



Committee and Date:
Harlescott and Bagley Local
Joint Committee
25th June 2013
7.00 p.m.

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HARLESCOTT AND BAGLEY LOCAL JOINT COMMITTEE

NOTE OF DECISIONS AND ACTIONS ARISING FROM THE MEETING HELD ON 23RD OCTOBER 2012 AT 7.00 P.M. AT GREENFIELDS UNITED CHURCH HALL, GREENFIELD STREET, SHREWSBURY

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Committee Members Present:

- Councillor Beverley Baker (Shropshire Council)
- Councillor Vernon Bushell, Chairman (Shropshire Council)
- Councillor David Farmer (Shrewsbury Town Council)
- Councillor Ioan Jones (Shrewsbury Town Council)

Shropshire Council Officers Present:

- Steve Cunningham, Senior Community Action Officer
- Clive Wright, Central Area Director
- Gary Rogers, Senior Highways Manager
- Ken James, Committee Officer

West Mercia Police Officers Present:

- Sergeant Julie Shephard
- CSO Charles Iremonger

There were approximately 22 members of the public in attendance.

		Action
1.	Chairman's Welcome The Chairman made an introductory statement welcoming everyone to the meeting and gave a brief explanation and background about the purpose and powers of the meeting.	
2.	Apologies for Absence There were no apologies for absence.	
3.	Disclosable Pecuniary Interests Members are reminded that they must not participate in the discussion or voting on any matter in which they had a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest and should leave the room prior to the commencement of the debate.	

<p>4.</p>	<p>Notes of the Previous Meeting</p> <p>It was agreed that the notes of the meeting of the Harlescott and Bagley Local Joint Committee held on 17th April 2012 be approved and signed as a correct record by the Chairman.</p>	
<p>5.</p>	<p>Updates</p> <p>The following updates on actions arising from the previous meeting were received:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Public Noticeboards</u> Phil Sandford reported that there was a public noticeboard outside the Harlescott Community Centre and indicated that anyone wishing to use it should contact the Community Centre. • <u>Dropped Kerb on Kynaston Road</u> Brian Gennoe reported that the adjustment required to the dropped kerb outside no. 46 Kynaston Road had been made on the wrong side of the road. Gary Rogers undertook to look into the matter. • <u>Disabled Persons Bus Passes</u> Councillors Beverley Baker and Vernon Bushell reported that there was no funding available at present to allow the disabled to travel on Park and Ride buses at a concessionary rate. • <u>Fly-tipping</u> Councillor Vernon Bushell reported that he had been assured that 'No Fly-tipping' notices would be provided at the garages between the rear of Mottershead and Bainbridge Green. 	<p>Gary Rogers</p>
<p>6.</p>	<p>Fire Safety and Bonfire Night Arrangements</p> <p>Pat Johnson and Jon Temple of the Shropshire Fire and Rescue Service reported on the strategy for dealing with bonfires leading up to and on Firework Night on 5th November. They indicated that Local Policing Teams and Fire Service Risk Reduction Officers would be identifying and monitoring bonfire sites in the area from 22nd October onwards. The Fire Service would be liaising with the Police in the lead up to 5th November and any bonfires that were lit from Friday 2nd to Sunday 4th November would be extinguished as a normal fire incident. Local residents were asked to keep aware and report any likely problems by calling the Fire Safety Office on 01743 260200. Any bonfires on public land on 5th November would be extinguished at 10.00pm. The organised bonfires at Caterpillar and the West Mid Showground would have security present on site and after the firework displays had finished the bonfires would be watched through the night until the fires had died out.</p>	

	<p>Councillor Ioan Jones raised concern about unexpected last minute bonfires, as had occurred last year in Kynaston Road. Steve Cunningham indicated that all the issues arising from last year had been raised with partners in preparing the strategy and all bonfire locations from 2011 would be monitored closely.</p> <p>Mr and Mrs Lewis raised concern that the Fire Service was not due to carry out any testing of electric blankets in Shrewsbury until March 2013. Jon Temple undertook to look into the matter and contact Mrs Lewis on the personal telephone number she supplied.</p>	
7.	<p>Partners and Communities Together Meeting (PACT)</p> <p>Sergeant Julie Shephard of West Mercia Police reported that further to recent changes to the Local Policing Teams, PC Andrew Gardner would be covering the Bagley area. She stressed that West Mercia Police needed to meet the challenges of making budget savings over the coming years and one such challenge was the effective use of local policing teams. At present, arrangements had been introduced for fewer local policing officers to cover more than one area, but no decisions had been made on the future structure of the Local Policing Team.</p> <p>Councillor Vernon Bushell indicated that he heard that increasing the working hours of Community Support Officers was being considered. Sergeant Julie Shephard indicated that she was not aware of this and would look into the matter.</p> <p>Councillor Beverley Baker expressed concern that regular contact with the Local Policing Team in the Bagley area was re-established. Sergeant Julie Shephard indicated that she would take this up with PC Andrew Gardner and ask him to contact her</p> <p>Sergeant Julie Shephard of West Mercia Police provided an update on the priority matters and initiatives being pursued in the Harlescott area as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kynaston Road High visibility patrols were being carried out to tackle the problems from motor scooters being ridden around from the lay-by and around the Community Centre. • Litter A knock-on from the motor scooter incidents was the problem of littering and the police would be grateful of any information from local residents as the police wished to address this. • Hate Crime Work had been undertaken in local schools in support of the Hate Crime campaign. 	<p>Sergeant Julie Shephard</p> <p>Sergeant Julie Shephard</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Halloween and Bonfire Night Preparations were being made in liaison with the Fire Service and the Council and the Police would be undertaking enhanced patrols on those nights. • Crime A number of drug warrants had been issued recently and operation citadel had been launched to pursue the perpetrators of burglaries in the area. <p>CSO Charles Iremonger of West Mercia Police provided an update on the priority matters and initiatives being pursued in the Bagley area as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Speeding on Ellesmere Road Action had been taken with the speed enforcement team to deal with incidents. • Anti-social Behaviour Incidents on Coton Mount had now quietened down following attention and no further issues had arisen at The Meadows. • Nuisance from Motor Scooters The Hencott Farm area was being monitored. <p>In conclusion, CSO Charles Iremonger indicated that he could be contacted through the 101 contact number</p> <p>In respect of The Meadows, Councillor Beverley Baker reported that the provision of a concrete litter bin was on the waiting list.</p>	
8.	<p>Maintenance of Roads and Pavements in Harlescott and Bagley</p> <p>Gary Rogers, Senior Highways Manager for the Central Area at Shropshire Council, addressed the meeting on the upkeep of the roads and pavements in the area.</p> <p>Gary Rogers explained that the Central area was divided into individual patches and each patch had a designated Highways Technician who was responsible for the roads and footways which were inspected on a monthly basis. During inspections, any safety defects detected were prioritised for attention depending on their urgency. The condition of road surfaces was also monitored during inspections and roads requiring attention were included in the resurfacing programme. The Highways Technician also looked after the gritting of roads and responded to flooding events in Shrewsbury, working closely with Severn Trent Water and the Environment Agency in implementing the Shrewsbury Flood Plan, with responsibility for the closure of roads and diversion of traffic to ensure that Shrewsbury remained open for business even during the most severe flooding events.</p>	

Gary Rogers indicated that Ringway was now the term maintenance contractor for highways since 1st April 2012 and their workforce carried out the work required on roads and footways for the Council.

Gary Rogers then invited questions from Members and local residents during which the following matters were raised and indications given:

- A local resident reported large gaps in the tarmac of the road surface on Whitchurch Road between Morrisons Supermarket and Heathgates. Gary Rogers indicated that he would have that section of road inspected and arrange for joint sealing to be undertaken if required.
- A local resident reported that in Wood Street the water from the street cleansing machine was holding in the gutters and not running away. Gary Rogers undertook to look into this.
- Councillor David Farmer reported areas of slip hazards from moss and grime on pavements at Heath Farm. Gary Rogers asked Councillor David Farmer to let him have the locations concerned so that he could look into the matter.
- Councillor Ioan Jones reported that some traffic and buses turning left from the traffic lights at the junction of Mount Pleasant Road and Heathgates Bank were overrunning the kerb and damaging the grass verge. Gary Rogers indicated that works had been programmed to address the issue by taking off a metre of the grass verge by concreting it over.
- Councillor Ioan Jones reported that the weight limit sign at the Steam Wagon roundabout was obscured by a tree and considered that it would be more visible if it were moved further back along Lancaster Road. Gary Rogers undertook to look into the matter.
- Councillor David Farmer reported on problems of traffic queues at the junction of Mount Pleasant Road and Ellesmere Road during peak times and asked whether the carriageway at the junction could be split into two lanes to assist the passage of vehicles exiting Mount Pleasant Road to Ellesmere Road. Gary Rogers stated that he could no longer address road improvement issues from his budget which was for maintenance and safety matters. Clive Wright, the Central Area Director, stated that Members and local residents were right to raise issues that needed attention but there were constraints on what could be achieved on the limited budgets available and not all issues could be attended to.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clive Wright reported that works to the Cross Street and Castle Foregate bridges by the railway station had commenced as part of the Northern Gateway Enhancement Scheme. The bridges would be cleaned and repainted and new lighting provided, damaged pigeon netting would also be replaced and the brickwork and tiling under the bridges would be cleaned. Smarter synchronised traffic signals were being installed to assist traffic flows that could move large batches of vehicles through at busy times and at quiet times should allow vehicles to move through without encountering a red light. The work was due to complete by the end of March 2013 with a break in the run up to Christmas and over the Christmas/ New Year holiday. 	
<p>9.</p>	<p>Community Action Update</p> <p>Steve Cunningham, Community Action Officer, provided an update on several initiatives that he had recently been involved with. These included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Harlescott Community Centre Steve reported that he had continued his work with the community centre and had provided assistance with the preparation of their funding application. • Kick It Out Initiative Steve reported on the work he had been undertaking on running various competitions associated with the Kick It Out Campaign. A few spaces still remained for community teams in the Kick It Out Cup football tournament to be held at Shrewsbury Sports Village in the evening on 1st November. • Grange School Steve reported that he had undertaken work with the school on a scheme to provide a course on an introduction to health and beauty. • Hate Crime Steve reported that the Community Action Team had been involved in the production of a film on tackling Hate Crime. The film was now available on youtube and would be shown around the county through “flicks in the sticks” cinema. • Community First Steve reported on the work proceeding on Community First projects in the area. Work had been undertaken to address litter in Harlescott and debt and money management as part of the initiative. 	
<p>10.</p>	<p>Feedback on Funded Projects</p> <p>A report was received on the Diamond Jubilee party held on the field at the rear of Little Harlescott Lane. The party was well attended and a marquee was sited with tables and chairs and</p>	

	<p>the music and food were enjoyed by all, helping to make the event a huge success.</p> <p>The money raised from the Tombola was donated to Hope House and the Severn Hospice.</p> <p>The LJC was thanked for its financial assistance and support.</p>	
<p>11.</p>	<p>Applications for Funding</p> <p>Steve Cunningham, the Community Action Officer, introduced his report (copy attached to the signed notes), setting out details of four grant funding applications that had been received.</p> <p>The Chairman then invited applicants to present their funding applications to those present and the Committee were asked if they had any further comments to make prior to voting on each application.</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>(a) That the following funding applications be approved:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Frankwell Wanderers FC – Siting of Portable Toilet on Playing Field during Training Sessions - £500. • British Red Cross – Young Carers Project - £1,500. • Greenfields Bowling and Community Centre – Maintenance of the Bowling Greens - £300. <p>(b) That the following funding application be refused as Members considered that other funding options should be explored with Members of the Council:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hope Initiatives – STAR (Street Teams Against Litter) Project. <p>(c) That the following funding applications be deferred:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Grange Sports Centre – Kidz Club Holiday Scheme – Consideration deferred to enable time to explore the preparation of a more sustainable scheme for operation in the spring/summer. • Harlescott Community Centre – CCTV – Consideration deferred for confirmation about the quality of images from the proposed CCTV system and possible arrangements with the Police to provide CCTV cover of the premises. 	<p style="text-align: center;">Steve Cunningham</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Steve Cunningham</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Steve Cunningham</p>

<p>12.</p>	<p>Public Question Time</p> <p>The Chairman invited questions / comments from members of the public. Issues raised included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Allotment Land in Greenfields</u> <p>Councillor Beverley Baker indicated that outline planning permission had been granted to Shrewsbury Town Council for the provision of 8 dwellings at the site with 5 allotment plots to be retained. The proposed scheme would be going back to Committee in due course for the types of buildings and access points to the site during construction to be considered. As the owners of the site, Shrewsbury Town Council would be responsible for the upkeep of the site before the development commenced.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Greenfields Recreation Ground</u> <p>Councillor Beverley Baker reported that community infrastructure funding from the Ellesmere Grange development would be allocated for improvements to the recreation ground which would include the provision of a BMX park.</p>	
<p>13.</p>	<p>Future Agenda Items</p> <p>No matters were raised.</p>	
<p>14.</p>	<p>Feedback on the Meeting</p> <p>All those present were asked to complete and return the feedback forms circulated before leaving.</p>	<p>Ken James</p>
<p>15.</p>	<p>Dates of Next Meeting</p> <p>It was agreed that arrangements be made for meetings to be held in May/June and October 2013.</p>	<p>Ken James</p>

The meeting ended at 9.30 p.m.

Chairman:.....

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