



Committee and Date  
Gobowen, Selattyn, St Martins &  
Weston Rhyn Local Joint  
Committee  
  
Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> June 2013  
7.00 pm

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

**NOTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 26<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2013 AT 7.00 PM,  
ALL SAINTS CHURCH HALL, OLD CHIRK ROAD, GOBOWEN, SY11 3LL.**

### **PRESENT:**

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

Councillor David Lloyd (Chairman)	Shropshire Council – Gobowen, Selattyn & Weston Rhyn
Councillor Steve Davenport	Shropshire Council – St Martins
Councillor Mrs Angela Bright	Weston Rhyn Parish Council
Councillor Sue Crow	Selattyn and Gobowen Parish Council

#### **Also present:**

Julie Ruler	Community Action Officer
Shelley Davies	Committee Officer (Notes)

**There were approximately 34 members of the public at the meeting.**

### **1. Welcome and Introduction from the Chairman**

The Chairman introduced himself and welcomed everyone to the meeting, which would be the final meeting before the elections in May. He stated that the LJC had made localism work by stimulating community action and funding local initiatives, distributing over £90,000 over the last four years.

### **2. Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from Councillors Trevor Davies (Shropshire Council – Gobowen, Selattyn & Weston Rhyn), Councillor Mrs Sue Schofield (St Martins Parish Council) and Mark Turner (Selattyn and Gobowen Parish Council).

Councillor Sue Crow was in attendance as substitute member for Selattyn and Gobowen Parish Council.

### **3. Disclosable Pecuniary Interests**

Councillor David Lloyd – Item 14 – Application 18.  
Councillor Angela Bright – Item 14 – Applications 19 & 29.  
Councillor Sue Crow – Item 14 – Applications 24 & 27.

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

**AGREED:** That the notes of the meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> November 2012 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record of the meeting.

**5. Feedback from Local Joint Committee Meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> November 2012.**

The Chairman explained that the item raised at the last meeting in relation to speeding in St Martins would be picked up during the PACT meeting.

**6. PACT Meeting**

The Chairman reported that a written update from the Police had been circulated on tables (Copy attached to signed minutes) as there was no Police representative available to attend the meeting.

In response to a query in relation to speeding by the School on Chirk Road, Gobowen, the Chairman explained that this issue had been discussed at the Parish Council meeting and a petition had been sent to the Highways Team at Shropshire Council.

The Chairman added that he would discuss the issue received from Sue Schofield in relation to Community Policing in St Martins with the Police Commissioner, Bill Longmore when he attends the Council Meeting on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2013.

Ceri Flavell, Shropshire Fire and Rescue attended the meeting to give advice on fire prevention and answer any questions. He noted that a number of chimney fires had occurred in the area recently and advised residents to ensure their chimneys were swept twice a year. It was added that residents should check properties with a log burner to ensure the flue was adequate.

The Chairman thanked Ceri Flavell for attending the meeting.

**7. NHS Health Checks Champions**

Mr Stephen Roberts PCT Lead on 'Health Check Champions' attended the meeting to give a presentation on a new county-wide health initiative currently being rolled out across Shropshire called 'NHS Health Check'.

Mr Roberts explained that the initiative was aimed at everyone in Shropshire, aged between 40 and 74 years old, especially those that did not regularly visit their Doctor. He added that the 'Health Check' was designed to create awareness about the risks of strokes, type 2 diabetes heart and kidney disease. It would show how the 'Health Check' can help detect early signs of these conditions and suggest lifestyle changes to help combat them.

In response to questions, Mr Roberts confirmed that:

- Wales was included in the programme;
- The Health Check did not include a Prostate Specific Antigen (PSA) check for men but gave the opportunity for this issue to be discussed;
- He would feedback the suggestion that a PSA check should be included for men;
- The Health Check would be completed by the existing practice nurse and referred to the doctor as required;
- The age of 74 was the cut off for the Health Check for economic reasons, but if people over the age of 74 had health concerns they were entitled under the NHS constitution to receive a health check;

- Conditions in relation to family history should be picked up by the practice and the programme sought to supplement, not replace good standards;
- There had to be a limit on the conditions checked;
- There was a possibility to use venues such as Community Halls for the Health Checks but the surgery would be the first choice; and
- The practice nurse would be adequately trained and offered help and support.

The Chairman thanked Mr Roberts for attending the meeting.

## **8. Cambrian Heritage Railways – Overview of Progress and Future Plans**

Mr Roger Date and Ms Heather Gallagher attended the meeting to give a presentation on the progress of the group to date and their plans for the future.

In response to questions, Mr Roger Date confirmed that:

- There would be minimal disruption to the traffic on the bypass and explained the system for how trains would cross the bypass;
- Any change to the speed of the traffic on the bypass would be the responsibility of the Highways Authority;
- A road traffic audit had been completed; and
- There were plans to develop a safe walking route from Gobowen to Oswestry.

The Chairman thanked Mr Roger Date and Ms Heather Gallagher for attending the meeting.

## **9. Elections 2013**

The Chairman referred to the report from the Shropshire Association of Local Councils (SALC) in relation to the forthcoming elections and urged residents to put themselves forward as candidates. (Copy of the report attached to the signed minutes).

In response to a query the Chairman noted that applications did not have to be made online and information packs were available from Shropshire Council or Parish Councils.

## **10. St Martins School Update**

Councillor Steve Davenport gave a verbal update in relation to the St Martins 'all through' school.

The background to the situation was outlined by Councillor Davenport and it was explained that a number of initial issues had been resolved. He added that a number of additional issues including road safety had been highlighted and would be addressed.

## **11. Big Local Update**

The Chairman referred to the written update on progress of the Big Local Group that had been circulated.

Mr Nick Herd urged residents to complete the questionnaire.

## **12. Broad Band Update**

The Chairman referred to the written update circulated in relation to the latest position regarding the rural Broadband project.

## **13. Public Question Time**

### Empty Buildings

Concern was raised in relation to empty buildings in Gobowen. The Chairman agreed to pass on the comments in relation to these buildings.

### Speeding, Moors Lane, St Martins

Councillor Steve Davenport reported that he had highlighted this issue to the Highways team. He added that he would visit the area to witness the problem.

### Planning Application, Golf Club, Gobowen.

The Chairman noted that the first application had been refused under delegated powers and a second application would be determined shortly.

### Approach to Gobowen

The Chairman agreed to pass on the comment that the approach to Gobowen from Oswestry required improvement to the Parish Council.

### Deferment of Planning Applications

Councillor Steve Davenport explained that it was usual for applications to be deferred once but there was no limit as long as there were valid planning reasons for deferment.

## **14 2012/13 Financial Report, including Update on funding Requests for Consideration**

The Committee received the report of the Community Action 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.

Agreed:

That the LJC approves the following funding applications as detailed:

17. Sports Development -Multi Activity Games - £200.00

18. All Saints Church – Water Boiler - £1200.00

19. Weston Rhyn Village Hall- Lift Repair - £1500.00 Ring Fenced

20. Moors Chapel- flooring/outside seating - £ 950.00

- 21. Gobowen Old Friends- 6 trips and Coronation party - £1000.00
- 22. Green Room Gobowen – National Playday and resources - £350.00
- 23. St Johns Church – Salt Bins - £200.00
- 24. Gobowen IT project - £400.00
- 25. 3 Parish Water Forum- Admin - £250.00
- 26. St Martins Youth Group- Equipment - £500.00
- 27. Gobowen Playing Field – Trim Track - £2000.00
- 28. O.O.L.A.P- Moving Forward - £200.00
- 29. Weston Rhyn Trust- Rec signage - £450.00
- 30. Oswestry Area Heritage Open Days - Promotion, transport,etc - £300.00
- 31. Oswestry Area Assoc for the elderly - Monthly Tea Dance - Defer

Total £9500.00

Julie Ruler, Community Action Officer reported that the remaining budget of £3658 would be prioritised for IT support to underpin community based learning, organised sports/recreational activities and Coronation events in the local villages. It was added that the deadline for the next round of the Community Fund was 24<sup>th</sup> May 2013.

#### **15 Community Action Team – Update on Current Work**

Julie Ruler, Community Action Officer gave an update on local projects and funding sources available for local groups.

#### **16 Feedback Forms**

The Chairman urged members of the public to complete a feedback form.

#### **17. Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held 7.00 p.m. on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> June 2013 at St John's Church, Weston Rhyn.

The meeting ended at 8.40 pm.

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

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