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Loton and Tern Local Joint
Committee

7th July 2011

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LOTON AND TERN LOCAL JOINT COMMITTEE
NOTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 3RD FEBRUARY 2011
7.00 – 9.15 p.m.

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Committee Members Present:

John Everall	Shropshire Council
David Roberts	Shropshire Council
Roy Griffiths	Alberbury with Cardeston Parish Council
Malcolm Colclough	Astley Parish Council
Elliott Blackmore	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
Lynne Padmore	Uffington Parish Council
Barry Bennion	Upton Magna Parish Council
Gordon Davies	Westbury Parish Council
Shirley Davies	Withington Parish Council

Shropshire Council Officers present:

Stephen Chandler, Lead Officer, Shropshire Council
Mathew Mead, Community Action Officer
Ken James, Committee Officer

There were approximately 11 members of the public present at the meeting.

ACTION

1. Apologies for Absence and Substitutions

Apologies for absence were received from Betty Carlyle (Alberbury with Cardeston Parish Council) and Sue Llewellyn (Bicton Parish Council).

Roy Griffiths substituted for Betty Carlyle.
Elliott Blackmore substituted for Sue Llewellyn.

2. Declarations of Interest

Barry Bennion – Personal interest in respect of the grant funding application from Upton Magna Parish Council.

3. Notes of Previous Meeting

It was **Resolved** that the Notes of the meeting held on 14th October 2010 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

4. LJC Update

The following reports on actions taken on the following matters raised at the previous meeting on 14th October 2010 were noted:

Road safety works on the B5062 Newport Road, including provision of new speed limit, re-lining of road markings and replacement of damaged signs.

Shropshire Council had secured developer funding from the Haughmond Quarry site and it was proposed to implement a new 50mph speed limit on the B5062 between the Quarry site and Sundorne roundabout, with a reduced 40mph speed limit through the section of bends by the Uffington junction. Informal consultation had been undertaken and it was planned to progress with the formal consultation on the scheme in mid to late February. Safety barriers had recently been erected in the vicinity of the B5062 Uffington junction, with road markings refreshed and the damaged signs replaced.

In response to a query, Mat Mead undertook to check if the works would include a VAS sign.

Mat Mead

Impact on local roads from traffic associated with wind farms and chicken farms in Powys.

For these type of developments any routing for abnormal HGV movement was closely controlled and managed, subject to legal agreements, to minimise disruption on the specified routes that were carefully selected. Where appropriate the developer would be responsible for undertaking any required improvement works.

Shropshire Council was involved in the joint/cross authority task group for the Powys Wind Farms, as the abnormal loads would pass through Shropshire on the Trunk Road (A483). The aim was to minimise any disruption or negative impact upon Shropshire's road network.

Speed checks in Alberbury and Montford.

The findings showed that it was 2 or 3 vehicles a day exceeding the 40 mph speed limit and they were doing so at high speeds. It was considered that a Vehicle Activated Speed Sign would not resolve the issue and there was a need for more proactive enforcement of the speed limit by the Police.

Mat Mead confirmed that the Police would be targeting high speed vehicles.

Purchase of Vehicle Activated Speed Sign for the LJC – sharing of costs with Longden, Ford and Rea Valley LJC.

As many of the parishes within the LJC either already had their own VAS signs or did not require the use of one, individual parishes would now be making applications direct to the Council for VAS signs if they wished.

Great Ness/Little Ness Road in bad state of repair.

In response to the report of John Cooke, Mat Mead undertook to check on arrangements for pot hole filling and surface dressing.

Mat Mead

5. Shropshire Fire and Rescue Service

Andy Johnson from the Shropshire Fire and Rescue Service addressed the meeting outlining a programme of savings that the Fire and Rescue Service was required to make in 2011/12. The aim was to protect front line services in the County and the 23 stations in operation across the Shropshire and Telford and Wrekin areas would continue to be maintained. The emergency response element of the service would remain unchanged but the preventative work undertaken would have to reduce, including the provision of free smoke alarms to now only vulnerable members of the community.

6. Shropshire Council's Budget

Stephen Chandler addressed the meeting on the £30 million savings that Council was required to make in 2011/12 and the projected further £47 million savings it had to make from 2012/13 to 2014/15 to help meet its budget targets. The savings would be made through a combination of reducing operating costs, increasing revenue and sharing resources with other partners. The main aim of the budget changes was to ensure that front line services remained unaffected as far as possible across the County.

7. Health and Social Care Provision in the Rural Area

Samantha Hill from the Shropshire PCT addressed the meeting and on the changes to health care which would be taking place in Shropshire over the coming years. These included a greater role for General Practitioners in commissioning health care services, the responsibility that local authorities would have in the future provision of public health and the potential changes to the services offered at Shrewsbury and Telford hospitals. She also spoke on how joint working between doctor's surgeries, Shropshire Council and voluntary organisations would play a part in future health care provision in the County.

8. Local Policing Update

PC Colin Barrett was unable to attend.

9. Resolutions from Parish Councils

None received.

10. Community Action Update

Mathew Mead reported to the meeting as follows:

Shropshire Council Bus Strategy 2011-2016

Shropshire Council would be touring the county in January and February 2011 to find out the public's views and answer questions about proposed changes to local bus services. A summary of the proposed

changes across all areas was attached to the agenda papers for the meeting.

The Council would be facing some difficult decisions in the short and medium term as financial pressures increased on the budget for the provision of supported local bus services. This would affect the delivery and sustainability of bus services in all areas of the county. Therefore, it was vital to ensure that the available money was targeted at bus services which were essential to daily lives.

The bus strategy had been drafted to define the principles and priorities on which the local bus network would be provided over the next five years - and the Council would like the public to help it shape this.

Copies of the Bus Strategy are available at the Shropshire Council website at:

<http://www.shropshire.gov.uk/traveltransport>

or by calling the Council on 01743 253013 or emailing the Transport team at passtrans@shropshire.gov.uk

A series of road shows would also be taking place across the county in February, where the public could meet public transport staff and ask them questions about your local bus services. The closest road show to this LJC area would be at Pontesbury Parish Hall on Thursday 17th February between 9.30am and 1pm.

Keeping it in the County - Securing the future of hospital services in Shropshire, Telford and Wrekin Consultation 9 December 2010 – 14 March 2011

The local NHS was keen to hear the public's views on proposals to change the way some services were arranged between the Royal Shrewsbury Hospital and the Princess Royal Hospital at Telford. The purpose of the changes was to make sure patients received safe, high quality care and that our two hospitals continued to provide services to the people of Shropshire, Telford and Wrekin and Mid-Wales.

Over the past few years, hospital services had begun to leave our area, including some types of cancer surgery. These services were now provided from other hospitals, because it was not possible to keep the right quality of specialist treatment locally. Changes needed to be made to stop this happening in future to other services. Local senior doctors and clinical staff had been closely involved in helping to develop the proposals.

The Boards of all three local NHS organisations would take into account the feedback from the public consultation when they made a decision in March about whether and how far to proceed with the proposals.

More information could be found about the proposals and views on them given by visiting the Shropshire NHS Trust website at:

www.shropshire.nhs.uk

or by e-mail at ournhsinsat@nhs.net

or by calling them on 01952 580478 or 0800 032 1107

Local Joint Committee Budgets

As a result of the savings Shropshire Council needed to make, there would be some changes to the Local Joint Committees in Shropshire.

Meetings would now take place 2-3 times a year, rather than the current 4, and the budgets would also be reduced by 50% which meant that the Loton and Tern LJC would have a budget of £17,000 in 2011/12.

The LJC would also be helping to assess and distribute Arts Grants in Shropshire, so a further £1,000 would be available to spend on arts projects in the LJC area.

The Community Working Team had now also been renamed the Community Action Team.

Community Building Grants

Grants of to £100,000 could be available. Mathew Mead asked anyone interested to contact him.

11. Funding Applications

The Committee considered the report of the Lead Officer setting out details of the funding bids received since the previous meeting on 14th October 2010.

It was **Resolved:**

(a) That the following funding applications be approved:

- Parochial Church Council, Astley – Renovation of Ancient Bell at St. Mary's Church, Astley - £1,500
- Uffington Village Hall – New Hall Furniture - £1,000
- Upton Magna Parish Council – Support for 2011 Village Fete - £500
- Westbury Parish Council – New Notice Board for Vennington and Vron Gate - £250
- Shrewsbury Dial-a-Ride – New Booking Software and Office Equipment - £750

(b) That the application from Shrewsbury Squash Club for the refurbishment of changing facilities be not supported.

(c) That consideration of the application from Fitz Village Hall for a new porch and separate entrance to the meeting room be deferred to next meeting for the submission of additional quotes.

**Stephen
Chandler**

Mat Mead

Mat Mead

12. Funding Guidelines for 2011/12

It was **Resolved:**

That, with applicants also being required to submit their previous year's accounts with each application and demonstrate the added value that their project would bring to the area, the new guidelines for the assessment of funding applications in 2011/12 be adopted.

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:

- A question was raised about whether the Council would be exposed to court costs, in respect of Veolia’s appeal against the decision to refuse planning permission for the proposed Energy from Waste Facility at Battlefield, that would impact on the Council’s Budget. In response the Chairman indicated that the Council would be meeting the cost of Veolia’s appeal for which budget provision had already been made.

The following items for the meeting on 7th July 2011 were agreed:

- Future Arrangements for Waste Management (if proposed Energy from Waste Facility at Battlefield did not proceed) – Shropshire Council’s Head of Waste Management to be invited to speak.
- Winter Heating Oil Scheme operating in Bicton – a representative of Bicton Parish Council to be invited to speak.

Mat Mead

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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 7th July 2011 at Montford Parish Hall.

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