



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

Tuesday 22nd October 2013
7.00 pm

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

**NOTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 18TH JUNE 2013 AT 7.00PM,
ST JOHN'S CHURCH, WESTON RHYN, SY10 7RE.**

PRESENT:

Members of the Committee:

Councillor Steve Davenport	Shropshire Council – St Martins
Councillor Robert Macey	Shropshire Council –Gobowen, Selattyn & Weston Rhyn
Councillor David Lloyd	Shropshire Council – Gobowen, Selattyn & Weston Rhyn
Councillor Mrs Angela Bright	Weston Rhyn Parish Council
Councillor Mrs Sue Schofield	St Martins Parish Council
Councillor Mrs Sue Crow	Selattyn and Gobowen Parish Council

Also present:

Tim Smith	Area Commissioner (North)
Nigel Keates	Principal, St Martins School
Sue Lovecy	Vice Principal, St Martins School
Julie Ruler	Community Action Officer
Shelley Davies	Committee Officer (Notes)

There were approximately 50 members of the public at the meeting.

1. Election of Chairman

It was proposed, seconded and

AGREED:

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

2. Appointment of Vice-Chairman

It was proposed, seconded and

AGREED:

That Councillor Robert Macey 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 the Local Joint Committee operated as a key link between the Unitary Council, Parish/Town Councils and the people who live in the community.

4. Apologies for Absence

None received.

5. Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

None received

6. Notes of the previous meeting

AGREED: That the notes of the meeting held on 26th February 2013 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record of the meeting.

7. PACT

Sgt Barnes attended the meeting to give an update on local policing issues. Advice was given on how not to be a victim of crime and Sgt Barnes noted that there were more safety tips on the West Mercia Police Website.

In response to a question concerning the use of the level crossing on the bypass near Gobowen, Sgt Barnes explained that it was not appropriate for him to give his personal view in relation to the issue and if there were plans to use the level crossing a consultation exercise would be required.

Responding to concerns regarding vehicles speeding in Weston Rhyn, in particular by the primary school, Sgt Barnes stated that police enforcement was only a short term solution and traffic calming measures were required. He added that he would ask the local Community Support Officer to visit the area to look at issues raised.

Ceri Flavell attended the meeting to give an update from Shropshire Fire and Rescue Service. He reported that Shropshire Fire and Rescue Service were currently running a safe cooking campaign to raise public awareness of this issue and it was added that a free home safety checks were available to all residents and smoke alarms were free to certain residents. It was noted that further safety advice was available on the Shropshire Fire and Rescue Service website.

In response to a question concerning the use of the level crossing on the bypass near Gobowen, Ceri Flavell explained that he was not personally aware of any proposal but any such proposal would require a consultation exercise.

8. St Martins School 3 – 16 Learning Community

Mr Nigel Keates, Principal, attended the meeting to give a presentation on the new 3 – 16 all through school at St Martins.

Mr Keates explained the vision of the school and plans for the future. He stressed that the school wanted to ensure all students achieved the very best they can and continued to contribute to the wider community. It was added that the school was working on a

number of 'cross phase' initiatives; utilising the expertise of primary and secondary staff to ensure that teaching was tailored for each and every individual.

Sue Lovecy, Vice-Principal outlined the plans for the proposed building noting that the building work had recently started and it was hoped to be completed by July 2014.

In response to a question Mr Keates explained that it was the schools job to identify any issues at an early age and unlock individual student's strengths to ensure they can be the best they can be. He added that it was not just about A* grades but the progress each pupil makes.

9. North Area Commissioner

Tim Smith (North Area Commissioner, Shropshire Council) attended the meeting. He explained that his role covered the whole North Shropshire area and the noted the way the council was changing the way it commissioned services during the current financial climate. The Council wanted to know the needs of local people and added that he had already made a note of the issues raised so far at the meeting tonight.

In response to a query, Tim Smith noted that there was an update circulated on tables in relation to the Broadband project and suggested that the project team attend the next LJC meeting to give a further update.

10. Big Local Trust

A written Update was circulated.

11. Broadband Update

A written Update was circulated.

12. Public Question Time

Traffic free route from Gobowen to Oswestry

Councillor David Lloyd responded to a question relating to a proposal for a traffic free route from Gobowen to Oswestry noting that it was a good idea but unrealistic in the current financial climate.

Play Area – Weston Rhyn

A lengthy discussion took place in relation to the location of a new play area in Weston Rhyn. There was a show of hands from residents present to indicate that they would like the play area in the location proposed. Tim Smith agreed to resend the questionnaire to households.

13. Community Fund 2013/14

The Committee received the report of the Community Action 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.

Agreed:

That the LJC approves the following funding applications as detailed:

- 19. Weston Rhyn Village Hall- Lift Repair - £1100.00
- 1. St Johns Church – Food bank - £ 444.80
- 2 . Chirk Bank Community Garden & Allotment - £ 250.00
- 3. 2nd St Martins Scout Group-Pioneering - £ 500.00
- 4 . 2nd St Martins Scout Group-Transport - £500.00
- 5. St Martins Methodist Church - £ 500.00
- 6. St Martins Ifton Band - £1120.00
- 7. St Martins Brownie- Dig To Eat - £ 500.00
- 8 Cricket to School - defer
- 9 .Preeshenlle UR Church- Roof Repair - £ 1650.00
- 10. 3PYA – Summer Programme - £ 514.00
- Total - £7078.80

Julie Ruler, Community Action Officer reported that the deadline for the next round of the Community Fund was 27th September 2013.

14. Community Action Update

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

15. Date of the Next Meeting

Tuesday 22nd October at 7pm at the St Martins Community Centre, Overton Road, St Martins.

The meeting ended at 8:35 pm.

Chairman: _____

Date: _____