

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

15th July 2010

Item/Paper**3**

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LOTON AND TERN LOCAL JOINT COMMITTEE
NOTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 20TH MAY 2010
7.00 – 8.20 p.m.

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Committee Members Present:

David Roberts	Shropshire Council
John Overall	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
Tony Hill	Montford Parish Council
Phil Roberts	Upton Magna Parish Council
Gordon Davies	Westbury Parish Council
Shirley 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
John Wallen, Project Development Manager – Waste Management Service, Shropshire Council
Ken James, Committee Officer, Shropshire Council (Notes)

There were approximately 14 members of the public present at the meeting.

ACTION**1. Peter Davies**

At the commencement of the meeting Stephen Chandler referred with great sadness to the recent death of Peter Davies, who had served on the Committee as a representative of Withington Parish Council, and the Committee paid tribute to his support of the LJC and his work in helping to get the Committee established.

2. Election of Chairman

It was **Resolved** that Councillor David Roberts be elected Chairman for the ensuing municipal year.

3. Apologies for Absence and Substitutions

Apologies for absence were received from Barry Bennion (Upton Magna Parish Council) and Lynne Padmore (Uffington Parish Council).

Phil Roberts substituted for Barry Bennion.

4. Appointment of Vice-Chairman

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

5. Declarations of Interest

Councillor David Roberts – Personal interest – his sister in law was a member of the West Shropshire Flower Club.

6. Notes of Previous Meeting

It was **Resolved** that the Notes of the meeting held on 25th March 2010 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

7. Waste Collections in Severe Weather and Household Recycling Centres

John Wallen, from Shropshire Council's Waste Management Service, gave a presentation on the actions taken to maintain waste collections across the Shropshire Council area during the severe winter weather; the lessons that had been learned; and the proposed arrangements for dealing with such circumstances in the future, including:

- bins to be left out on the pavement until collections were made.
- collections to proceed as per the collection calendar (no suspension of garden waste collections).
- missed bins to be collected following scheduled work each day and on Saturdays.
- missed recycling boxes to be taken back in by householders to avoid tripping hazards and put back out on next scheduled collection day.
- the revised instructions to be included on the new collection calendars when issued.

John Wallen then gave a presentation on the establishment of the Household Recycling Centres throughout the Shropshire Council area; how they operated on a daily basis; the separate arrangements for the disposal of household and trade waste and the action taken to tackle abuses; and the introduction of entry permit requirements, including the vehicles that would require entry permits, those that were exempt and those that were prohibited.

John Wallen commented on the impact that the requirement for entry permits at Household Recycling Centres had had on incidents of fly-tipping across the Shropshire Council area. He indicated that the situation had been closely monitored and there was no evidence to suggest that the levels of fly-tipping on the public highway had increased

since the entry permits had been introduced. He conceded that there was still an issue about the fly-tipping occurring on private land as due to the charge made for removal the Waste Management Service was not always notified.

In conclusion, John Wallen and Donald MacPhail, Managing Director of Shropshire Veolia, answered questions from Members of the Committee and the public during which John Wallen undertook to deal with the following matters raised:

- The cost of collecting fly-tipped materials.
- Rubbish from the bin in the lay-by on the old A5 at Montford Bridge over spilling onto the road and footway.

**John
Wallen**

8. LJC Update

The following reports on actions taken on the following matters raised at the previous meeting on 25th March 2010 were noted:

Deterioration of Calcott Lane from use as a bus route

Further discussions had been held with Arriva on altering the route of bus service 70 (Oswestry – Shrewsbury) so that it did not operate on Calcott Lane but continued to serve Shelton Hospital and Oxon Business Park. It was now proposed to remove all buses, including Sunday, from Calcott Lane by sending the Service 70 direct down the Holyhead Road, turn into Welshpool Road and serve the hospital by turning around on the first roundabout and continuing into Shrewsbury along Welshpool Road and The Mount. This proposal would also restore a 30 minute daytime frequency to Shelton Hospital and parts of Bicton. However, this would also result in the withdrawal of the bus service from the stops between the junction of Calcott Lane / Welshpool Road and Shelton Island but there was minimal use from these stops.

Agreement to these changes has been received in principle from Bicton Parish Council and the local Shropshire Council Members. The views of Shrewsbury Town Council were being sought and subject to the Town Council's agreement to the changes, Shropshire Council would be issuing a press release informing the public of the proposals which would then enable anyone with concerns to make representations prior to any final decision. The Committee's views were invited as part of this process.

Sue Llewellyn reported that it was now hoped that the last bus journey on Calcott Lane would be around 12th June.

Regeneration of the Flax Mill and its links to the restoration of the Shrewsbury/Newport Canal

Mat Mead indicated that though the Council supported the refurbishment of the Shrewsbury/Newport Canal, finances were unable to be provided and it was not a priority in the regeneration of the Flax Mill.

Car Parking around Shrewsbury Rugby Club on match days increasing danger on the road leading to Haughmond Hill

Mat Mead indicated that he would raise the matter at his next meeting with PC Colin Barrett.

**Mat
Mead**

A member of the public contended that traffic conditions on the road to Haughmond Hill were already dangerous and the parking around the rugby club on match days exacerbated the situation. He further contended that following the development of recreation activities at Haughmond Hill there was a need to examine the use of the old canal route as a safe way to access Haughmond Hill, particularly for children cycling.

Provision of a dedicated Lorry Park for safe overnight parking

The scope for including a lorry stop over area at the livestock market was being explored.

Grant Funding Payments

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

Vehicle Activated Signs Policy

A copy of the policy had been circulated with the papers for this meeting.

9. Local Policing Update

PC Colin Barrett was unable to attend.

Mat Mead reported that he had checked with PC Barrett's fellow police officers and they were not aware of any major issues in the LJC area.

He then indicated that the Police were advising everyone to be aware of home security during the summer months in respect of open doors and windows.

10. 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.

Site Allocations and Management of Development Consultation

The new Site Allocations and Development Management (SAMDev) document was the second major planning policy document of the Shropshire Local Development Framework, following the Core Strategy.

The SAMDev would allocate sites for various types of development and set out further detailed policies to guide future development across Shropshire up to 2026, in order to help to deliver the vision and objectives of the Core Strategy.

The first key stage in the preparation of the Site Allocations and Management of Development was called the 'Issues and Options' document. It listed a wide range of potential sites for development and was designed to encourage communities to feed back whether these sites were appropriate for development, or if other alternative sites might also be available. This document was open to consultation between Friday 2nd April and Friday 25th June 2010.

Following the consultation, a second Preferred Options paper would be produced towards the end of 2010, which would list the sites Shropshire Council considered appropriate having taken into account the feedback it had received from local communities. It was therefore important that parish and town councils, community groups and members of the public took part in this consultation.

Road shows to promote the consultation would be taking place and advice was also available from the Planning Policy team at the Shirehall.

Arrangements had been made for a public meeting to be held at Montford Parish Hall on Monday 24th May concerning the sites within the Loton Division.

Community Spaces Lottery Programme

Community Spaces was a £50 million open grants programme funded through the Big Lottery Fund's Changing Spaces initiative. The programme was managed by Groundwork UK. Community Spaces empowered community groups in England to make physical and lasting improvements to public spaces in their neighbourhood, with help and support from a network of trained facilitators. Grants of £10,000-£49,999 were available on a rolling basis until January 2011 and funding of 100% of eligible costs could be made.

There was currently a shortfall of applications for this funding scheme. If any community group was interested in applying, support was available through the Community Working Team and the Council's External Funding Officer.

To be eligible to apply for funding a community group was defined as 'people living in one particular area or a group of people focused on a neighbourhood who are considered as a unit because of their common interests, background, nationality or other circumstances'.

The outcomes sought to be achieved as a direct result of a project were as follows:

- A better local environment
- An increase in access to quality local spaces
- An increase in people actively involved in a practical environmental project
- An improvement in partnership between support organisations, communities and authorities.

Projects had to be within a 2 mile radius of a residential area and projects had to be open to the public 'most of the time'. The applicant had to have freehold or a lease for the land in question.

Examples of projects included community gardens and parks; informal sports areas and multi-use games areas; nature reserves; squares and village greens; creation or improvements to churchyard gardens; ponds and projects which improve the local community's access to green space.

11. Funding Guidelines 2010/11

The Committee considered the adoption of the following guidelines for the assessment of funding applications in 2010/11:

1. The Local Joint Committee will normally only consider funding up to a maximum of £5,000 per project. A separate small grants scheme is also available for grants of up to £350.
2. Projects applying to the Local Joint Committee should notify their local parish council of their application.
3. The Local Joint Committee will give priority to bids where additional matched funding from other sources has been secured. The Community Regeneration officer can help you look for and apply for matched funding.
4. In 2010/11 the Local Joint Committee would like to encourage applications from projects that bring community benefit to people living within the LJC area.
5. The Local Joint Committee may consider in-kind contributions as additional investment (i.e. free staff time, room hire, etc.).
6. One-off revenue costs (e.g. staff time, room hire) for events will be eligible for funding and will be considered by the Local Joint Committee.
7. Bids for ongoing revenue costs (e.g. staff time, room hire, etc) will not be eligible for funding and will not be considered by the Local Joint Committee.
8. Applicants should demonstrate in their bids how the ongoing revenue costs associated with projects will be met (e.g. ongoing maintenance, etc).
9. Copies of 3 quotes for the work you wish to carry out are normally required with applications.

It was **Resolved:**

- (a) That, subject to the Part 2 of the criteria being amended to read "Projects applying to the Local Joint Committee must notify their local parish council of their application" the guidelines for the assessment of funding applications in 2010/11 be adopted.
- (b) That small grants scheme applications be eligible for full funding up to the £350 limit.

12. Funding Applications

The Committee considered the report of the Lead Officer setting out details of the funding bids received since the previous meeting on 25th March 2010.

It was **Resolved**:

(a) That the following funding applications be approved:

- West Shropshire Flower Club – running of training workshops for community groups for flower arranging courses - £575
- Shrewsbury Squash Club – court insulation and refurbishment - £3,250

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Chandler**

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(b) That consideration of the application from Bicton Village Hall for new furniture for the hall, including tables and chairs be referred to the Community Fund as part of a larger scheme for upgrading the hall and its surrounds.

**Mathew
Mead**

13. 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:

- Trees had been felled along the side of the road on Huffley Lane but the stumps still remained posing a danger to motorists.
- Did the School Bus using Calcott Lane cause any issues?
Sue Llewellyn indicated that there was no trouble with the School Bus using Calcott Lane as the problems on Calcott Lane arose from the scheduling of the buses in and out of Shrewsbury clashing and having to pass each other on the narrow lane.
- Speeding traffic through Alberbury and the need for speed cameras to be installed.
Betty Carlyle asked the member of the public raising the matter to attend the next meeting of the parish council to raise his concerns so that the parish council could take the matter forward with Shropshire Council's traffic engineers.

**Ken
James**

The following future items were agreed:

- Shrewsbury/Newport Canal Trust – invite to speak at 15th July meeting.
- Health Provision in the Rural Area - invite representatives from Shropshire Primary Care Trust and Shropshire Council's Adult Services to speak at 14th October meeting.

**Ken
James**

**Stephen
Chandler
/Ken
James**

14. Feedback on the Meeting

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

15. Next Meeting

It was **noted** that the next meeting of the Committee would be held on Thursday 15th July 2010 at Withington Parish Room.

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CHAIRMAN.....

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