



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

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7.00 pm

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

NOTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 11TH MAY 2010 AT 7.00PM, WESTON RHYN PRIMARY SCHOOL, WESTON RHYN.

PRESENT:

Members of the Committee:

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

Also present:

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| Simon Kenton | Lead Officer |
| Mark Pembleton | Support Officer |
| Julie Ruler | Community Working |
| Maggie Rowlands | Community Regeneration Officer |
| Shelley Davies | Committee Officer (Notes) |
| Tim Morris | Economy and Transport Policy Team Leader |
| Alison Patrick | Tourism Officer |

There were approximately 23 members of the public at the meeting.

1. Election of Chairman

It was proposed, seconded and

AGREED:

That Councillor Davenport be elected Chairman for the ensuing municipal year.

2. Appointment of Vice-Chairman

It was proposed, seconded and

AGREED:

That Councillor Turner be elected Vice-Chairman for the ensuing municipal year.

3. 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 was welcomed.

4. Apologies for Absence

None received.

5. Declarations of Interest

None received.

6. Notes of the previous meeting

AGREED: That the notes of the meeting held on 24th March 2010 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record of the meeting.

7. Feedback from Local Joint Committee Meeting held on 24th March 2010.

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.

8. Community Working Update

An update from Maggie Rowlands, Community Regeneration Officer was circulated.

9. Public Question Time

None received

10. Tourism in the Local Joint Committee Area

Alison Patrick (Tourism Officer, Shropshire Council) attended the meeting to give a presentation on Tourism in the Gobowen, Selattyn, St Martins and Weston Rhyn Local Joint Committee Area.

It was noted by Alison Patrick that the area was presently one of the most exciting areas for Tourism in Shropshire and details of how Shropshire Council are trying to attract visitors to the area were outlined.

Alison Patrick referred to the tourism paper that Maggie Rowlands had completed on the attractions for tourists, which had been circulated on tables and explained the types of visitor likely to come to this area.

Councillor David Lloyd noted the importance of the canal to the area and stated that signs along the canal would bring canal users into the town and villages.

Sue Napper (Disabled Holiday Information) stated that more facilities were required for disabled visitors.

In response to a statement from Councillor Angela Bright, Alison Patrick explained that categorising people by their economic status

was a marketing tool used by the Economic Development section.

It was confirmed by Alison Patrick that there was £40,000 set aside from the former Oswestry Borough Council to spend on Infrastructure in connection with the World Heritage Site. It was added that there was no additional money available for this from the Destination Management Partnership.

Councillor Trevor Davies requested an update on the proposed parking and visitor centre for the Oswestry Hill fort and stated that the barriers on Oswestry car parks prevent motor homes and caravans from using them. Alison Patrick agreed to look into both these issues.

Erica Morgan (Selattyn & Gobowen Parish Council) suggested that local B&Bs are promoted as well as hotels. In response a representative from the Mile End TIC explained that they promoted all accommodation in the area.

The Chairman thanked Alison Patrick for attending the meeting.

11. 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. It was explained that by the closing date 3 applications had been received, totalling £5,610. It was noted that the Committee also wished to consider a commission of £300.

AGREED that:

A. The following bids are allocated full funding from the Community Fund (Round 1)

1.2 £2210 to the Three Parishes Youth Association to provide activities for young people throughout the summer

1.3 £400 to The Gobowen Allotments Association for the purchase and siting of 3 cattle troughs for use for watering.

1.a £300 to Three Parishes Youth Association to involve young people in the LJC process.

B. The following bid has been deferred until the July meeting

£3000 to Friends of Ifton Heath School for new play equipment

12. Site Allocations and Management of Development

Tim Morris, Economy and Transport Policy Team Leader, Shropshire Council attended the meeting to give a presentation on the Site Allocations and Management of Development DPD.

Tim Morris explained the role and the key tasks of the Site Allocations and Management of Development DPD and noted that this was the first stage of a two-year process. It was added that there would be 17 consultation events across Shropshire in addition to separate presentations to LJs and Parish and Town Councils.

Tim Morris outlined the main issues for the LJC area and clarified that individuals were able to respond to the consultation as well as Parish Councils.

Neil Graham (St Martins Parish Council) stated that there was a lack play areas and sports areas in St Martins. Tim Morris noted that this issue had been acknowledged.

Tim Morris, responding to a query, stated that site reference numbers would be given to areas at the next stage of the consultation process once it had been established that land put forward was available for development.

In response to questions Tim Morris explained how local need for housing would be determined and that there would have to be a balance between housing and employment land provision adding that it was not easy to do this in rural areas.

The issue of using vacant properties instead of building more houses was raised and it was noted that changes had been made to Council Tax on empty properties to encourage owners to ensure they are occupied.

In response to a query regarding possible building restrictions in relation to the World Heritage Site Buffer Zone, Tim Morris explained that there would have to be additional consideration regarding development in this area and in due course a policy would be included in the Local Development Framework.

It was noted that faster broadband in the area was essential. Tim Morris stated that this was a Countywide issue and it was added by Mark Pembleton that there was currently a pilot in the Ludlow area to help resolve this issue.

In response to a query Tim Morris and Mark Pembleton outlined the ways that Shropshire Council could attract industry and employers to the area.

Responding to a question regarding drainage and flooding issues in the LJC area, Tim Morris explained that Shropshire Council was looking into these issues with Severn Trent Water as part of the consultation process.

Tim Morris gave an update from Dave Parker (Project Manager (Implementation), Shropshire Council) on the latest situation involving an exception site at Chirk Bank.

The Chairman thanked Tim Morris for attending the meeting.

13. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held 7.00 p.m. on Tuesday 6th July 2010 in Gobowen (Venue to be confirmed)

The meeting ended at 9.10 pm.

Chairman: _____

Date: _____