



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 16th FEBRUARY 2011 AT 7.00PM, CROSS KEYS FUNCTION ROOM, SELATTYN, OSWESTRY.

PRESENT:

Members of the Committee:

Councillor David Lloyd	Shropshire Council – Selattyn & Gobowen
Councillor Trevor Davies	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:

Mark Pembleton	Lead Officer
Julie Ruler	Community Action Officer
Kate Garner	Community Action Manager
Shelley Davies	Committee Officer (Notes)

There were approximately 30 members of the public at the meeting.

40. Welcome and Introduction from the Chairman

Councillor David Lloyd introduced himself and explained that he would be chairing the meeting. It was explained that there was a formal agenda, but the meeting would be informal and public input was welcomed.

41. Apologies for Absence

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Steve Davenport (Shropshire Council – St Martins).

42. Declarations of Interest

Mrs Angela Bright declared an interest in Agenda Item 9 – Funding Applications 4.3 and 4.3.

43. Notes of the Previous Meeting

AGREED: That the notes of the meeting held on 28th September 2010 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record of the meeting.

44. Feedback on Issues Raised at the Previous Meeting

The Chairman referred to the issues raised at the previous meeting and gave an update on each item.

Proposed Closure of Magistrates' Court in Oswestry.

The Chairman noted that Shropshire Council had made strong representations in objection to the Courts closure but the decision to close the court had been made by the Ministry of Justice.

St Martins Football Club Issue

Issue referred to the St Martins Centre.

Ifton Meadows Bench

Alternative location for the bench had been agreed.

Gledrid Roundabout

The Highways section had agreed to look at issue of removing the option to turn right on exit from petrol station.

Meals on Wheels

A lengthy discussion ensued in relation to the proposed changes to the Meals on Wheels service.

It was agreed that further information be sought on the referrals process and the issue of using RJAH Orthopaedic Hospital for hot meals.

45. Shropshire Council Budget 2011/12

Mark Pembleton, Lead Officer gave a presentation summarising the overall impact on Shropshire Council as a result of the Comprehensive Spending Review and Draft Settlement.

The Chairman welcomed any questions or comments regarding the presentation.

In response to a question Mark Pembleton confirmed that Council Tax levels would remain frozen and saving would be found in other ways such as reduction in management costs and changes to staff terms and conditions.

Responding to a question regarding low level of reserves, Mark Pembleton explained that the Council needed to build up reserves as we had dropped below the audit commission minimum level. He added that this was due to the low level of reserves transferred from the District Councils at Unitary.

The Chairman confirmed that the LJC budget had been halved for 2011/12 and that a response would be sought in relation to funding for Centre North West and the Mobile Youth Bus.

46. PACT

PC Bev Smith attended the meeting to give an update on local policing issues.

It was noted that the main concern in the area was heating oil theft. It was added that members of the public should report any suspicious vehicles.

PC Bev Smith reported that PC Simon Clark would be holding a Neighbourhood Watch meeting in Selattyn on 30th March 2011.

In response to a question regarding the impact of the Comprehensive Spending Review on local Policing it was explained that there was no information available at present.

Councillor Trevor Davies questioned the local incidents listed on Crime Mapper, a service provided by the Police on the internet. PC Bev Smith explained that Crime Mapper was not accurate and she was not aware of the incidents listed by Councillor Trevor Davies. It was added that the matter would be looked in to and a response given at the next meeting.

47. Local Issues for Gobowen, Selattyn, St Martins and Weston Rhyn LJC

Elizabeth Hind-March from Oswestry Community Action based at the Qube, Oswestry discussed the services available and noted that there would be a re-launch of all services on 26th March 2011.

Members of the public broke into groups and each group were asked to identify local issues for the area.

The Chairman explained that the responses would be collated and all issues raised would be looked into and feedback would be available at the next meeting, in some cases they would provide agenda items for future meetings.

48. Gobowen, Selattyn, St Martins and Weston Rhyn LJC Community Fund

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

Agreed:

- A The following bids are allocated full funding from the Community Fund:
 - i. £691 to St Martins Senior Swimming Club, to part fund costs for swimming sessions at Rhyn Park School for 1 year.
 - ii. £125 to Gobowen Allotment Society for purchase of 1 dipping trough

- B The following bids are provided with partial funding from the Community Fund:
 - i. £450 to Gobowen Scouts towards activities and specialist clothing for training locally before attending International Scouts Jamboree in Sweden. From a request asking for 'anything' towards the English Lead-up.
 - ii. £1,000 to Weston Rhyn Village Hall for emergency damp repairs, insulation and replastering. From an original request for £2862.
 - iii. £1,000 to the Aqueducts (Friends of Pontcysyllte Aqueduct and Llangollen Canal); for printer/photocopier, paper and

- other stationery supplies, and website development plus activities on English Section of this project. From an original application for £2,315.
- iv. £300 to the Three Parishes Flood Forum, for expenses for holding meetings, publicity and other running costs. From an original application for £1,000
- C The following bid was deferred until the next meeting to seek further information:
- i. £2050.85 to Bronygarth Social Committee towards recording and celebrating local oral history. This has been deferred for a second time. The committee recommend that they should attend the next LJC meeting and explain the aims of this project and how the amount sought from LJC is distinct from the rest of the project funding.
- D The following bid was refused funding from this round of the Community Fund:
- Weston Rhyn Choir who asked for £800 to fund their activities around the villages.
- E The following bid was deferred from the last round but further adequate information had not yet been received.
- i. Three Parishes Youth Association 'Moving Forward' project, who asked for £2,250
- F In response to the Parish Councils not wanting to take up the LJC offer of support towards Vehicle Activated Signs, the LJC agreed that the £3,120 previously ring-fenced money be released into the community grant allocation.

49. Public Question Time

Ifton Heath/Rhyn Park School

A number of questions were raised in relation to the proposal to merge Ifton Heath Primary School and Rhyn Park School, St Martins. The Chairman explained that consultation was in process and members of the public can make representations.

Bus Strategy Consultation

Councillor Mark Turner noted the Bus Strategy consultation and the changes being proposed would affect some services in the area.

50. Update from Community Action Officer

The Chairman introduced Julie Ruler who would be taking over from Maggie Rowlands as Community Action Officer.

Councillor Angela Bright noted that Maggie had asked her to thank everyone for their support. Councillor Angela Bright stated that Maggie would be greatly missed and noted the good work she had undertaken

during her time with the Local Joint Committee. The Chairman added that he would like to formally thank Maggie for her hard work and valuable research.

51. Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 17th May 2011. Venue to be confirmed.

The meeting ended at 8.35 pm.

Chairman: _____

Date: _____