

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

1 March 2012

Item/Paper**4**

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LOTON AND TERN LOCAL JOINT COMMITTEE**NOTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 24 NOVEMBER 2011
AT 7.00 PM IN ALBERBURY VILLAGE HALL, ALBERBURY**

Responsible Officer: Liz Sidaway
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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
Pam Furber	Bomere Heath and District Parish Council (Substitute)
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:

Mathew Mead, Community Action Officer
Liz Sidaway, Committee Officer

There were approximately 5 members of the public present at the meeting.

32. Welcome and Introductions

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

33. Apologies for Absence and notification of Substitutions

Apologies for absence were received from Mike Wilkie, Bomere Heath Parish Council and John Cooke of Great Ness and Little Ness Parish Council. Pam Furber substituted for Mike Wilkie.

34. Declarations of Interest

Councillor David Roberts declared a personal interest in respect of the Funding Applications Report (Minute 38) as his mother in law was an active member of the Halfway House Ladies Choir.
Councillor Mrs Betty Carlyle declared a personal interest in the Funding Applications Report (Minute Number 38) in respect of the New Lighting System for Alberbury Village Hall as she was a frequent user of the hall.

35. Notes of Previous Meeting

RESOLVED: That the notes of the meeting held on 7 July 2011 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

ACTION

36. Local Policing Update

PC Colin Barrett updated everyone on policing activities within the Loton and Tern area. He reported that the crime figures for burglary in the area had increased and urged householders to remain vigilant and to report any suspicious activities or vehicles to the police. He also reported on the new police number of 101.

37. Resolutions from Parish Councils

None received.

38. Loton and Tern Local Joint Committee Funding Applications

The Community Action Officer presented his report setting out details of the funding bids received since the previous meeting on the 7 July 2011.

Mathew Mead circulated details of the Committee's previous grant allocations which assisted members of the Committee in determining the identification of future Local Joint Committee funding priorities for 2012/13. Members were asked to notify Mathew Mead with any specific requests for the next financial year.

RESOLVED:

That the following funding applications were approved by the Committee outside the formal meetings (in line with the revised delegated authority approved by the Committee on the 7th July 2011) be noted:

- Montford Parish Pantomime 2012 - £900 be granted towards new stage curtains.
- Withington Village Green Committee - £453 be granted towards a new PA system
- Nesscliffe Winter Event - £122 be granted towards insurance for the Christmas lights switch on.

That the following funding applications **be approved:**

- Bomere Heath Cricket Club - Revised application from the application granted in July 2011 (due to anticipated funding from Awards for All for being secured) for the purchase of New Cricket Nets - £2,000 - following consideration members agreed that 50% funding towards the costs of alternative nets be granted - £1,282.00
- Montford Countryside Society - Replacement equipment for the society - £350.00
- Alberbury Village Hall - application for a contribution towards a new lighting system for the Hall - £2,000
- Upton Magna Parish Council - application for a contribution towards the Memorial Hall re-decoration - £1,000
- Halfway House Ladies' Choir - application for a contribution towards a new organ for the Choir - £500.00

It was agreed that the following application **be deferred pending further information**:

- Bicton PCC - Pointing of Bicton Churchyard Boundary Wall - Following careful consideration of this application by the Committee, it was agreed that the consideration be deferred to the next meeting pending further funding information to be sought from the Diocese of Lichfield.

39. **Community Action Update**

Mathew Mead reported on the Community Infrastructure Levy Workshops which were taking place on the 29th November 2011 and the 8th December 2011 to which all Parish Councillors were invited to attend.

40. **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 included:

- **Beet Loading and Transportation:** Problems encountered with beet loading and transportation, concern raised about the public highway in Rowton, which continues to be used as a loading point for beet. Given the nature of the product, it is considered to be dangerous to passing motorists, where a single errant beet could cause significant damage to a vehicle. Is this a 'permitted activity' on the highway?

The Highways Manager responded as follows:

The Senior Highway Technician for this area has visited the farm this morning (22 November 2011) and spoken to the farmer. We have assessed the beet loading operation and consider this to be an acceptable working practice with minimal impact on highway users. There is minimal encroachment across the highway verge with the conveyor when loading lorries.

The farmer advises that 1 or 2 beet did fall of the conveyor onto the verge the other day and that these were cleaned up immediately. As an additional precautionary measure we have requested, and the farmer has agreed to provide a banksman when the conveyor is in use, we have also requested that the conveyor be pulled back so that it does not overhang the verge at all when not in use.

We will continue to monitor and will look to take further action if deemed necessary."

- **Dog Fouling:** The local resident was advised to report the problem of dog fouling to the Environmental Maintenance Team by completing the online reporting form or by contacting the Customer Services Centre at Shropshire Council.
- **Cardboard Recycling:** Is any general concern about the withdrawal of the collection service, and are there any plans to provide practical and financially sound recycling facilities, as it makes no sense for

lots of private cars to be driving miles to take small amounts of cardboard to a recycling centre. The comments would be forwarded to the Waste Management Team.

41. Feedback on the Meeting

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

42. Next Meeting

It was noted that the next meeting of the Committee would be held on Thursday 1st March February 2012 at Upton Magna Memorial Hall to allow consideration of the SAMDev report.

ALL

The meeting closed at 8.00 pm.

CHAIRMAN.....

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