



Committee and date

Ellesmere Area
Local Joint Committee

22nd July 2010

Item/Paper

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**NOTE OF DECISIONS AND ACTIONS ARISING FROM THE ELLESMERE AREA
LOCAL JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 19 MAY 2010**

7.00 p.m. – 9.10 p.m.

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Present:

Members of the Committee:

Steve Davenport	Shropshire Council
Ann Hartley	Shropshire 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)
Jake Berriman	Head of Strategy and Policy
John Skelton	Senior Organisational Development Officer (Support Officer)
Corrie Davies	Community Regeneration Officer
Fiona Howe	Committee Officer

There were approximately 35 members of the public in attendance

ACTION

1. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

It was proposed by Councillor Davenport and seconded by Councillor Mrs Hartley.

RESOLVED:

That Councillor Brian Williams be elected Chairman for the ensuing year.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillors Alf Johnson (Cockshutt-cum-Petton Parish Council) and Brian Williams (Shropshire Council)

3. APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

It was proposed by Councillor Davenport and seconded by Councillor Mrs McLaughlin.

RESOLVED:

That Councillor Chris Symes be appointed Vice-Chairman for the ensuing year.

4. CHAIRMAN'S INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME

The Vice-Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and gave a brief explanation on the purpose of the Local Joint Committees. He went on to explain the format of the meeting and key items on the agenda.

It was noted that Jake Berriman, Head of Strategy and Policy, was in attendance to provide a presentation on the Site Allocation Consultation.

Councillor Mrs Hartley gave a round up of the previous years successes stating that the Local Joint Committee had considered issues such as Shropshire Council's Core Strategy, Parking and Speeding within the local area, ShropshireLink review and the provision of adult services for older people. She advised that they had approved almost £28,000 of grant funding to groups and organisations that had benefited the local community.

The Vice-Chairman thanked Councillor Mrs Hartley for her hard work during her year as Chairman.

5. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The following declarations of interest were made:

PERSONAL:

MEMBER/OFFICER	ITEM	REASON
Councillor Mrs P. McLaughlin	Minute No 10 (c)	She was a Chairman of the Ellesmere Town Hall Committee
Councillor Mrs K. Egerton	Minute No 10 (c)	She was a member of the Ellesmere Town Hall Committee

6. NOTE OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED:

That the note of the meeting held on 23 March 2010 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

7. PARTNERS AND COMMUNITIES TOGETHER (PACT)

The Vice-Chairman introduced PC Paul Crump of West Mercia Police.

PC Crump updated the meeting on the recent changes to their administrative office and advised that the PC Lewis was now in place.

He reported back on the issues raised at the previous meeting and invited members of the public to raise any issues of concern. The main issues were:

PC Crump

- Speed Measures on Birch Road – A member of the public raised concern over the effect the removal of parking would have, stating that this would only help to increase traffic speed.
- Lee (Birch Road) – It was noted that there was an issue with traffic speed on this road and requested that traffic calming measures be looked into. Members advised that the Councillors had raised these issues with the Principal Road Safety Engineer at Shropshire Council.
- Cambrian Avenue – It was noted that there was still an issue with parking on the entrance to Cambrian Avenue. PC Crump advised that the Police were providing a presence in this area and that a consultation was ongoing to look at addressing the issues. Councillor Mrs McLaughlin advised that Ellesmere Town Council had looked at the road markings and noted that the double yellow lines were in disrepair due to road repairs. She advised that the lines needed to be repainted and that consideration should be given to the extension of the lines.

The Vice-Chairman thanked PC Crump for his attendance.

8. LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK SITE ALLOCATION CONSULTATION

The Vice-Chairman welcomed Mr Berriman, Head of Strategy and Planning and explained the format of the discussion session.

Mr Berriman presented an update on the progress of the Local Development Framework (LDF) advising that this document would replace the Local Plan currently in place for all areas of Shropshire. He advised that there was a 3 tiered approach which included:

- Supporting Shrewsbury as a Growth Point. It was noted that 25% of the 27,500 houses would be developed in Shrewsbury.
- Market towns would receive 40% growth.
- Rural areas would receive 35% growth.

It was noted that the LDF was intended to take a fresh look at rural areas to ensure that villages and settlements were

sustainable in the future.

Mr Berriman stated that Ellesmere was a key area for development and that the only other development area would be Cockshutt as it was a larger village settlement.

Members of the public made the following comments in respect of the Site Allocations and Management of Development consultation:

Jake
Berriman

- There is a need to look carefully at the development in the proposed area and who those development would effect the outlying areas. Mr Berriman advised that they were developing cross border policies, especially on affordable housing. It was noted that they were keen to see developments being of a sustainable design to ensure long term habitation. He advised that the consultation needed information on what housing types were needed within the villages.
- Concern was raised over the survival of villages as in the past young people had moved away due to increased house prices and the villages were dying because of this. It was noted that a range of accommodation was being looked at as it was recognised that a diverse range of people needed access to affordable housing.
- A resident raised the issue of house extensions being allowed which increased the value of properties and as a consequence priced out local residents. Mr Berriman stated that it was difficult to stop people from extending their properties, but this could be seen as a opportunity to ensure that families stop in the area in an improved property more suitable for their needs.
- There was a need to encourage business into the area to help settlements flourish and become more sustainable in the future. It was noted that this was not the role of the Spatial Plan to provide business incentives, but they could introduce positive policies in respect of land/building usage such as live/work units to enable more people to work from home.
- There was conflict with providing good sustainable communities as these were synonymous with urban areas. It was stated that there was concern that any development within establishment settlements would bring with it greater need for better infrastructure. Mr Berriman advised that they didn't want to have a negative impact on rural areas in the future and were working hard to argue that a more developed infrastructure was not required to make an area sustainable and it was accepted that there may be a need for people to travel to access services and support facilities. It was noted that there were balances that needed to be achieved.
- Concern was raised over proposed development in Ellesmere at the Tesco site, stating that the road junction would not cope

with further housing and employment land. It was felt that this would need to be addressed prior to any development being undertaken.

The Vice-Chairman thanked Mr Berriman for his informative presentation and contribution to the meeting.

9. LETS TALK

The Vice-Chairman invited questions from the members of the public.

Residents requested that the Committee consider placing the following items on future agendas:

- Youth Services – It was noted that this issue would be considered at the July meeting.
- Heath related issues available within the area.
- Enhanced access between the villages – It was noted that consideration could be given to promoting footpaths and cycle lanes between villages which do not follow the conventional routes. It was noted that Shropshire Council were working to improve these facilities and that they should be available within the next 2 years.
- Transport – Information from various organisations on transport issues such as buses, ShropshireLink, highways and better access to railway stations.
- Flooding – It was noted that the Flood Forum were due to meet on the 27 May 2010 and they would be inviting representatives from the Town and Parish Councils to attend in order to feed back information to their Councils.

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

10. LOCAL JOINT COMMITTEE BUDGET REPORT

The Chairman introduced the report, which set out details of grant funding applications, which had been received (copy attached to the signed minutes).

It was noted that the deadline for the next round of funding applications would be 14th June 2010.

RESOLVED:

That the following projects funded from the 2010/2011 budget, be approved:

- (a) Welshampton Afternoon Club – Funding towards activity, transport and hire of hall. That a contribution of £500 be approved.

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- (b) Ellesmere Town Scout Group – Initial outline plans and progress through planning for replacement of existing scout hut. That a contribution of £2,000 be approved.
- (c) Ellesmere Town Hall – Purchase of new keyboard and amp. That a contribution of £900.45 be approved.
- (d) Tetchill Youth Evangelical Services – Sport and educational trips for the youth club. That a contribution of £2,500 be approved.
- (e) Rotary Club of Ellesmere Regatta – Funding towards trophies and prizes. That a contribution of £260 be approved.

That the following project be deferred:

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

11. LOCAL NEWS AND INFORMATION/CONSULTATION 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 to groups in the area and details on activities and events coming up.

She also reported on the consultations currently being undertaken by Shropshire Council.

12. DATE OF FUTURE MEETINGS

RESOLVED:

That the next meeting of the Ellesmere Area Local Joint Committee be held on Thursday, 22nd July 2010 at 7.00 p.m. at Lakelands School, Ellesmere.

Future meeting dates were confirmed as 20th October 2010 and 9th February 2011.

Chairman:.....

Date:.....