

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

20th May 2010

Item/Paper**5**

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LOTON AND TERN LOCAL JOINT COMMITTEE
NOTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 25TH MARCH 2010
7.00 – 8.42 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
Mike Dransfield	Great Ness and Little Ness Parish Council
Roy Bayley	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
Amy Mottram, Senior Planning Officer, Shropshire Council
Ken James, Committee Officer, Shropshire Council (Notes)

West Mercia Police

PC Colin Barrett
CSO Lyn Birch
CSO Mark Barnes

There were approximately 28 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), Peter Davies (Withington Parish Council), Tony Hill (Montford Parish Council) and John Everall - Shropshire Council.

Phil Roberts substituted for Bill Bennion.

ACTION

Mike Dransfield substituted for John Cooke.
Ron Lucas substituted for Peter Davies.
Roy Bayley substituted for Tony Hill.

2. **Declarations of Interest**

None made.

3. **Notes of Previous Meeting**

It was **Resolved** that the Notes of the meeting held on 20th January 2010 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

4. **The Planning Process in Shropshire**

Amy Mottram, from Shropshire Council's Development Management Team, gave a presentation on Development Management in Shropshire including how the planning process worked and what considerations the Council took into account when assessing and determining planning applications.

Various questions were raised during the course of the presentation, to which Amy Mottram gave the following indications:

- Significant consideration was being given to Parish Plans and parish council representations when development proposals were assessed.
- The weight given to the new Core Strategy would increase as it progresses through the consultation stages.
- The time allowed for determining planning applications was 8 weeks. This increased to 13 weeks for major schemes and 16 weeks for strategic applications.
- Any backlog of applications had been cleared and any application submitted would be determined within the period allowed.

5. **LJC Update**

The following reports on actions taken on the following matters raised at the previous meeting on 20th January 2010 were noted:

Deterioration of Calcott Lane from use as a bus route

The bus timetable had been changed on 28th February to reduce the level of traffic with only every other bus now using Calcott Lane. It was still accepted that this did not go as far as residents might wish but the service to the Oxon Business Park and Royal Shrewsbury Hospital had to be maintained and Shropshire Council had no control over the use of Calcott Lane as a bus route as it was provided by Arriva as a commercial operation. The Council was looking at how the highways maintenance issue, with damage being caused to the lane, could be resolved.

Request for Parish Council's to be kept informed of the funding applications coming forward to Committee

Applicants were being asked to inform the parish council of their application so that the parish council's views could be made known to the Committee when it considered its decision.

Mathew Mead encouraged those present to include their views on the matter in the LJC evaluation forms circulated at the meeting.

Grant Funding Payments

Stephen Chandler confirmed that approved grant payments had been made to the applicants that had returned their agreements.

Vehicle Activated Speed Sign

The issue of speeding had been raised at a number of LJC meetings, and was of concern to many residents in rural areas.

Parishes who wished to have a vehicle activated sign in their area in a 30 or 40 mph area should contact Shropshire Council and request that they be considered. The Council was currently working through the list of requests, on a first come first served basis, to establish current speeds, suitability of location and cost breakdown.

It was agreed that the condition of Calcott Lane be included on the list of updates at the next meeting and the Vehicle Activated Signs Policy be circulated with the notes of this meeting.

**Ken
James**

6. Local Policing Update

PC Colin Barrett reported on the incidences of crime in the policing areas covering Loton and Tern during February and March 2010 which were generally very low.

Speeding traffic was identified as an issue in the area and the Police undertook to carry out speed checks.

**PC Colin
Barrett**

7. Community Working Update

Mathew Mead reported to the meeting as follows:

Community Grant 2010

The Shropshire Community Fund, a capital grant scheme designed to help community led projects get funding for community buildings and facilities, had opened for applications on 1st March until 4th June.

Two different grant pots were available, one for grants of up to £10,000 and the second for bigger projects, offering grants of between £10,000 and £50,000. In total, £500,000 was available and anyone interested in applying for funding should contact the Community Working Team to see if their project was eligible for funding and obtain an application form.

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 had been published and was now out for consultation.

Vehicle Activated Signs Policy

Shropshire Council adopted its Vehicle Activated Signs Policy in November 2009. The policy was used to assess where the installation of vehicle activated signs would help reduce speeding. The issue of speeding had been raised at a number of LJC meetings and was of concern to many residents in rural areas.

Parishes who wished to have a vehicle activated sign in their area in a 30 or 40 mph zone needed to submit a request to the Council's Traffic Engineers, who were currently working through the list of requests received, on a first come first served basis, to establish current speeds, suitability of location and costs.

Consultation on the Shrewsbury North West Relief Road

A number of exhibitions would be held on the proposed road which was intended to ease traffic on some of the most used roads in Shrewsbury town centre and the rural communities to the west of the town. One of the exhibitions to be held between 22nd and 29th April would take place in this LJC's area at The Four Crosses, Bicton. Full details of dates and times would be published on the Council's website and in the media shortly. The public could let the Council have their views by visiting the Council's website from 12th April.

8. Funding Applications

The Committee considered the report of the Lead Officer setting out details of the funding bids received since the previous meeting on 20th January 2010.

It was **Resolved:**

(a) That the following funding applications be approved:

- Nesscliffe Rounders Club – new equipment and league fees - £327
- Bicton Explorer Scouts – summer camp in Guernsey - £1,500

**Stephen
Chandler**

(b) That £6,000 be ring-fenced from the 2009/10 budget for the application from Withington Parish Rooms for the provision of disabled access and new toilet facilities. That the £6,000 be awarded subject to matched funding being secured from other funding sources and should no matched funding be secured then consideration be given to the remaining costs (£9,750) being met in full from the LJC budget.

**Stephen
Chandler**

(c) That the application from the Loton Hill Climb (50th Anniversary) for the provision of a new spectator shelter be not supported.

(d) That consideration of the application from Bicton Village Hall for new furniture for the hall, including tables and chairs be deferred to await the outcome of an application for funding to Awards for All.

**Mathew
Mead**

(e) That it be noted that the application from Uffington Village Hall for resurfacing of the car park was now being processed through the Community Fund.

9. 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:

- Waste Collection arrangements and the Council's policy if collections are unable to be made due to severe weather. **Ken James**
- Fly-tipping and litter and whether the new rules for entry permits to the Household Recycling Centres had resulted in an increase in incidents of fly-tipping. **Ken James**
- Regeneration of the Flax mill and its link to the renovation of the Shrewsbury/Newport Canal, with possible use of the old Canal route as an alternative access to Haughmond Hill. **Mathew Mead**
- Car parking around Shrewsbury Rugby Club on match days. **PC Colin Barrett**
- Lorry Parking and the provision of a dedicated lorry park for safe parking overnight. **Mathew Mead**

The following suggestions were made for possible future items:

- Waste Collection, Fly-tipping and Litter – invite representatives from Shropshire Council's Waste Management Service and Environmental Maintenance Service to speak at next meeting on 20th May. **Ken James**
- Shrewsbury/Newport Canal Trust – invite the Trust to speak at 15th July meeting. **Ken James**
- Services for Older People within the Community – invite representative from Shropshire Council's Adult Services to speak.
- Healthcare – invite Primary Care Trust to speak.

10. 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.

ALL

11. Next Meeting

It was **noted** that the next meeting of the Committee would be held on Thursday 20th May 2010 at Alberbury Village Hall.

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CHAIRMAN.....

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