centre and possible locations for shopkeepers' parking;
- town centre speed limit enforcement;
- the distances necessary to travel to household waste centres, and environmental objectives;
- facilities and activities for young people, particularly girls;
- progress with identifying an Events Coordinator for Ellesmere;
- speed limit enforcement in Cockshutt;
- Shropshire Council's policy on, and promotion of childcare services;
- affordable housing and The Meadows development in Cockshutt;
- encouraging volunteers to support clubs and activities in the local area, including Welshampton Youth Club;
- frequency of transport for young people to social activities;
- the involvement of young people in local democracy;
- supporting small retailers in Ellesmere;
- highway maintenance, particularly of minor roads; and
- supporting the social development of young people in rural communities.

- 5.3 The Chairman explained that the issues and questions raised would be looked into and reported back to the Committee.

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6. Partners and Communities Together Meeting (PACT)

- 6.1 The Chairman introduced Sgt Julian Hinds of West Mercia Police who gave an explanation of PACT and invited members of the public to raise

any issues of concern.

The main issues raised were:

- patrol coverage in rural areas where large equipment theft was difficult to monitor;
- advice on when and how to contact the local Police team (tel. 0300 333 3000) with information or concerns;
- the monitoring of parking in the Birch Road area of Ellesmere;
- littering caused by young people drinking in secluded areas, particularly around Ellesmere Sports Centre;
- patrol frequency in rural villages; and
- problems caused by heavy goods vehicles in the Tetchill area.

6.2 Sgt Hinds stated that the issues raised would be looked into and progress reported back to the Committee.

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The Chairman thanked Sgt Hinds for attending the meeting.

7. Shropshire Core Strategy

7.1 The Chairman welcomed Shropshire Council's Communities and Housing Policy Team Leader to the meeting. The Team Leader gave a summary of the preparation of Shropshire Council's new Core Strategy, explaining that when adopted, the Core Strategy would set a clear long-term vision, objectives and policies with which to guide future development across Shropshire over the next 20 years.

7.2 The Policy Team Leader went on to talk about:

- the principal documents of the Local Development Framework;
- the Issues and Options consultation undertaken earlier in 2009;
- key elements of the draft Spatial Strategy, including the focussed development of market towns, responding to the aspirations of rural communities to become more sustainable, and protection of the countryside from development pressures;
- house building targets, with particular reference to affordable housing; and
- consultation on the Policy Directions document and the next steps in the development of the Core Strategy.

7.3 The Policy Team Leader invited questions. The main issues discussed were:

- encouraging regeneration activity;
- potential focal points for housing, transport and service provision;
- environmental objectives; and
- development sustainability, including 'rural rebalance'.

7.4 The Policy Team Leader invited members of the public to take the summary documents provided for their further consideration, noting that full documents were available to download from the Shropshire Council website (www.shropshire.gov.uk).

The Chairman thanked the Policy Team Leader for attending the meeting.

8. ShropshireLink Review

8.1 The Chairman explained that Shropshire Council was undertaking consultation on the ShropshireLink service. It was noted that ShropshireLink provided a flexible, demand responsive local bus service that was available on a pre-booked basis to all rural residents in Shropshire.

8.2 It was explained that the Council was seeking feedback, opinions and suggestions from the Ellesmere area on aspects of the service including:

- the areas ('zones') of operation;
- the days of the week and times when ShropshireLink was available;
- whether the service gave residents access to the appropriate local market town for their needs;
- the ShropshireLink booking line.

8.3 Further information about ShropshireLink was circulated and the Chairman encouraged people to submit their comments and views to Shropshire Council using the feedback forms provided.

9. Local Joint Committee Budget

9.1 The organisation of the LJC budget was discussed. It was noted that of the £28,000 budget for 2009/10 the Committee intended to assign sums of £10,000 to the September 2009 meeting, £9,000 to the January 2010 meeting and £9,000 to the March 2010 meeting. The Chairman confirmed that any budget that was not spent in a given period would be rolled over to the next period, and that any budget that was not spent by the end of the financial year could be rolled over to the following year.

9.2 It was explained that expenditure against the budget was agreed by the Committee after consideration at a planning meeting, the decision report, then voting by Committee members.

9.3 The Chairman reported that two applications had been received for consideration at the planning meeting:

- a) Ellesmere Link and British Red Cross (Shropshire Young Carers) – £100 to support transport for six months of peer support group meetings in Oswestry; and
- b) Extended Schools workshops – £2,500 for three years of art activity at Ellesmere.

9.4 It was noted that three further applications had been received after the planning meeting:

- c) Cockshutt Village Hall Fire Safety – £2,500 for the installation of a fire alarm system;
- d) Cockshutt Primary School – £1,511.50 to develop a forest area in the

school grounds for children’s learning opportunities; and
e) Ellesmere Party in the Park event held on 5 September 2009 (retrospective) – £8,000.

9.5 It was **AGREED**: that the deadline date for receipt of applications for the January 2010 LJC meeting would be 16 November 2009, and that the deadline date for receipt of applications for the March 2010 LJC meeting would be 12 February 2010.

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9.6 Following discussion and voting on each of the applications, it was **AGREED**:

- that a) Ellesmere Link and b) Extended Schools workshops receive funds for the total amounts requested;
- that c) Cockshutt Village Hall and d) Cockshutt Primary School also receive funds for the total amounts requested; and
- that e) Ellesmere Party in the Park be considered at the January 2010 LJC meeting.

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10. Local News and Information

- 10.1
- It was noted that information about forthcoming changes to Shropshire household recycling centre permits, the Love Food Hate Waste campaign and Shropshire Olympian Festival had been circulated.
 - The Lakelands School’s Extended Schools Development Officer spoke on the provision of community access to ICT, sports and arts facilities, including adult learning.
 - It was noted that Welshampton would be holding a ‘Green Day’ in March 2010. All were welcome to attend.

11. Date of Next Meeting

11.1 It was noted that the next meeting would be held at 7pm on Thursday 7 January 2010 at Welshampton Parish Hall.

The meeting ended at 9.30pm.

Signed (Chairman)

Date