



Committee and Date
Loton and Tern Local Joint Committee
25th March 2010

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LOTON AND TERN LOCAL JOINT COMMITTEE
NOTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 20TH JANUARY 2010
7.00 – 9.05 p.m.

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Committee Members Present:

John Overall	Shropshire Council
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
Mike Dransfield	Great Ness and Little Ness Parish Council
Tony Hill	Montford Parish Council
Lynne Padmore	Uffington Parish Council
Phil Roberts	Upton Magna Parish Council
Gordon Davies	Westbury Parish Council
Ron Lucas	Withington Parish Council

Shropshire Council Officers present:

Stephen Chandler, Lead Officer, Shropshire Council
Phil Wilson, Support Officer, Shropshire Council
Mathew Mead, Community Regeneration Officer
Laura Rowley, Director of Resources, Shropshire Council
Ken James, Committee Officer, Shropshire Council (Notes)

West Mercia Police and Guest Speaker

PC Colin Barrett
Ian Binks, Regional Head of Resources, British Telecom

There were approximately 25 members of the public present at the meeting.

1. Apologies for Absence and Substitutions

Apologies for absence were received from Bill Bennion (Upton Magna Parish Council), John Cooke (Great Ness and Little Ness Parish Council) and Peter Davies (Withington Parish Council).

Phil Roberts substituted for Bill Bennion.
Mike Dransfield substituted for John Cooke.
Ron Lucas substituted for Peter Davies.

ACTION

2. **Declarations of Interest**

None made.

3. **Notes of Previous Meeting**

It was **Resolved** that, subject to the addition of the undertaking given by Severnside Housing to look into the case raised by Lorraine Downward of Halfway House in respect of the Allocations Policy requiring applicants to reside in the local area where accommodation was requested and the difficulties this posed, particularly when there were no lettable Severnside properties in Halfway House, the Notes of the meeting held on 1st October 2010 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

4. **Shropshire Council Budget Consultation 2010/11**

Laura Rowley, Shropshire Council's Director of Resources, gave a presentation on the Council's budget proposals for 2010/11 and invited members of the public to give their views on the priorities for the Council and areas for efficiencies and savings to be made in the coming year, using a pod voting system.

5. **Broadband Coverage in Rural Areas**

Ian Binks, BT's Regional Head of Resources gave a presentation on broadband access in rural areas, and provided hints and tips on how customers could improve the speed of their broadband connection.

Ken James undertook to circulate copies of the presentation electronically to those present at the meeting that had provided their email address.

**Ken
James**

6. **LJC Update**

The following reports on actions taken on the following matters raised at the previous meeting on 1st October 2009 were noted:

Anti Social Behaviour in Wallop

Meetings had been held with key stakeholders and interested parties to respond to the concerns raised and agree actions.

Representations on the Spatial Strategy for the Countryside outside of Local Centres, Community Hubs and Community Clusters in the Shropshire Core Strategy

The Committee's representations had been fed into the final draft of the Core Strategy, with the reference to the provision of replacement dwellings not being allowed now removed, to be submitted to full Council on 21st January for approval, prior to its final round of consultation. The existing Local Plan policies would be retained in the short term. Instead of being replaced by the Core Strategy, Local Plan policies relating to replacement dwellings would be replaced by the later Site Allocations and Management of Development DPD (SAMDev Development Plan Document). The first round of consultation on the SAMDev would start on 15th February 2010.

Grant Funding Payments

Letters had been sent to organisations confirming approval and setting out the process for payment. 3 grant payments were outstanding with details of payees awaited.

Broadband Coverage in Rural Areas

Shropshire Council's Economic Regeneration Team had surveyed businesses in Shropshire to get their views on how broadband availability and speeds affected them. This will be used as an evidence base for lobbying for better services in Shropshire.

7. Local Policing Update

PC Colin Barrett reported on the incidences of crime in the policing areas covering Loton and Tern since 1st April 2009. He indicated that there had been a reduction in the number of crimes occurring compared with the previous period.

In response to a request from a member of the public, PC Colin Barrett agreed to provide figures at the next meeting for the crimes that had been resolved.

In response to a query from David Roberts, PC Colin Barrett indicated that it was likely that the police could not support the proposed 30 mph speed limit at Yockleton without the inclusion of traffic calming engineering in the scheme.

In response to a statement from a member of the public relating to anti-social behaviour in Wallop and her thanks to the Committee and its officers for their assistance in the matter, PC Colin Barrett outlined the actions he was taking in his involvement on the matter.

**PC Colin
Barrett**

8. Community Working Update

Mathew Mead reported to the meeting as follows:

Playbuilder Funding

A national initiative to invest in outdoor play. Shropshire Council had recently secured Playbuilder status, which would enable the refurbishment or development of play areas, for 8 -13 year olds, across the county over the next two years.

Bomere Heath and Westbury Parish Council's in the Loton and Tern LJC had expressed an interest in applying for Playbuilder funding to develop play areas in their communities.

Charter for Shropshire Councils

The need for a new Charter between all councils in Shropshire following the formation of Shropshire Council as a Unitary Authority. The new Shropshire Charter would assist in building further on the existing strong, collaborative partnership-working between the different councils in the county. A draft Charter has been published and is now out for consultation.

Potential future applications to the LJC for funding

Shrewsbury Squash Club, based next to Shrewsbury Rugby Club, in the Uffington Parish were interested in applying for funding from the Local Joint Committee to upgrade their two squash courts at an estimated cost of £3,600. They aimed to submit a full application ahead of the March LJC meeting.

Yockleton Post Office

The small post office at Yockleton was due to close and the consultation process on future post office services in the area would commence shortly.

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 1st October 2009.

It was **Resolved**:

(a) That the following funding applications be approved:

- Nesscliffe Youth Club - New games equipment - £200
- Wattlesborough Scout Troop - Set up costs to establish new scout troop - £1,000
- Uffington Village Hall - Purchase of new roller shutter to kitchen and window blinds for Village Hall - £2,500
- Great Ness and Little Ness Parish Council - Installation of utilities at Nesscliffe playing field - £2,500
- Wattlesborough Pre School Club - Installation of new outside canopy at Wattlesborough Village Hall for increased outdoor play opportunities - £2,850

(b) That the application from Withington Parish Rooms for improvements works be deferred to the next meeting to enable further time for full quotes to be available and the securing of additional matched funding for the project.

(c) That no grant funding to be offered to Uffington Village Hall Committee at this time for the resurfacing of the car park and instead suitable matched funding opportunities for the project be explored and the request be reconsidered in the future should sufficient matched funding be secured.

10. Future Agenda Items and Questions from the Public

Members of the public were invited to raise any issues of concern and highlight any matters for the Committee to consider at its future meetings.

Issues raised at the meeting included:

- The deteriorating condition of Calcott Lane caused from the lane, which was considered unsuitable for buses, being used as a bus route. In response, Sue Llewellyn indicated that Bicton Parish Council had been working with Shropshire Council in discussions

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with Arriva to try to resolve the issue and in exploring a number of options to restrict traffic on Calcott Lane and reduce the highways maintenance costs

- A request for all funding applications to be channelled to the Local Joint Committee through the relevant Parish Council. Mathew Mead indicated that a requirement to inform the parish council could be introduced as part of the application process so that the parish council's views could be made known to the Committee when it considered its decision. A further member of the public expressed the view that applications for funding should only come forward to the Committee if they had the support of the parish council. In response, Mathew Mead stated that he did not feel that funding applications could be excluded because they were not supported by the parish council and undertook to clarify the position with the Head of Community Working.
- A request from Committee Member Tony Hill for the LJC to look into the possibility of purchasing a Vehicle Activated Speed Restriction Sign to be shared across the parishes in the LJC.

Mathew Mead

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11. Feedback on the Meeting

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

In addition, questionnaires on the operation of this Local Joint Committee were circulated to the Committee Members and the public present for completion and return to the Community Working Service.

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12. Next Meeting

It was **noted** that the next meeting of the Committee would be held on Thursday 25th March 2010 at Upton Magna Village Hall.

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CHAIRMAN.....

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