



Committee and Date  
Gobowen, Selattyn, St Martins &  
Weston Rhyn Local Joint Committee  
  
16<sup>th</sup> February 2011  
7.00 pm

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

### **NOTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 28<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2010 AT 7.00PM, ST MARTINS CENTRE, ST MARTINS.**

#### **PRESENT:**

##### **Members of the Committee:**

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

##### **Also present:**

Simon Kenton	Lead Officer
Maggie Rowlands	Community Regeneration Officer
Shelley Davies	Committee Officer (Notes)

**There were approximately 32 members of the public at the meeting.**

#### **27. 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.

#### **28. Apologies for Absence**

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Trevor Davies (Shropshire Council – Selattyn & Gobowen).

#### **29. Declarations of Interest**

Mrs Angela Bright declared an interest in Agenda Item 11 – Funding Applications 3.7, 3.1, 3.5, 3.10 and 3.11.

David Boyce declared an interest in Agenda Item 11 - Funding Application 3.11.

David Lloyd declared an interest in Agenda Item 11 – Funding Application 3.13.

#### **30. Notes of the Previous Meeting**

**AGREED:** That the notes of the meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> July 2010 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record of the meeting.

### **31. Feedback to issues raised at the previous meeting**

The Chairman referred to the issues log that had been circulated and gave an update on each item.

### **32. Big Local Trust Programme**

John Taylor, Head of West Midlands Region attended the meeting to explain the Big Local Trust Programme run by the Big Lottery Fund.

The Key Messages were as follows:

- Long term benefits for area
- No quick fixes
- Real needs for area not organisational wants
- Real opportunity to make a difference and to reach out all members of the community, not just those that would attend a meeting.

The process and timescales were explained and examples of Community involvement projects were detailed.

John Taylor gave details of two future meetings:

- 14<sup>th</sup> October at Weston Rhyn Institute
- 9<sup>th</sup> November fact finding exercise at Gobowen

#### **Question and Answer session.**

*Who will make decisions on how the money will be spent?*

John Taylor explained that people from the area will decide how the money is spent but a process will have to be established first.

*How was this area selected?*

It was detailed how the Big Lottery selects areas and the criteria they use.

*How will money be divided between three parishes?*

Money will be spent on projects based on need not necessarily equally split between the three parishes.

*When can applications be made and what will be the process to do so?*

John Taylor could not answer this question and explained that a process to allocate money had to be decided first. It was added that there may be different ways to apply for funding not just one process.

*What happens if a long term project fails – is funding withdrawn?*

John Taylor noted that projects will be accountable to local people and gave an example of a failing project in another area and noted how the public scrutiny aspect worked well. It was added that if projects were failing would withdrawing funding would be a last resort.

The Chairman thanked John Taylor for attending the meeting.

### **33. PACT**

Sgt Pugh attended the meeting to give an update on local policing issues.

It was reported that there had been no major policing issues in recent months, but there had been problems during the Summer months in relation to young people drinking alcohol in public places. Sgt Pugh noted that the CSOs would have more power to deal with this issue once the designated non alcohol zones are in place.

Speeding was noted as still being a problem in the area and Sgt Pugh reported that two officers had now been trained to use a speed gun. Sgt Pugh noted his concerns regarding speeding and stated that he would like to dedicate more officer time to speed enforcement work.

In response to a question regarding the impact of spending cuts in West Mercia Police, Sgt Pugh explained that more information would be available following the spending review announcement at the end of October.

### **34. Youth Issues**

Nick Heard gave a presentation on the 3 Parish Youth Association (3PYA) that had begun as a result of the LJC.

It was explained that the 3PYA enables the parishes to join up, share resources and save money.

The benefits of the association were outlined and the activities that had been run during the summer months were detailed.

The Chairman thanked Nick Heard, Sue Scofield and Sue Heard for the presentation.

### **35. Public Question Time**

#### Meals on Wheels

Mr John Davies felt that the proposal to provide fortnightly frozen meals is not the best option as this removes the social contact element that the hot meal option provides. It was added that it is not a matter of leaving the meal on the doorstep, the person delivering the meal will enter the residence, meet the client, and have the opportunity to find out whether there are any problems. It was also pointed out that some clients would not be able to use frozen meals. Concern was also raised that the whole programme of Meals on Wheels was being quietly killed off, by a policy of not accepting new referrals.

Councillor David Lloyd suggested that there was a proposal for the responsibility for the service to be transferred to local groups involving Parish Councils.

It was agreed that the issue would be looked into further.

#### Future of LJC's

Assurance was sought that LJC's would continue and not cut as part of the spending review. The Chairman explained that the future of LJC's was unknown at present but it was thought that they would continue but with

changes to the current format in relation to officers and number of meetings.

#### Equalisation of Council Tax

Councillor David Lloyd clarified the situation regarding the equalisation of Council Tax across the county.

#### Proposed Closure of Magistrates' Court in Oswestry.

It was stressed that access to the court was important part of citizenship and agreed that the LJC supports Shropshire Councillors to avoid the removal of the court in Oswestry.

#### St Martins Football Club Issue

An Issue regarding cost of using changing rooms at St Martins Centre was referred to the Parish Council.

#### LJC grants

Accountability of LJC grants was questioned. Maggie Rowlands outlined the process and the checks that are required for grants, both by LJC as fund holders, and by Shropshire Council auditors.

#### Ifton Meadows

Concern was raised in relation to a bench on Ifton Meadows.

### **36. Community Working Update**

Maggie Rowlands, Community Regeneration Officer gave an update, the following issues were noted:

- A Fishing Competition for young people at St Martins had been very successful and it was hoped that it would be repeated
- The Summer Fair at St Martins went well
- A Tennis event had been arranged in October at the MUGA in Gobowen
- The formation of 'Aqueducks' trust to replace Community sub-steering group of World Heritage Site
- That the Chirk Bank Community Group was going from strength to strength
- That the three parishes had many common issues/concerns and were working together to resolve these, examples of projects led and developed by the LJC included 3PYA and Flood Forum.

### **37. Community Fund**

The Committee received the report of the Lead Officer, which detailed the bids received for the third round of funding to be considered by the Gobowen, Selattyn, St Martins and Weston Rhyn Local Joint Committee. By the closing date a total of 13 applications had been received requesting funding to the value of £25,006.23

**Agreed:**

- A The following bids are allocated full funding from the Community Fund (Round Three):**
- i. £840 to Gobowen Old Friends to provide social activities for senior citizens in Gobowen and Hengoed**
  - ii. £285 to Chirk Bank Methodist Schoolroom for fridge, crockery and cutlery etc.**
  - iii. £1000 to Cedar Close Residents Association, St Martins, to provide social activities and outings for residents.**
  - iv. £750 to Gobowen and Selattyn Parish Council to provide community notice boards in Gobowen and Hengoed.**
- B The following bids are provided with partial funding from the Community Fund (Round Three):**
- i. £2000 to Disabled Holiday Information, towards monitoring activities for their 'Enablise' project for disabled volunteers, from an original application for £2850.**
  - ii. £1000 to the orthopaedic male Voice Choir towards the purchase of a new keyboard and amplifier, from an original application for £1403.**
  - iii. £1000 to Ifton Meadows Management Committee to run the next St Martins Lantern Parade, from an original application for £1918.**
  - iv. £360 to Chirk Bank Community group towards provision of notice boards in the village, from an original application for £1780.**
  - v. £100 to the Phoenix Group in Selattyn to continue to develop activities in the village, from an original application for £450.**
  - vi. £2500 to Weston Rhyn Trust to begin renovation of the Sports Pavilion on the playing fields, from an original application for £3648.38**
  - vii. £3000 has been allocated to St Martins Playing Field Committee to be released once other funding is in place, towards new protective fencing for the football pitch, from an original application for £5781.**
- C The following bids were deferred until the next meeting (Round Four) to seek further information.**
- i. £2050.85 to Bronygarth Social Committee towards recording and celebrating local oral history.**
  - ii. £2250 to 3 Parishes Youth Association for volunteer training and new equipment.**
- D No bids were refused funding from this round of the Community Fund.**

**38. Vehicle Activated Sign**

The Chairman asked whether Parish Council's would be willing to pay £500 to locate a vehicle activated speed sign in a location where speeding was an issue in their Parish if the LJC funded the hire of the sign for 12 months.

The idea received positive feedback and was supported by all three Parish Councils. It was agreed that the LJC would fund the cost of hire the sign for 12 months.

**39. Date of Next Meeting**

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2011 at 7pm at Cross Keys Function Room,  
Glynn Road, Selattyn.

The meeting ended at 9.05 pm.

Chairman: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_