

**Committee and Date**Loton and Tern Local Joint
Committee

20th January 2010

Item/Paper**3**

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LOTON AND TERN LOCAL JOINT COMMITTEE**NOTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 1ST OCTOBER 2009****7.00 – 8.55 p.m.****Responsible Officer** Ken Jamese-mail: Ken.james@shropshire.gov.uk Tel: 01743 252899 Fax 01743 252713**Committee Members Present:**

David Roberts	Shropshire Council
Betty Carlyle	Alberbury with Cardeston Parish Council
Malcolm Colclough	Astley Parish Council
Sue Llewellyn	Bicton Parish Council
Mike Wilkie	Bomere Heath and District Parish Council
John Cooke	Great Ness and Little Ness Parish Council
Roy Bayley	Montford Parish Council
Lynne Padmore	Uffington Parish Council
Barry Bennion	Upton Magna Parish Council
Gordon Davies	Westbury Parish Council
Peter Davies	Withington Parish Council

Shropshire Council Officers present:

Stephen Chandler, Lead Officer, Shropshire Council
Phil Wilson, Support Officer, Shropshire Council
Mathew Mead, Community Regeneration Officer
Gill Jones, Central Team Leader - Community Regeneration
Helen Howie, Planning Strategy and Policy, Shropshire Council
Ken James, Committee Officer, Shropshire Council (Notes)

There were approximately 25 members of the public present at the meeting along with a representative of the Shropshire Star.

1. Apologies for Absence and Substitutions

Apologies for absence were received from Tony Hill (Montford Parish Council), John Overall Shropshire Council and PC Colin Barrett.

Roy Bayley substituted for Tony Hill.

2. Notes of Previous Meeting

It was **Resolved** that the Notes of the meeting held on 23rd July 2009 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

ACTION

3. **Appointment of Vice-Chairman**

It was **Resolved** that Betty Carlyle be elected Vice-Chairman for the remainder of the municipal year.

4. **Declarations of Interest**

None made.

5. **Public Question Time**

No questions were raised.

6. **Sevenside Housing Association**

Steven Williams from Sevenside Housing gave a presentation on their housing strategy and allocations policies and how Sevenside Housing was looking to provide affordable homes in the area.

An issue of anti social behaviour in Wallop was raised and discussed. Stephen Chandler gave an undertaking to hold a multi-agency meeting with the complainants to discuss the issues and consider how the difficulties could be best resolved with the outcome reported to the next LJC meeting.

**Stephen
Chandler**

7. **Shropshire Core Strategy; Consultation on the 'Policy Directions' Document**

Helen Howie gave a presentation on Shropshire Council's Planning Core Strategy explaining how the new strategy might affect the rural parishes within the LJC area. On the Policy Directions document, forming part of the Core Strategy, she explained that in future development in the rural area would be concentrated around community hubs and local centres with no development boundaries with the remainder of the countryside being protected from sporadic development. A site allocations document for housing provision would follow the finalisation of the Core Strategy. She indicated that future development proposals would need to meet sustainability requirements and a scheme forming part of the affordable housing policy within the Local Development Framework for the Core Strategy would enable local people to pursue their own developments to meet local housing needs. The views of the rural community were being sought on the village settlements to be classified as community hubs and local centres.

The Committee made suggestions on how local knowledge could be used to help influence the strategy development and queried the future role for parish plans.

It was then **Resolved** that the Committee make the following representation be on the Policy Directions document:

"That with regard to the Spatial Strategy for the Countryside outside of Local Centres, Community Hubs and Community Clusters, the Loton and Tern Local Joint Committee objects to the inclusion of the following as a key element of that strategy:

**Ken
James/
Helen
Howie**

No new build market housing development will be permitted (including replacement of existing dwellings)".

8. Policing

No matters were raised.

9. Funding Applications

The Committee considered the report of the Lead Officer setting out details of the funding bids received since the previous meeting on 23rd July 2009.

It was **Resolved:**

(a) That the following funding applications be approved:

- Bicton Parish Council - Restoration of Holy Trinity Church Clock, Bicton - £3,489.75
- Westbury Parish Council - Provision of two new freestanding parish noticeboards at Yockleton and Westbury - £1,369.30
- Little Ness Village Hall Trust and the Parochial Church Council - Legal costs involved in the transfer of the village hall and land surrounding the village hall at Little Ness into single ownership - £2,000
- Upton Magna Parish Council and Village Hall Committee - Costs towards the staging of the Upton Magna Annual Village Fete - £1,232.00
- Alberbury with Cardeston Parish Council - Repairs to Alberbury War Memorial - £500
- Montford Parish Hall Management Committee - Resurfacing of car park at Montford Parish Hall - £6,000

**Stephen
Chandler**

(b) That the application from Wattlesborough Pre-School Club for the provision of an outside canopy at the village hall be deferred to the next meeting for further investigation of possible alternative funding sources.

**Mathew
Mead**

(c) That a meeting be held with the Council's contractor on the application from Uffington Village Hall Committee for resurfacing of the car park to explore the possibility of achieving cost savings by combining the works with similar schemes.

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(d) That the application from Withington Parish Room for improvement works be further investigated to identify firmer costings with quotations and check whether the scheme could be part funded from alternative sources.

**Mathew
Mead**

10. Future Agenda Items

Committee Members were invited to submit items for discussion at future meetings.

Attention was drawn to the suggestion forms circulated for completion and return on the night or at a later date.

Suggestions put forward at the meeting for future items included:

- Lack of Broadband availability/poor speeds in the rural area – feedback on the results of the survey being undertaken.
- Inclusion of a standing item on the agenda inviting public comments to be given on the night.
- The outcome of the anti social behaviour issue raised earlier in the meeting.
- Inclusion of a standing item on the agenda for an Update Report to be given on the issues raised at the previous meeting.

Mathew Mead

Ken James

Stephen Chandler

Ken James

11. Feedback on the Meeting

All those present were asked to complete and return the feedback forms circulated before leaving.

In addition, it was remarked that the tables around the floor needed a clearer view of the top table.

ALL

12. Next Meeting

It was **noted** that the next meeting of the Committee would be held in Bicton Village Hall at 7.00 p.m. on Wednesday, 20th January 2010.

ALL

CHAIRMAN.....

DATE.....