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Ellesmere Area Local Joint Committee 19 th May 2010	6

**NOTE OF DECISIONS AND ACTIONS ARISING FROM THE ELLESMERE AREA
LOCAL JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 23 MARCH 2010**

7.00 p.m. – 9.30 p.m.

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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 (Vice-Chairman)
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
Fiona Howe	Committee Officer

There were approximately 38 members of the public in attendance

ACTION

1. CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME

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.

It was noted that Councillor Simon Jones, Shropshire Council Portfolio Holder for Adult Services, Stephen Chandler, Assistant Director Adult Social Care, and Martin Cavalot, Area Manager (North), were in attendance to provide an update on Services for Older People.

It was also noted that Shropshire Council's Hugh Dannatt, Group Manager, Traffic and Highway Engineering, was also in

attendance to provide feedback on traffic issues raised at the last meeting.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interests noted.

4. NOTE OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED:

That the note of the meeting held on 7 January 2010 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record, subject to the following inclusion:

That it be noted that if parking charges were to be introduced in Ellesmere, that Shropshire Council ensure that the first ½ hour be free of charge. This measure was essential to maintain and improve the town's economy.

5. FEEDBACK ON PARKING AND SPEEDING

Mr Dannatt provided feedback on the issues raised at the previous meeting, including:

- **Parking Charges in Ellesmere (on and off street)**
It was noted that this request would be forwarded to Officers reviewing Shropshire Council's Parking Strategy.
- **Change of use loading bays on High Street**
It was noted that this request would be forwarded to Officers reviewing Shropshire Council's Parking Strategy.
- **Double yellow lines/parking issues on Birch Road**
It was confirmed that the road markings matched the existing traffic regulation orders and extending or amending traffic regulation orders required a statutory consultation. Mr Dannett confirmed that the Traffic Management and Regulation Team would be starting the consultation process in April/May 2010.
- **Resident/business only parking on Wharf Road**
Shropshire Council was reviewing its parking and residents parking policies and this issue would be considered once the policies had been agreed.
- **Parking Bays on Wharf Road**
The meeting was advised that it was not possible to change

the layout of the parking bays as the remaining carriageway would be insufficient for vehicles to pass each other as it was a two way street.

- **Cambrian Avenue being used as a through route**

It was noted that it was unlikely that parking restrictions would be supported by local residents, but Officers would be happy to consider parking restrictions at the junction of Cambrian Avenue with Trimpley Street.

- **Speed limits on Sandy Lane/One Way System**

Council Policy is not to implement 20 mph limits except in Town Centre environments to deal with accident problem areas or in combination with a safer routes to school scheme. It was noted that Officers would be proposing reducing the limit to 40 mph to be consistent with Church Street speed limits.

Mr Dannett advised that the introduction of a one way system would not be supported by residents and it would not alleviate the problem of coaches using the route on occasion.

Residents indicated that there were issues with Satellite Navigation Systems directing lorries down this road. They requested that signage be installed to advise drivers of the road restrictions.

Hugh
Dannett

- **Mere pay and display**

It was confirmed that the Countryside Team were investigating the replacement of this machine.

- **Issues effecting High Street to Cross Street**

There was an issue with parked vehicles causing issues for coaches trying to access this route. It was noted that the easiest solution to resolve these issues would be to shorten or relocate the parking bays, but this would be subject to consultation.

- **Parking Survey**

It was noted that Officers had undertaken a new parking survey and the analysis would be used to inform any decision regarding parking in Ellesmere.

- **Welshampton Petition to improve road safety**

It was noted that the petition had been declined as the route had an extremely low accident rate, there was a limited budget and the current speeds were already slow. Residents were advised that a letter had been sent to the Parish Council to advise them of the decision.

6. ADULT SERVICES FOR OLDER PEOPLE

The Chairman explained the format of the discussion sessions on Adult Services. Mr Chandler went on to give an introduction to the Older Peoples Services within the County as well as the services specific to the area.

He indicated that the service had a budget of £80 million which was spent across the core groups. It was noted that over half of this was spent to support older people within the community.

Mr Chandler advised that services were provided through three areas:

- Information Service – providing a resource where residents can get information on things such as accessing benefits, none Council services and links to support groups.
- Prevention Service – This service works to ensure people can remain independent as long as possible.
- Direct Services – Providing services such as Homecare which help older and vulnerable people remain in their homes for longer. The Council also provides traditional services such as residential care.

In response to questions raised by residents, the Portfolio Holder and Officers provided the following information:

- Community Alarms Systems – It was noted that there were currently over 7,000 systems in operation, but the Council recognised the need to expand this service.
- Age Concern – It was noted that there were no plans to expand or reduce the services provided by Age Concern.
- Hospital Parking – The meeting was informed that this was an issue being reviewed at Government level, but there was no information on future provision.
- Social Housing for Older People – The Council was in the process of developing an 'Extra Care' service, which would look at developing 400 adapted homes over the next 3 – 4 years, which would enable older and disabled people to live at home for longer. It was noted that the Council was focusing on 8 sites throughout the county and had identified 6 specific sites at this stage, which included a site in Ellesmere.
- Local Social Care Surgery – Mr Chandler advised that he would take this suggestion back with him to consider and feedback a response to a future meeting.
- Information packs for carers – The meeting was advised that the pack had been revamped and improved, but noted that more work needed to be done on their promotion.
- Learning opportunities – Mr Chandler advised that he would contact the Assistant Director (Culture and Leisure) to discuss the options available for older people as well as specific to the

Steve
Chandler

Ellesmere area.

- Single contact number for help – It was noted that residents could contact the Council for help on 0345 678 9005 and the customer care team would put in them in touch with the most appropriate officer. Mr Cavalot advised that residents could contact the local office on 01691 677201 as a supplementary number to the main Council contact.
- Assistance for carers – The Council recognised the part carers play in providing at home support and they understand that carers need support. ‘Crossroads’ provided short term respite, but there were provisions available to allow for longer periods. It was also noted that carers now received direct payment.
- Capital deposit to enable housing development – Mr Chandler advised that this sort of scheme was dependent on national guidance, but may be something to look at in the future.

The Chairman stated that they would take on the board the issue raised in respect of rural bus routes to be considered at a future meeting.

The Chairman thanked the Councillor Jones and the Council Officers for their informative contribution to the meeting.

7. PARTNERS AND COMMUNITIES TOGETHER (PACT)

The Chairman introduced PC Paul Crump of West Mercia Police. PC Crump reported back on the issues raised at the previous meeting.

He advised the meeting that since the retirement of the local police officer he had been covering a large area, but it was hoped that a replacement would be in place within the next month. It was noted that Community Speed Watch scheme had been reinstated. PC Crump reported that there had been a delay with the provision of this scheme due to complex legislation and extensive training.

PC Crump invited members of the public to raised any issues of concern. The main issues were:

- Speeding on the Dudleston Heath Road. It was noted that even though the road had a speed limit of 30 mph leading into a 40 mph people were still speeding and overtaking through the village. Residents stated that the road was dangerous for pedestrians and horse riders as it was used frequently by large lorries and speeding vehicles.
- 20 mph limits are currently unenforceable due to current policies. Residents requested that this issue be taken back to senior police officers to see what could be done to address this issue.

PC
Crump

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

An issue was raised in respect of highways issues. A resident raised the issue of the Parking Survey carried out in Ellesmere stating that there was concern over the flawed findings.

It was noted that the Community Regeneration Officer would raise this issue with Hugh Dannatt to clarify what information would be used to inform any decision regarding parking in Ellesmere.

8. LETS TALK

The Chairman invited questions from the members of the audience.

Residents raised issues including:

- Parking provision within Ellesmere for motorhomes.
- Lack of dog fouling enforcement.
- How does the Council ensure that the same high standard of service provision is provided when a service is contracted out.
- Issues with standard of service provided by private landlords.

Residents also requested that the Committee consider holding a future meeting solely for youth provision within the locality.

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

9. DECISION REPORT - LOCAL JOINT COMMITTEE BUDGET

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 2009/2010 budget, be approved:

- Ellesmere Food Festival – Funding towards publicity for the event. That a contribution of £2,500 be approved.
- Ellesmere Rangers – New kit for girls under 14 team. That a contribution of £500 be approved.
- Welshampton War Memorial – Restoration of war memorial. That a contribution of £500 be approved.

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- (d) Criftins and Dudleston Heath Senior Citizens – Funding towards hire of hall and activities. That a contribution of £1,300 be approved.
- (e) Ellesmere Cricket Club – New maintenance equipment. That a contribution of £2,344 be approved.
- (f) Ellesmere Youth Theatre – Hire of hall and activity support. That a contribution of £930 be approved.
- (g) Ellesmere Boat Rally – Publicity and promotion of event. That a contribution of £1,000 be approved.
- (h) Ellesmere Goes Green – Survey questionnaires and certificates printing and copying. That a contribution of £450 be approved.

That the following projects be refused:

- (i) Ellesmere Sculpture Initiative application be refused.
- (j) Ellesmere Community Car Centre Trust application be refused.

That the following project be deferred:

- (k) Ellesmere Rangers be deferred until the next meeting of the Ellesmere Area Local Joint Committee.

10. LOCAL NEWS AND INFORMATION ITEMS

The Community Regeneration Officer updated the meeting on work being undertaken within the local communities and the successes of previously funded groups and organisations.

She provided information on funding streams available:

- Community Fund Grant for projects requiring funding from £10,000 - £50,000.
- Community Build Capital Grant for projects requiring funding of up to a maximum of £10,000.

It was noted that only one funding stream could be applied for.

The meeting was advised that the Pride of Shropshire were seeking candidates and requested that residents put nominations forward to this worthwhile award.

It was noted that the consultation was due to commence for the North West Relief Road and there were various exhibitions being

undertaken throughout the county from 20 – 29 April 2010.

11. FEEDBACK

The Chairman invited members of the public to complete the Local Joint Committee Questionnaires for 2009/2010 advising the meeting that it was important that the Council had as much feedback as possible to enable them to assess how the meetings were progressing.

Councillor Mrs Hartley stated that the questionnaires could be handed in this evening or sent back to the Community Regeneration Officer at Shropshire Council.

12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED:

That the next meeting of the Ellesmere Area Local Joint Committee be held on Wednesday, 19 May 2010 at 7.00 p.m. at Welsh Frankton Village Hall.

Signed.....

Date