



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

14th February 2012
7.00 pm

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Public

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

**NOTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 18TH OCTOBER 2011 AT 7.00PM,
ST MARTINS CENTRE, ST MARTINS, OSWESTRY SY11 3AY.**

PRESENT:

Members of the Committee:

Councillor Steve Davenport	Shropshire Council – St Martins
Councillor Trevor Davies	Shropshire Council – Selattyn & Gobowen
Councillor David Lloyd (Chairman)	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

Officers:

Julie Ruler	Community Action Officer
Shelley Davies	Committee Officer

Also present:

Alison Brock	Shropshire Council's ICT Client Support Manager
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There were approximately 23 members of the public at the meeting.

16. Welcome and Introduction from the Chairman

The Chairman introduced himself and welcomed everyone to the meeting. He explained that the Local Joint Committee operated as a key link between the Unitary Council, Parish/Town Councils and the people who live in the community.

17. Apologies for Absence

None received.

18. Declarations of Interest

The following personal interests were declared

Julie Ruler (CAO) – Agenda Item 10, Funding Application M.

Councillor David Boyce – Agenda Item 10, Funding Application S.

Councillor David Lloyd - Agenda Item 10, Funding Application Q.

Councillors Mrs Angela Bright - Agenda Item 10, Funding Application R.

19. Notes of the previous meeting

AGREED: That the notes of the meeting held on 17th May 2011 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record of the meeting.

20. PACT

PC Howard Lewis attended the meeting to give an update on local policing issues and answer any questions.

PC Howard Lewis reported that there had been a number of scrap metal thefts in the area and 5 individuals had been arrested in connection to incidents at Bank Top Industrial Estate.

In response to questions PC Howard Lewis confirmed the funding of Community Support Officers (CSOs) guaranteed at present and that he would look into this issue of alcohol exclusion zones and provide clarification on the zones in St Martins.

21. County-wide Broadband Project

Alison Brock, Shropshire Council's ICT Client Support Manager gave a presentation to those present summarising future broadband provision in Shropshire (copy presentation attached to the signed notes).

Alison Brock made the following comments in response to questions raised by members of the Committee and public:

- A survey was available at www.connectingshropshire.co.uk seeking views from residents and businesses;
- A technical partner would need to be identified by a procurement process;
- Shropshire Council were looking into a number of options to resolve broadband issues in Shropshire; and
- More information to improve speeds was available on www.connectingshropshire.co.uk

For further information visit the website at:

www.connectingshropshire.co.uk

22. Shropshire Youth Association (SYA) – Youth Survey Feedback

Melanie Revolta (SYA) attended to give feedback on the Youth Survey commissioned by the 3 Parishes Youth Association. (A copy of the results were circulated)

Melanie Revolta made the following comments in response to questions raised by members of the Committee and public:

- It was confirmed that SYA had a Facebook page
- It was envisaged that the Big Local Trust would feed into the youth survey results

- That SYA can assist youth groups but does not have funding to pay for youth workers

23. **Big Local Update**

Nick Herd provided an update on the Big Local Trust noting the progress made and the next stage of the project.

Members of the Committee suggested that local businesses and the Business Forum be involved with the project.

Helen Fairweather gave further information on the next stage for the Big Local Trust and stressed that the project was for long term benefit.

Lee Barnfield gave information on the Community Online Forum for the three villages.

24. **Public Question Time**

- John Davies gave an update on the Meals on Wheels service.
- In response to a question regarding a pot hole by the Gledrid Petrol Station, Councillor Davenport noted that he had discussed the issue with a Member of the Highways team and was informed that it was responsibility of Petrol Station owner.
- In response to a question regarding the 'right turn' on exit from Gledrid Petrol Station, Councillor Davenport noted that he had discussed this issue with a Member of the Highways team.
- The Chairman requested feedback on the two options outlined for the proposed pedestrian crossing in Gobowen.

25. **Community Fund**

(a) **Funding Bids**

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

Agreed:

L Weston Rhyn Play Group - £343.00

M The Green Room Youth Project - £1015.90

O St John's Church Weston Rhyn – Re submission £1520.00

P Zebra Crossing Gobowen – Further request £2500.00

Q Gobowen Old Friends - £1000.00

R Weston Rhyn Good Companions - £500.00

S St Martin's Parish Council - £500.00

T St Martins Centre - £1000.00

U Walford and North Shropshire College - defer

V Oswestry & District Sports Association - refuse

W Dial a Ride - £585.75

(b) Priority Setting

The Chairman noted that there was £6293.35 remaining in the Community Fund and requested priorities for funding. Committee members agreed to inform local groups that may need support.

26. Community Action Update

Julie Ruler, Community Action Officer gave an update and noted that the deadline for the next round of the Community Fund was 13th January 2012.

27. Amendment to the LJC Constitution

Members of the Committee considered the report that detailed an amendment to the LJC Constitution regarding delegated authority to the Community Action Officer to deal with urgent and time sensitive matters.

Concerns were expressed that the amendment would allow applicants to avoid having their application considered by the whole LJC Committee.

The Chair acknowledged the concerns raised and confirmed that applications would only be considered in exceptional circumstances. Following debate, the majority of Members felt that all Members of the LJC be consulted on urgent and time sensitive matters.

RESOLVED

It is recommended that Community Action Officer is given delegated authority, in consultation with the Local Joint Committee, to determine urgent and time sensitive matters.

28. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held 7.00 p.m. on Tuesday 14th February at the All Saints Church Hall, Gobowen.

The meeting ended at 8.50 pm.

Chairman: _____

Date: _____