



Committee and Date
Gobowen, Selattyn, St
Martins & Weston Rhyn
Local Joint Committee

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GOBOWEN, SELATTYN, ST MARTINS & WESTON RHYN LOCAL JOINT COMMITTEE

**NOTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 7TH OCTOBER 2009 AT 7.00PM,
ALL SAINTS CHURCH HALL, GOBOWEN.**

PRESENT:

Members of the Committee:

Councillor Steve Davenport	Shropshire Council – St Martins
Councillor Trevor Davies (Chairman)	Shropshire Council – Selattyn & Gobowen
Councillor David Lloyd	Shropshire Council – Selattyn & Gobowen
Councillor Mrs Angela Bright	Weston Rhyn Parish Council
Councillor David Boyce (Vice- Chairman)	St Martins Parish Council
Councillor Mark Turner	Selattyn and Gobowen Parish Council

Officers:

Simon Kenton	Lead Officer
Mark Pembleton	Support Officer
Maggie Rowlands	Community Regeneration Officer
PC Kate Leclere	West Mercia Police
PCSO Alana Griffiths	West Mercia Police
CSO Mellings	British Transport Police
Shelley Davies	Committee Officer (Notes)

There were approximately 24 members of the public at the meeting.

ACTION

11. Welcome and Introduction from the Chairman

The Chairman introduced himself and welcomed everyone to the meeting. He explained that there was a formal agenda, but the meeting would be informal and public input would be welcomed.

12. Apologies for Absence

None received.

13. Declarations of Interest

Councillor Mrs Angela Bright declared a personal interest in relation to funding applications 4 & 7 (Agenda item 9).

Councillor David Lloyd declared a personal interest in relation to funding application 3 (Agenda item 9).

14. Notes of the previous meeting

AGREED: That the notes of the meeting held on 15th July 2009 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record of the meeting.

15. Feedback from Local Joint Committee Meeting held on 15th July 2009.

A list of issues raised at the previous meeting with feedback was circulated. It was noted that a list would be produced at each meeting to give Members of the Public feedback on the issues that are raised.

The Lead Officer gave an update in relation to 'Alcohol Controlled Zones'. It was explained that the process was now with the Legal Department at Shropshire Council and the next step would involve consultation with the Public.

16. Partners and Communities Together Meeting (PACT)

The Chairman introduced PC Kate Leclere and PCSO Alana Griffiths from West Mercia Police who invited members of the public to raise any issues of concern.

PC Leclere informed the meeting that she was the new Local Police Officer for Weston Rhyn and had only been in post for a few weeks.

Councillor Mrs Angela Bright noted that she had spoken to PC Leclere before the meeting and had discussed how the police could work together with the youth club to benefit young people in Weston Rhyn.

CSO Mellings from British Transport Police introduced herself and explained that she held a surgery at Gobowen Station on the last Friday of each month for Members of the Public to come along to raise any issues of concern regarding the railway track at Gobowen. It was also noted that there were questionnaires available for Members of the Public complete in relation to antisocial behaviour on the railway and at stations.

17. Public Question Time

i) Welsh Water Group

Assurance was sought that the new Council had not lost sight of the group involving Welsh Water set up by Oswestry Borough Council to discuss issues such as flooding in areas of Weston Rhyn and St Martins. It was, Councillor Steve Davenport agreed with the suggestion to invite representatives from Welsh Water to a future LJC meeting and suggested that Severn Trent Water also be included.

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ii) Conservation Area – Pant Glas

It was queried why nothing had progressed in relation to a Conservation Area in Pant Glas following the audit completed by residents. Councillor David Lloyd noted the value of the work done by residents and asked for this issue to be brought to the surface. The lead Officer agreed to look into this issue.

SK

iii) Chirk Bank – Local Development Framework (LDF)

More information was requested in relation to a plot of land in Chirk Bank as a potential site for development. It was suggested that a representative attend the next Weston Rhyn Parish Council meeting to provide further information.

Councillor Steve Davenport explained that the consultation on the LDF had been extended and if people had comments/concerns they should complete a consultation leaflet.

It was noted that Chirk Bank was an area that had previously been deemed as not suitable for further development due to poor transport links and lack of local services. It was also pointed out that the affordable housing available at Avondale, Chirk Bank had not been sold.

iv) Affordable Housing

Concern was raised regarding affordable housing issues in Gobowen and Chirk Bank. It was felt by some members of the public that developers are finding ways to avoid providing affordable housing.

v) Twmpath Lane, Gobowen

Concern was raised regarding the safety of Twmpath Lane, Gobowen. It was added that traffic on this road would increase while Station Road, Gobowen was closed.

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vi) Railway Level Crossing – Chirk Bank

Concern was raised regarding the safety of the railway level crossing at Chirk Bank. CSO Mellings agreed to look into the issue and give feedback at a future meeting.

vii) Plastic Recycling

It was questioned why there had been changes to the proposal to introduce kerbside plastic waste collection in the Oswestry area by April 2010 and that instead there would be a pilot scheme in Whittington.

MP

18. Shropshire Council Youth Service

Wendy Stockton from Shropshire Council Youth Service gave a presentation on youth work and services available to young people in the area and circulated an information sheet on these services.

In response to a question regarding how services are implemented in the villages, Wendy Stockton explained that services are advertised and promoted in local schools. She also explained that a bus was provided for the open sessions held in Oswestry on a Friday night to enable young people from villages such as St Martins to attend the sessions.

Discussion took place regarding the issue of the bus for the open sessions in Oswestry and how this clashed with the St Martins youth club. It was agreed that a meeting be arranged for those involved to discuss the issue further.

A comment was made that grants for youth club equipment are available but not for accommodation or youth worker salary and that help in these areas is vital for youth clubs to keep going.

MR

19. Community Fund

The Committee received the report of the Lead Officer, which detailed the bids received for the first round of funding to be considered by the Gobowen, Selattyn, St Martins and Weston Rhyn Local Joint Committee.

AGREED:

A - That the Committee considered the applications received in the light of the Community Regeneration and Support Officers assessment and recommendations using an agreed scoring proforma.

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B - That the Committee grant approvals or rejections and any terms and conditions for each application considered as set out in Appendix A.

Councillor David Lloyd abstained from taking part in the discussion and did not vote.

In response to comments from Councillor David Lloyd regarding funding application 3 the Lead Officer suggested that the application not be dismissed completely and looked at again in the next round of funding.

There was a suggestion that the funding to the Selattyn Phoenix Group and Good Companions Group be subject to a condition that that they have one joint function a year to develop community links. It was agreed that this was a good idea and the Lead Officer asked the Community Regeneration Officer to liaise with both groups to ensure this happens.

MR

20. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Monday 11th January 2010 at 7.00 p.m at the St Martins Community Centre, St Martins.

The deadline for bids in the next round of funding was noted as Friday 27th November 2009.

The meeting ended at 8.10pm.

Chairman: _____

Date: _____