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Ludlow & Clee Area Local Joint Committee	3
Tuesday 26 October 2010	Public
7.00 p.m.	

LUDLOW & CLEE AREA LOCAL JOINT COMMITTEE

NOTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT 7.00PM ON TUESDAY 27 JULY 2010 IN CLEE HILL VILLAGE HALL, CLEE HILL, NEAR LUDLOW, SHROPSHIRE

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Committee Members Present:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Council</u>
Councillor J Aitken	Ludlow Town Council
Mrs A Cundall	Cittaslow
Councillor E Davies	Richards Castle Parish Council
Councillor Mrs T Huffer	Shropshire Council
Councillor R Huffer	Shropshire Council
Councillor N Kerr	Bitterley Parish Council
A/Insp G Preece	West Mercia Police
Councillor M Taylor-Smith	Shropshire Council
Councillor Mrs R Taylor-Smith	Shropshire Council [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]
Jane Palmer	Committee Officer [CO]
Tracy Johnson	Community Regeneration Officer [CRO]

Also in attendance:

Councillor Keith Barrow	Shropshire Council, Leader
Mr David Dickens	Shropshire Fire Service, South District
Mrs Jean Jarvis	Chief Executive, South Shropshire Furniture Scheme
Mr Graeme Perks	Skillbuilders
Ms Laura Rowley	Shropshire Council, Director of Resources

There were approximately 45 members of the public at the meeting.

LC/16 Welcome and apologies

The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting and thanked the Clee Hill village choir for their rendition prior to the start of the meeting.

LC/17 Declarations of Interest

The Committee Chairman, Councillor Mrs R Taylor-Smith and Councillor M Taylor-Smith both declared personal interests in two of the grant applications from the Friends of Whitcliffe Common and the Ludlow Assembly Rooms and Councillor J Aitken declared a personal interest in the funding application relating to St Laurence's church as a member of the St Laurence's Conservation Trust.

LC/18 Notes of the meeting held on 25 May 2010**RESOLVED:**

that, subject to the deletion of Mrs A Cundall from the list of those in attendance, the Notes of the meeting of the Ludlow & Clee Area Local Joint Committee held on 25 May 2010 be approved as a correct record of the meeting.

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LC/19 Shropshire Council's Budget Presentation

Shropshire Council's Leader, Councillor Keith Barrow and the Director of Resources made a presentation about the key messages relating to the Council's Revenue budget 2010/11 and future years. Copies of the slides and the key messages were tabled for information at the meeting.

The Leader stated that the Council had to make £50M savings over the next 3 years – this was being achieved by looking at the Council's internal mechanisms [how to manage with less] and new ways of service delivery for example by working with the voluntary sector.

He stated that difficult decisions would need to be made and urged those present to contribute to the process by sharing their ideas at this meeting, via the Council's web site or by making representations to their local Councillor.

Details of the questions raised are attached to the Notes of this meeting.

LC/20 Social Enterprise presentations**South Shropshire Furniture Scheme**

A presentation was made by Jean Jarvis, Chief Executive of the South Shropshire Furniture Scheme, on social enterprise using the South Shropshire Furniture scheme to illustrate what she had to say. A copy of the presentation slides is included with the official record of this meeting.

She gave a history of the Furniture Scheme from its beginnings with a grant of £1,500 in 1994 to its present day operations that included not only furniture recycling but also trainee craftsmen, IT training, the Renaissance Centre and tea shop [from 2004], a warehouse open to the public [from 2008], the Shropshire Reuse Centre [from 2010] and 'Reviive' located on the Battlefield Business park in partnership with Veiolia using furniture from the Waste Transfer Station [from 2010].

She explained that, in her capacity as a Social Enterprise Ambassador for the West Midlands, the South Shropshire Furniture Scheme was used as a show case project that could be shown to interested parties; a charge was made for this service.

She explained the importance of the services and the training provided by the Scheme and cited examples of other notable, model social enterprise schemes in operation, namely Hill Holt Wood, Lincolnshire, the Fire Hose Company, Cybermoor, Alston Moor, Cumbria and the Divine Chocolate Company.

Skillbuilders

Graeme Perks of 'Skillbuilders' made a presentation on local procurement and the importance of spending locally and, in times of less, encouraging people to do more for themselves and each other.

He drew attention to the endeavours of the Community Council for Shropshire that was taking a lead in supporting the voluntary sector. He added that south Shropshire had a proven track record of working altruistically for the common good.

He urged the Council to support local procurement by locally sourcing as many goods as possible and choosing to spend local money locally.

Following both presentations, the Committee Chairman thanked Jean Jarvis and Graeme Perks for attending the meeting and for providing a wealth of information on social enterprise.

LC/21 Report from Police and Communities Together

Acting Inspector Graham Preece presented an overall improving picture on recent crime statistics for the LJC area and answered questions raised from the floor relating to the progress on recent investigations and the continued willingness of the Police to become involved in local projects.

He made particular reference to the drive to make Ludlow a safer place to visit in the evening and provided details of the 'Ludlow Pub Watch' initiative that was currently assisting in reducing the level of proxy purchasing of alcohol amongst young people.

In answer to a query from the floor requesting an update on the progress made on a case of bird poisoning on Titterstone Clee he stated that the Police has taken this matter very seriously and had worked closely with the RSPB but the necessary evidential burden of proof had not been achieved. He added that anyone with any information could contact Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111 and further enquiries would then be made.

LC/22 Ludlow Community Alcohol Project

The Chairman drew attention to the information leaflets available at the meeting relating to a newly launched initiative, the Ludlow Community Alcohol Project, a pilot scheme that was seeking to reduce the number of incidents of under age drinking in the area.

LC/23 Shropshire Fire and Rescue Service

Mr Dave Dickens, Shropshire Fire and Rescue Services, southern Manager, made a presentation to the Committee on the current level of service and the potential impact of the imminent £3M reduction in funding over the next 3-4 years.

He explained that 38% of funding came from Central Government [£8M] and 62% from local Council Tax payers [£13M] and added that the Shire brigades were more reliant on funding from Council Tax payers than their urban counterparts. The Committee noted that 75% of funding was used for salary payments and stressed that currently there were no suggested reductions in the number of fire stations in the county.

The Committee noted the information, thanked Mr Dickens for his presentation and noted that he may like to provide a further update to a future meeting of the LJC.

LC/24 Engaging and Supporting Young People

The Committee considered the report relating to initial thoughts on how best to engage with local young people and to support projects and initiatives that work with young people in the area in the context of the Council's current budgetary position.

AGREED

- i) that the International Youth Day event, being held at the Ludlow Youth Centre on 12 August 2010, be supported in the sum of £150; and
- ii) that youth initiatives be further discussed at the next meeting of the LJC on 26 October 2010.

TJ/RHT**JP****LC/25 Budget 2010/2011 – Community Chest funding applications**

The Lead Officer introduced the report and stated that the Committee's total budget available for 2010/11 amounted to £73,090 and the remaining balance for allocation currently stood at £67,511.52.

The Committee then considered a number of applications for funding.

AGREED

i) that the following applications for funding 2010/11, be approved as follows:

- Titterstone Clee Heritage Trust - Autumn Country Crafts and Wild Food Fayre - £786
- Special Music Projects - St Laurence's Ludlow - repair to the historic organ - £740
- Ludlow Assembly Rooms - boiler replacement - subject to any adjustment following the possible receipt of funding from elsewhere the LJC agreed to fund the cost in full if necessary - £22,044.41
- Friends of Whitcliffe - replacement geology board - £1,087.
- Clee Hill Rugby Football Club - £6,500 towards the stage 1 works of changing room conversion and refurbishment

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ii) that the following applications for funding 2010/11, be refused, as follows:

- Morning Star - The Nazarean Order of the Essene UK.
- Appletree Theatre Company - Castle Connections.
- Caynham Church - heating.
- Knowbury Church - restoration.
- Ludlow Harmony - Ladies' Barbershop Choir

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iii) that consideration of the following applications be deferred, as follows:

- Nash Parish Hall - table tennis table and storage-[quotations outstanding]
- Nash Parish Hall - replacement of 3 windows in the Parish Hall-[quotations outstanding]
- Homegrown 'Opportunities on your doorstep' - delegated to the Chairman/Lead Officer to approve subject to the outstanding issues having been satisfactorily answered/addressed [£400]

TJ

RHT

It was noted that the total funding allocated at the meeting totalled £31,307.41 [including the £150 towards the International Youth Day agreed earlier in the meeting], therefore leaving a balance of £36,204.11 for future allocation.

LC/26 Rural highway conditions in southern Shropshire

Councillor M Taylor-Smith, in his capacity as Shropshire Council's Portfolio Holder for Strategic Planning and Transport, updated the Committee on the work scheduled to be undertaken throughout the county to resurface a number of roads.

He stated that the market towns would be benefitting from this work and that Mill Street and Broad Street in Ludlow were included in the programme of works. The Committee noted the information provided.

LC/27 Current Consultations – Shropshire Council

The ongoing consultations, as detailed on the Shropshire Consultation Portal, were noted.

LC/28 Site allocations and management of development [SAMDEV]

Ludlow Town Council's response was noted and Councillor Aitken added that there was a positive, ongoing dialogue on the issues between the Ludlow Town Council and the Ludford Parish Council.

LC/29 Public Question Time

Questions were raised from the floor relating to: -

- The Council's A Boards Policy-
- Issues relating to obstructions in Harp Lane-
- The amount of Shropshire Council spend on road improvements-
- Initiatives to deal with 'environmental crime' e.g. fly tipping, dog control

It was noted that Ludlow Town Council and Shropshire Council were working together to address the issues surrounding Harp Lane. Referring to road improvements, Councillor m Taylor-Smith assured the Committee that, once any dangerous issue had been reported to the Council, the response rate was quick and efficient. He added that the Council had a budget of £1.1M to spend on road improvements in the county with an additional £1.85M from Central Government.

Referring to environmental crime, Councillor M Taylor-Smith stated that over £400M was spent annually countrywide in cleaning up other people’s mess and added that there was a hot line for incident reporting Tel: 0345 678 9006.

The Committee noted the use of ‘on the spot’ fines to deal with problems such as dog fouling, fly tipping etc. and assured those present that the Council was prepared to pursue matters in court should this be necessary and appropriate.

LC/30 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 26 October 2010 at the Bitterley Village Hall, Bitterley, Shropshire SY8 3HQ.

The meeting closed at 9.20 p.m.

Chairman:.....

Date:.....