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Ludlow & Clee Area Local Joint Committee
Tuesday 27 July 2010
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<u>Item/Paper</u>
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LUDLOW & CLEE AREA LOCAL JOINT COMMITTEE

NOTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT 7.00PM ON TUESDAY 25 MAY 2010 IN THE WINDSOR CONFERENCE CENTRE, THE LUDLOW FOOD CENTRE, BROMFIELD, NEAR LUDLOW, SHROPSHIRE

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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
Mrs A Cundall	Cittaslow
Councillor E Davies	Richards Castle Parish Council
Councillor Mrs I Liddle	Ludford Parish Council
Insp K Mackaill	West Mercia Police
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 [Vice Chairman]

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:

Kate Adams	StreetScene Manager, South
Ron Buzzacott	Head of Technical Services, Shropshire Council

There were approximately 20 members of the public at the meeting.

LC/1 Election of Chairman**RESOLVED:**

that Councillor Mrs Rosanna Taylor-Smith be elected Chairman of the Ludlow & Clee Area LJC for the ensuing municipal year.

LC/2 Welcome and apologies

The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting and thanked the Ludlow Food Centre for making the venue available for the meeting and providing refreshments.

LC/3 Appointment of Vice-Chairman**RESOLVED:**

that Councillor George Williams be appointed Vice Chairman of the Ludlow & Clee Area LJC for the ensuing municipal year.

LC/4 Declarations of Interest

There were none.

LC/5 Notes of the meeting held on 2 March 2010**RESOLVED:**

that, subject to the grant awarded to Ludlow in Bloom being amended to read as £386, the Notes of the meeting of the Ludlow & Clee Local Joint Committee held on 2 March 2010 be approved as a correct record of the meeting.

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LC/6 Flooding and Drainage

Shropshire Council's Head of Technical Services, Mr Ron Buzzacott, gave a talk to the Committee on flooding and drainage issues in the area of the LJC with reference to associated long-term planning issues and the aim of the Corvedale and Clee Hill Flood Forum that was to be launched in July 2010. A handout detailing the work of the Flood Forum and an information booklet on flooding and drainage in the County were circulated to all those present at the meeting.

Referring to the Flood Forum, he stated that he was looking forward to the anticipated input from the Parish/Town Council representatives on the Forum that would greatly assist in dealing with local flood/drainage issues by serving as flood monitors and helping to identify flood/drainage 'hot spots'.

Councillor Mrs Imogen Liddle commented that flooding issues brought into question the areas hatched on the maps on display at the meeting for potential development in the area of the Ludlow & Clee LJC given that some of the areas lay within defined flood plains. Councillor Martin Taylor-Smith stressed that the hatched areas illustrated parcels of land that may be available for development but there were not necessarily any plans to build on those areas; they represented areas of land that landowners had indicated they may be prepared to make available for future development.

The Chairman thanked Mr Buzzacott for attending the meeting and for making the flooding and drainage information available.

LC/7 Report from Police and Communities Together [PACT]

Inspector Ken McKaill presented recent crime statistics and commented that the Police figures were not exactly aligned to the LJC area. He made particular reference to the following issues: -

- Continued regard to security at home/work despite the hot weather-
- Juvenile nuisance/under age drinking hotspots in Ludlow and warning letters being sent to parents of young offenders-
- Proxy purchasing of alcohol and the benefits of CCTV-
- Front line Police posts being unaffected by public sector cuts-
- The willingness of the local Police to visit local businesses re crime advice, on request [Given manpower constraints, this would not be offered as a matter of course]-
- Motorcycling on Titterstone Clee/Clee Hill and subsequent liaison with the Parish Council re suitable signage to try to curb this activity

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In answer to concerns raised by a member of the public, Insp MacKaill stated that he could not discuss detail relating to an ongoing investigation of wildlife poisoning on Clee Hill/Titterstone Clee as it may prejudice the enquiry but added that he would be happy to continue the dialogue away from the public meeting.

He reiterated the Police contact numbers of:

- Non-emergencies on telephone number 0300333 3000
- Crimestoppers on telephone number 0800 555 111 [where callers may remain anonymous]
- Emergencies only on '999'.

LC/8 **'A' Boards**

Shropshire Council's StreetScene South Manager, Kate Adams, gave a short presentation on Shropshire Council's 'A' Boards Policy.

She explained that the Policy had been introduced from 1 April 2010 on a trial basis in both Ludlow and Bridgnorth to try to address concerns regarding the safety and aesthetic implications of the signage currently being used in both towns; it was a method of risk mitigation.

Councillor John Aitken stated that Ludlow Town Council was in support of the pilot and suggested that those affected by the Policy receive clarification of the outcome of the 'pilot'. He suggested that a move to enforcement was taking place too fast and the merits of the Policy needed to be made clear to those affected in order to encourage compliance.

The StreetScene Manager agreed that the Policy had been rolled out quickly and recognised that the timescales for compliance could be flexible although this needed to be balanced against the need to ensure its enforcement. She stated that Officers were happy to meet those affected by the Policy individually, if necessary.

Councillor Martin Taylor-Smith stated that negotiations with six traders in Ludlow were ongoing to try to resolve outstanding signage issues in the Quality Square area of the town. The Committee noted that most traders in both towns were willing to support the Policy.

LC/9 **Local Priorities and Area Action Plan**

The Support Officer updated those present on the progress made in developing an Area Action Plan and local priorities for the LJC area. Approval was given by the Committee for this to be shared with the Parish/Town Councils within the area of the LJC. It was agreed that 'social enterprise' be included in the Plan under Green Issues or Lifelong Learning.

RESOLVED:

- i) that social enterprise be added to the Action Plan under 'green issues' or 'lifelong learning';
- ii) that the Action Plan, as amended, be circulated to Parish/Town Councils in the area of the LJC; and
- iii) that the information subsequently received from the Parish/Town Councils be used to identify local priorities for the area of the LJC.

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LC/10 Grant Assessment

The Support Officer explained that the grant assessment form would assist in the future determination of funding applications and leave as little as possible to any subjective judgement. She added that Guidance Notes would be compiled to assist grant applicants in completing the application form.

RESOLVED:

- i) that the grant assessment form be approved;
- ii) that Guidance Notes be compiled to assist funding applicants;
- iii) that future applicants for LJC funding be invited to attend meetings of the LJC to provide any necessary clarification and to answer any questions from members of the Committee.

SO/CRO**LC/11 Budget 2010/2011 – Community Chest funding applications**

The Lead Officer introduced the report and stated that the Committee's funding allocation for 2010/11 was £49,000 and that, with the additional underspend from 2009/10 of £24,090, the Committee's total budget available for 2010/11 was £73,090.

Retention of the 'Community Chest' funding pot was discussed with Members questioning the need of retaining two distinct funding pots. After some deliberation it was agreed that funding would no longer be split into two separate pots and that the grant threshold would 'normally' be £2,000 but applications over and above this figure would be considered and treated on their merits and the guidance notes to applicants would be amended accordingly.

RESOLVED:

- i) that the LJC funding be no longer split into two distinct funding pots;
- ii) that the grant threshold 'normally' be set at £2,000 and applications for funding over and above this figure be considered and treated on their own merits;
- iii) that the Guidance Notes to applicants be amended to reflect the revised funding criteria detailed at (ii) above;

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- iv) that the following applications for funding [deferred from the 2009/10 budget allocation] – Clee Hill Choir [£600], Caynham Broad Place [£300], Ludlow Green Festival Craft Workshops [£500], be approved;
- v) that the application for funding [deferred from the 2009/10 budget allocation] from Homestart Family Support Project for a laptop and related equipment in the sum of £720, be refused;
- vi) that the following applications for 2010/11 funding - Ludlow Youth Festival [£2,000], Ludlow and Clee Homestart, child car seats [£144.95], Nash Parish Hall heaters [£1,033.53], Ludlow Food and Drink Festival lamppost banners [1,000], be approved;
- vii) that the application from the Clee Hill Rugby Football Club be deferred to allow further work on the application and to establish whether the application could be worked up from a different approach.

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LC/12 Financial Feedback on the Ludlow & Clee Area LJC

Members noted that the financial information included projects funded during the pilot phase of the Committee. The information presented related to projects approved up to 31 March 2010.

LC/13 Consultation on site allocations and the management of development in the Ludlow & Clee LJC area

It was noted that Ludlow Town Council would be fully considering this information at a special meeting at 7pm on Monday 7 June 2010 at the Ludlow Conference Centre. Those present were signposted to the Town Council's meeting and attention was drawn to the maps on display. The Chairman commented that all Shropshire Parish/Town Councils had been sent the explanatory DVD that could also be accessed from Shropshire Council's website.

It was stressed that the hatched areas on the plans illustrated areas of land that landowners had indicated may be available but this did not mean that the land was necessarily suitable for any future development. Comment was made relating to missed development opportunities within the envelope of the town without having recourse to development on the edge of the town.

LC/14 Public Question Time

Social enterprise was suggested as a future agenda item.

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A request was made for a Police presence on Clee/Titterstone Clee to combat unfortunat incidents e.g. fly tipping, poisoning of peregrines, 4x4 events, motorcycling etc.

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LC/15 Date/time of next meeting

It was noted that the next meeting of the Ludlow & Clee Area Local Joint Committee was scheduled to be held at 7.00pm on Tuesday 27 July 2010 at the Clee Hill Village Hall, Ludlow Road, Clee Hill, Shropshire SY8 3NZ.

The meeting closed at 9.05 p.m.

Chairman:.....

Date:.....