



<u>Committee and date:</u>
Ludlow & Clee Area Local Joint Committee
Tuesday 25 May 2010
7.00 p.m.

<u>Item/Paper</u>
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LUDLOW & CLEE AREA LOCAL JOINT COMMITTEE

NOTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT 7.00PM ON TUESDAY 2 MARCH 2010 IN THE MAIN AUDITORIUM AT THE HARLEY CENTRE, LUDLOW COLLEGE, LUDLOW

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Committee Members Present:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Council</u>
Councillor J Aitken	Ludlow Town Council
Councillor H Chance	Bitterley Parish Council
Councillor E Davies	Richards Castle Parish Council
Councillor Mrs T Huffer	Shropshire Council – Ludlow East Ward
Councillor Mrs I Liddle	Ludford Parish Council
Councillor M Taylor-Smith	Shropshire Council – Ludlow South Ward
Councillor Mrs R Taylor-Smith	Shropshire Council – Ludlow North Ward [Chairman]
Councillor R Tilt	Ashford Carbonel Parish Council
Councillor G Williams	Caynham Parish Council
Insp K Mackaill	West Mercia Police

Officers Present:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Role</u>
Richard Thomas	Lead Officer [LO]
Erica Garner	Support Officer [SO]
Tracy Johnson	Community Regeneration Officer [CRO]
Jane Palmer	Committee Officer [CO]

Also in attendance:

Simon Kenton	Primary Care Trust
David Robson	Primary Care Trust
Dr G Cook	Station Drive Surgery, Ludlow
Dr D Yarham	Portcullis Surgery, Ludlow

There were approximately 200 members of the public at the meeting.

LC/41 Welcome and apologies

The Lead Officer welcomed all to the meeting and all members of the Committee introduced themselves to those present. Apologies had been received from Councillor Paul Andrews [Shropshire Council – Clee Ward] and Mrs Alison Cundall [Cittaslow].

Minute's silence - All present stood in silence as a mark of respect to two former South Shropshire District Councillors Joe Meredith and George Lewis who had both recently passed away. Both had been well respected Councillors, Councillor Joe Meredith had been a Councillor for 40 years and, during that time, had been Chairman of the South Shropshire District three times.

LC/42 Declarations of Interest

The following declarations of interest were made:

Personal:

<u>Councillor</u>	<u>Item</u>
Mrs R Taylor-Smith	Ludlow in Bloom funding application
Mr R Tilt	Ashford Carbonel Village Hall funding application
Mr G Williams	Clee Hill Village Choir funding application

Personal and Prejudicial:

<u>Councillor</u>	<u>Item</u>
Mrs T Huffer	Employee of Station Drive Doctors' Surgery
Mr M Taylor-Smith	Vice Chairman of Ludlow Hospital League of Friends and Shropshire Council representative on the Development Board for the hospital.

LC/43 Notes of the meeting held on 26 November 2009**RESOLVED:**

that the Notes of the meeting of the Ludlow & Clee Local Joint Committee held on 26 November 2009 be approved and signed as a correct record by the Chairman.

LC/44 Ludlow Health Care Facilities for the 21st Century

Simon Kenton and David Robson [Shropshire PCT] gave a short presentation on the proposals for the future health care facilities in Ludlow and its environs for the 21st century.

The headlines of the presentation related primarily to the benefits for patients compared to current services under the main headings of:

- The provision of more health services, nearer home
- The reasons for relocating the two GP surgeries
- The essential need for good transport links in making a trip to the hospital or GP easy
- The unsuitability of the current hospital site as an option for the location of the new facilities
- Getting the bed numbers right
- The importance of local support for the project

With reference to the wealth of public concerns regarding the reduction in bed numbers, Mr Kenton explained the use of beds, the reduced length of hospital stay and the impact of closer working with other agencies.

The Project Manager, Mr Robson gave a resume of the benefits of the Express LIFT procurement programme that provided a means of improving NHS facilities by the PCT working in partnership with other public bodies and developers. He stated that seven prospective partners for the project had been shortlisted with work commencing on site within two years.

Representatives of the Station Drive and Portcullis surgeries, Ludlow, namely Drs Cook and Yarham, then made comments in support of the proposals and explained the limitations of their current surgeries in providing the level of patient care and the level of patient facilities that each surgery would seek to offer into the 21st Century. Dr Yarham stated that the new development as a 'health village' was innovative and the site would allow expansion of the facilities into the future. He urged those present to support the project; failure to do so could result in Ludlow and its environs losing out on a fantastic opportunity to improve healthcare and health facilities in this generation. Dr Cook re-iterated many of the comments and stressed that the current Doctors' surgeries were unfit for future development. He added that the integration of health services in the 'health village' concept represented the way forward. He concluded that, should the project fail to engender local support, it would be at risk with the result that there could be no development/enhancement of healthcare in the area for years to come.

Finally, the Member representatives on the LJC were given the opportunity to make any comments on the proposals. Members voiced wholehearted support for the project and considered that it would be of great benefit to the area and bring the local healthcare facilities into the 21st century.

The presentation was followed by a vibrant public question and answer session that allowed those present to air their views and to receive additional information from the PCT representatives and the local GPs.

On behalf of the Committee and members of the local community, the Chairman, Councillor Rosanna Taylor-Smith, thanked the PCT representatives and the local GPs for their attendance and for providing a wealth of information to those in attendance.

LC/45 Local Crime Statistics

Inspector Ken McKaill presented comparative crime statistics relating to 2008/9 and 2009/10 for the area. He explained that the local policing boundaries were not co-terminus with the LJC boundaries but it was hoped to overcome this discrepancy by alterations to computer software.

He answered questions from the floor relating to the level of a visible policing presence, fear of crime and the imminent introduction of Pubwatch and Shopwatch schemes in Ludlow. He also made those present aware of the telephone numbers for non emergency Police contact [0300 333 3000] and for Crimestoppers [0800 555 111] where callers were dealt with in confidence.

LC/46 Budget 2009/2010 – Community Chest funding applications

The Committee considered a number of applications for funding for the final round of the 2009/10 'Community Chest' budget allocations.

RESOLVED:

i) that the following applications be approved:

<u>Organisation</u>	<u>Grant awarded</u>
Ludlow in Bloom	£120
Stych Brook/Gallows Bank Millenium Green	£2,000
Girl guiding in Ludlow - Centenary celebrations	£250
Ludlow Assembly Rooms, energy management project	£2,000
Ashford Carbonel Village Hall	£1,050
REACH Community Project	£300
'Say No To Litter'	£910

ii) that the following applications be refused:

Messy Play Days - Pre-school Learning Alliance
Ludlow New Voices

iii) that the following six applications be deferred pending receipt of additional information:

Ludlow Green Festival Craft Workshops
Ludlow College Musical production of 'The Boyfriend'
Clee Hill Village choir - purchase of additional music, music folders
Homestart Family Support Project
Caynham Churchyard regeneration
Caynham Broad Place

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LC/47 Shropshire Charter

The information relating to the Shropshire Charter consultation process was noted together with the deadline for the receipt of representations as 31 March 2010 to Shropshire Council's Head of Community Working.

LC/48 Date/Time of next meeting

It was noted that the next meeting of the Ludlow & Clee Local Joint Committee was scheduled to be held at 7.00pm on Tuesday 25 May 2010 in Windsor Conference Centre, The Ludlow Food Centre, Bromfield, Ludlow SY8 2JR

The meeting closed at 9.45 p.m.

Chairman:.....

Date:.....