



<u>Committee and date</u> Ellesmere Area Local Joint Committee	<u>Item</u> 4
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NOTE OF DECISIONS AND ACTIONS ARISING FROM THE ELLESMERE AREA LOCAL JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 7 JANUARY 2010

7.00pm – 9.40pm

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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
Pat McLaughlin	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
PC Paul Crump	Local Police Officer

There were approximately 40 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 of the meeting, noting that opportunity would be given for local residents to have their say about local issues. She went on to explain the format of the meeting and key items on the agenda.
- 1.2 It was noted that Councillor Martin Taylor-Smith, Shropshire Council Portfolio Holder for Strategic Planning and Transport, was in attendance to provide an update on parking, speeding and transport matters. It was also noted that Shropshire Council's Hugh Dannatt (Group Manager, Traffic and Highway Engineering), Shaun Sutton (Parking Supervisor) and David Roberts (Environmental Enforcement Manager) were in attendance to assist with discussions.

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2. Apologies for Absence

2.1 There were no apologies for absence.

3. Declarations of Interest

3.1 Councillor Chris Symes declared a personal and prejudicial interest in item no. 8 relating to the Welshampton Parish Council funding application as a member of the Parish Council and took no part in the consideration of this application.

Councillor Steve Davenport declared a personal and prejudicial interest in item no. 8 relating to the Welsh Frankton Village Hall funding application as a member of the Village Hall Management Committee and took no part in the consideration of this application.

4. Note of the Previous Meeting

4.1 **AGREED:** that the note of the meeting held on 30 September 2009 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record. The latest version of the Comments, Questions and Suggestions log was also noted.

5. Partners and Communities Together (PACT)

5.1 The Chairman introduced PC Paul Crump of West Mercia Police. PC Crump reported back on the questions raised at the previous meeting, which included:

- patrol coverage in rural areas where large equipment theft had occurred;
- littering problems, which it was noted had reduced during the winter months, but problems caused in secluded areas, particularly around Ellesmere Sports Centre, were to be monitored; and
- it was noted that problems relating to farm vehicles in the Tetchill area were generally seasonal, but efforts would be made to liaise with farmers in the area.

5.2 PC Crump invited members of the public to raise any issues of concern.

The main issues raised were:

- timescales for the reintroduction and organisation of the Community Speed Watch scheme, particularly in Welshampton;
- parking issues in Cambrian Avenue and Market Street, Ellesmere; and
- the monitoring of parking in the Birch Road area of Ellesmere.

5.3 PC Crump stated that the issues raised would be looked into and progress reported back to the Committee.

6. Parking and Speeding – Discussion Session

6.1 The Chairman explained the format of the discussion sessions on

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parking and speeding. Councillor Martin Taylor-Smith went on to give an introduction to the parking discussion session, covering several points of detail in respect of:

- Shropshire Council's responsibilities, and his responsibilities as Portfolio Holder;
- Shropshire Council's budget planning for 2010/11;
- use of revenues from car parking charges; and
- the effects on trade in market town centres.

Shropshire Council's Group Manager provided further information about:

- the previous role and operations of ParkRight;
- parking bay and restricted parking enforcement; and
- car parking revenues.

6.2 Members of the public broke into groups and were joined by one or two councillors and an officer. Each group was asked to identify, on the maps provided, what was good or not so good about parking in the area and this was then fed back to the meeting.

6.3 The main issues raised were:

- parking in Ellesmere town centre and possible locations for shopkeepers' parking;
- the enforcement of parking restrictions;
- possible locations for a new public car park;
- the Ellesmere shopping experience;
- the importance of respecting each market town's unique character; and
- parking charges policy.

6.4 The Chairman thanked everyone for their contributions. It was explained that all comments would be evaluated and inform future decision making.

6.5 The Chairman invited Councillor Martin Taylor-Smith to introduce the speeding discussion session. He gave a summary of 20-mile-an-hour speed limit policy, criteria for the installation of vehicle-activated signs and speed signage in general. Shropshire Council's Group Manager went on to provide accident data for the local area.

6.6 Members of the public again broke into groups to discuss what was good or not so good about speed policy in the area and this was then fed back to the meeting.

6.7 The main issues raised were:

- town centre speed limit enforcement;
- speed limit enforcement in Welshampton and neighbouring parishes;
- monitoring speeding in rural lanes;
- how speed surveys were carried out, and how the data collected was used;
- problems caused by 'boy racers' in Ellesmere; and

- the presentation of a petition from Welshampton residents requesting the introduction of a 20-mile-an-hour speed limit outside the village primary school.

6.8 In response to questions from members of the public Councillor Taylor-Smith explained how parishes could join together to buy vehicle-activated road signs. It was noted that the mobile signs were put at a site for between two and six weeks then moved, to keep their impact as high as possible. The Group Manager went on to explain how Shropshire Council officers were working with parish councils to look at areas where the signs could be placed, and gave details of installation and maintenance costs.

6.9 Councillor Taylor-Smith expanded on his role as Portfolio Holder for Strategic Planning and Transport, covering several points of detail in respect of winter gritting policy and Shropshire's Local Development Framework.

6.10 The Chairman thanked Councillor Taylor-Smith and the Shropshire Council officers for their informative contribution to the meeting and explained that the issues and questions raised would be discussed in further detail with local parishes.

All relevant

7. Public Questions

7.1 There were no questions from members of the public.

8. Local Joint Committee Budget

8.1 The Lead Officer 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 at the public meeting.

8.2 The organisation of the LJC budget was discussed. It was noted that of the £28,000 budget for 2009/10 the Committee had assigned £9,000 to the January 2010 meeting. The Chairman confirmed that any budget that was not spent in a given period would be rolled over to the next period.

8.3 The Chairman reported that 14 applications had been received for consideration at the planning meeting. It was noted that the Ellesmere Party in the Park application, deferred from the previous meeting, had been withdrawn.

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

(a) that the organisations and their projects be awarded the following amounts:

- Welsh Frankton Village Hall (Welsh Frankton Tables and Chairs Project): £1,000
- Welsh Frankton Cricket Club (Refurbishment of Frankton Cricket Club): £500
- Welshampton Parish Council (Welshampton Community Green

Day): £500

- Shropshire Sailing Club (Re-roofing of the Boat House): £1,400
- Girlguiding (Girlguiding Ellesmere to Shropshire Centenary World Thinking Event): £465
- St Matthews Church, Criftins (Widening Community Use Project): £1,500
- Welshampton Parish Hall (Welshampton Parish Hall Refurbishment Scheme): £1,500
- Ellesmere Youth Club (Ellesmere Youth Project): £2,000
- Welshampton Primary School (Outdoor Classroom): £1,500
- St Andrews Church (Access for All Project): £1,500;

(b) that no funding be awarded to the Petton Hall application; and

(c) that the Ellesmere Goes Green, Ellesmere Rangers and Ellesmere Sculpture Exhibition applications be deferred for consideration at the next meeting.

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8.5 It was noted that the deadline date for receipt of applications for the March 2010 LJC meeting was 12 February 2010.

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9. Local News and Information

9.1 ➤ The Chairman announced that Shropshire Council was asking residents to have their say on what services the Council should prioritise when budget planning for 2010/11. It was noted that a budget simulator would be open on the Council's website until 22 January 2010. A public consultation meeting would also be held in the Council Chamber, Shirehall on 14 January 2010. The final budget for 2010/11 would be decided by Council on 25 February 2010.

- It was noted that the Final Draft Community Strategy 2010-2020 was available to view on www.shropshirepartnership.org.uk and that the Shropshire Partnership was inviting local residents to comment on the Community Strategy by completing the questionnaire on the website.

9.2 The Community Regeneration Officer gave an update on activity in the local area and an explanation of her role, stating that she would be able to offer advice, help local groups start and develop projects, and signpost external funding opportunities and assistance.

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10. Date of Next Meeting

10.1 It was noted that the next meeting would be held at 7pm on Tuesday 23 March 2010 at Criftins Parish Hall (Dudleston Heath).

The meeting ended at 9.40pm.

Signed (Chairman)

Date