



Committee and date

Ellesmere Area Local Joint
Committee

25 June 2013

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Item/Paper

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**NOTE OF DECISIONS AND ACTIONS ARISING FROM THE ELLESMERE AREA
LOCAL JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 26 MARCH 2013 AT
WELSHAMPTON PARISH HALL**

7.00 p.m. – 8.30 p.m.

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Present:

Members of the Committee:

Steve Davenport	Shropshire Council
Ann Hartley	Shropshire Council
Alan Clarke	Ellesmere Town Council
Peter Gee	Welshampton and Lyneal Parish Council
Kay Egerton	Ellesmere Rural Parish Council

Officers:

Julie Ruler	Community Action Officer, Shropshire Council
Michelle Dulson	Committee Officer, Shropshire Council
Stephen Roberts	Public Health
Sgt Scott Barnes	West Mercia Police Authority

There were approximately 25 members of the public in attendance.

ACTION

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

- 1.1 Apologies for absence were received from Brian Williams (Shropshire Council) and John Dickin (Cockshutt-cum-Petton Parish Council).

2. CHAIRMAN'S INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME

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

3. NOTE OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

- 3.1 **RESOLVED:** That the note of the meeting held on 6 December 2012 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

ACTION**4. NHS HEALTH CHECK CHAMPIONS**

- 4.1 Mr Stephen Roberts the Health Check Lead for Public Health gave a presentation on the new county-wide health initiative 'NHS Health Check' which was a national prevention programme for 40 to 74 year olds who would be invited to attend their GP Surgery for a health check once every five years. It was hoped to target those people who did not attend their GP on a regular basis. Mr Roberts stated that it was 20 minutes of someone's time that could potentially save their life.
- 4.2 GPs would carry out a number of simple tests including blood pressure, a blood test, lifestyle risk, alcohol, exercise and diet, which would give a snapshot of your health at that time and enable the GP to calculate a risk score. The service would provide help and advice about how small changes in lifestyle could help a patient's long term health. Mr Roberts encouraged all those present to promote the service.
- 4.3 In response to a query, Mr Roberts explained that in the first instance GPs were sending invites out to patients at risk, but over the next 5 years all people registered with a GP would be invited to attend. A publicity campaign would be launched in the next couple of months.
- 4.4 The Chairman thanked Mr Roberts for attending and for his informative presentation.

5. GREEN DEAL AND ENERGY COMPANY OBLIGATION (ECO)

- 5.1 The Chairman informed the meeting that Mr Tim Baldwin the Project Manager from local energy charity Marches Energy Agency was unable to attend the meeting having broken his arm in a car accident. He sent his apologies and would be happy to attend a future meeting. Anyone wishing to be put in touch directly with Mr Baldwin should talk to the Community Action Officer. Information about the Green Deal had been circulated on tables.

6. PARTNERS AND COMMUNITIES TOGETHER (PACT)

- 6.1 Sgt Scott Barnes updated the meeting on issues raised at the last meeting with his colleague PC Crump. In relation to the obstruction in Welshampton caused by non-use of car parks, Sgt Barnes explained that the Police could not enforce this issue however the situation seemed to have improved. He reported that the issue of boy racers on the lanes at 2am had been a one off by Shropshire Motor Club.
- 6.2 Sgt Barnes informed the meeting that a special constable had also now been trained to use the speed gun so it was hoped to get a lot more use out of it in the future.

6.3 Sgt Barnes reported that there had been 13 recorded incidents of criminal damage but no house burglaries since the last meeting. Sgt Barnes then informed the meeting how the public could protect their own property by ensuring windows and doors were locked, leaving a light on when out, not leaving keys in or near the door, and keeping hedges cut short etc. He urged the public to report any suspicious activity by dialling 101.

6.4 In response to concerns that people living on the border of Wales get directed to Wrexham Police when they dial 101, Sgt Barnes explained that an automated system was to be introduced in some areas giving the caller the option of where to be directed. He would check whether this was to be introduced in this area.

7. LET'S TALK

7.1 Responses from issues raised at the last meeting had been circulated on tables – copy attached to signed Notes. Members of the Committee joined the public and discussed their issues of concern. Issues raised included:

- Speeding traffic at Criftins/Welshampton. Flash signs not working correctly.

It was reported that these signs were due to be repaired in 5-6 weeks' time with an extra one being sited in Welshampton.

- Parking – Spar in Ellesmere
- Parking – Local pub in Welshampton

It was explained that this had been raised at the previous meeting and the police were looking into it.

- Parking opposite Ellesmere House

Concern was raised that the parking spaces were not legally wide enough. This issue had also been raised previously and would be followed up.

- Second wind turbine

It was confirmed that this item was being discussed at a meeting that evening and feedback would be sought.

- Parking spaces alongside the Mere

It was confirmed that these parking spaces would be converted into motorcycle parking as they were deemed to be too narrow for cars.

- All schools should have a 20 mph limit in the morning, at lunch time and after school.

ACTION

It was suggested that someone from Highways be invited to attend the next meeting.

- Tesco traffic lights – lorries on pavements

It was reported that the Town Council had had a lot of debate about this issue but it was hoped there would soon be another access road down the back and linking up with Ellesmere Road.

- Restricted vision on Trimpley Street

The Chairman reported that she had previously been told nothing could be done but she would raise this issue again.

- Not being notified of planning applications

It was confirmed that Planning Appeals were notified on the website, however very few appeals were lost.

- Good snow clearance on roads but not so good on pavements.
- An update was requested on how successful ip&e had been.

The meeting was informed that it was too early to assess how well ip&e were doing as it was still developing and looking at commissioning out services but mindful that before being transferred to ip&e the service must be making a profit. Ip&e was not currently trading.

- 7.2 The Chairman confirmed that these issues would be taken back for investigation and progress would be reported at the next meeting.

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8. LOCAL JOINT COMMITTEE BUDGET

- 8.1 The Community Action Officer introduced the report, which set out details of grant funding applications which had been received (copy attached to the signed notes). Applicants were given the opportunity to explain why the funding was required.

- 8.2 **RESOLVED:** To approve the following applications:

A. to approve the following applications:

£1500.00 to Criftins Bowling Club towards the cost of purchasing a Pro Bowl Irrigation Kit

£1126.00 to Ellesmere Town Council for the repair of the Town Clock

£1400.00 to St John's Church Lyneal to assist with the purchase and installation of a retractable screen with a projector which will link to a computer.

£1326.89 to Welshampton Village Hall towards the cost of replacing the curtains and blinds in the hall

£ 953.00 to Ellesmere Comrades Club to purchase and install a hearing induction loop at the facility

£ 500.00 to Welsh Frankton Parish Church in order to provide a replacement Lawnmower for the churchyard which includes the car park area adjacent to the village hall

B. to defer the following applications:

Get Ellesmere On Line

Out 2 Play - Cockshutt and Welshampton

C. to refuse the following applications:

Oswestry Surrounding Area Association of Elderly- Tea Dance

Friends Of The Mere – Feasibility Study

8.3 It was confirmed that the closing date for the next round was 24 May 2013.

9. FEEDBACK FORMS

9.1 The Chairman requested that members of the public complete the feedback forms available on the tables and indicate the issues they wished to discuss at future meetings so that the correct officers could be invited.

10. LOCAL NEWS AND INFORMATION

10.1 The Community Action Officer gave an update – copy attached to signed Notes – she reported that she had been supporting local activities and helping applicants with funding applications. She had also been supporting the following projects:

- Ellesmere Market Town Revitalisation Initiative – The Community Action Officer reported that the refurbished finger posts would be back in place by the end of April. The final layout for the visitor information sign had been agreed and delivery had been taken of 12 new market stalls.
- Community Payback Team – The Community Action Officer reported that the team were available to help community groups with any projects and if anyone wished the team to do any work for them, they were to contact either the Community Action Officer or their local Councillor.
- Parish / Community Plan refresh – Shropshire Council were encouraging groups to refresh their Parish / Community Plans and had allocated funding to support this.

ACTION

- Community buildings – The Community Action Officer had visited most community buildings and had offered her assistance to help them undertake an audit of what their buildings offer and to help set priorities for the future.

10.2 The Community Action Officer handed out 30mph speed limit signs for the public to place on their wheelie bins so that they faced ongoing traffic.

11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

11.1 The Chairman confirmed that the next meeting would take place at 7pm on Tuesday 25 June 2013 at Ellesmere Comrades Club.

Chairman:.....

Date:.....