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Ludlow & Clee Area Local Joint Committee	<b>3</b>
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## LUDLOW & CLEE AREA LOCAL JOINT COMMITTEE

### NOTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT 7.00PM ON TUESDAY 26 OCTOBER 2010 IN BITTERLEY VILLAGE HALL, BITTERLEY, NEAR LUDLOW, SHROPSHIRE SY8 3HQ

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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 Mr R Huffer	Shropshire Council
Councillor Mrs T Huffer	Shropshire Council
Councillor Mrs I Liddle	Ludford Parish Council
PC P Sparrow	West Mercia Police, Rural Policing Team
Councillor M Taylor-Smith	Shropshire Council
Councillor Mrs R Taylor-Smith	Shropshire Council <b>[Chairman]</b>
Councillor R Tilt	Ashford Carbonel Parish Council
Councillor G Williams	Caynham Parish Council <b>[Vice Chairman]</b>

#### **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:**

Matt Smith	Rural Regeneration Zone [RRZ]
Clive Leworthy	Community Council of Shropshire

There were approximately 35 members of the public at the meeting.

**LC/31 Welcome and apologies**

The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting and thanked the residents of Bitterley village for the use of their hall.

**LC/32 Declarations of Interest**

Councillor Mrs R Taylor-Smith and Councillor M Taylor-Smith both declared personal interests in the grant application from Ludlow in Bloom.

**LC/33 Notes of the meeting held on 27 July 2010****RESOLVED:**

that, subject to the corrected spelling of Mr Ker in the list of those in attendance, the Notes of the meeting of the Ludlow & Cleve Area Local Joint Committee held on 27 July 2010 be approved as a correct record.

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**LC/34 Rural BroadBand Pilot Project - presentation**

A presentation was given by Matt Smith from the Rural Regeneration Zone [RRZ] on the rural Broadband pilot project that was being rolled out in north Herefordshire/south Shropshire, as follows:

- From October 25 - the Tenbury Wells and central project area-
- From 8 November - the Ludlow area-
- From 6 December - the Leominster area

It was noted that the project would provide 100% wireless Broadband coverage over the whole of the project area and, on the back of bespoke business packages, coverage would also be supplied to domestic users.

Matt Smith explained that the project was sustainable and would assist the small businesses in Shropshire; Shropshire being one of the top three areas in the country that had managed to sustain small business survival in these testing times.

He concluded by explaining that further information on the project could be obtained on [info@air-band.co.uk](mailto:info@air-band.co.uk) or by telephone on 0800 035 0025.

A copy of the presentation slides is included as part of the official record of this meeting.

Councillor M Taylor-Smith drew attention to Shropshire Council's ongoing project to introduce a fibre optic network across the county by March 2011 that would provide a Broadband facility across the Council's area. He added that the pricing would be commensurate with other suppliers and that the resultant infrastructure would facilitate the development of services, for example, the development of e-books within Library Services.

On behalf of the Committee, the Chairman thanked Matt Smith for attending the meeting and providing the information relating to the rural Broadband project.

#### **LC/35 Volunteering Opportunities - presentation**

Clive Leworthy from the Community Council of Shropshire gave a short presentation on the volunteering opportunities in Shropshire.

It was noted that three rural outreach support workers worked in the county in the role of 'brokers' for volunteering opportunities and to recruit and suitably place volunteers with local, national and international voluntary organisations.

He cited the example of good practice illustrated by the Ludlow Partnership; a successful volunteer forum that provided accredited training and promoted high standards of volunteering.

He drew attention to the national website detailing national and local volunteering opportunities on [www.do-it.org.uk](http://www.do-it.org.uk)

The Chairman thanked Mr Leworthy for his presentation.

#### **LC/36 Report from Police and Communities Together**

Local Police Constable Paul Sparrow from the rural policing team presented the current picture on recent crime statistics for the LJC area and drew attention to the improved detection rates.

He stressed the importance of public eyes and ears assisting in the rural area and encouraged public participation in the 'Rural Watch' scheme.

He answered questions from the floor relating to:

- Mobile phone usage by drivers
- Night time metal detecting in the Ludford area

Those present noted the non emergency contact number as 0300 333 3000 and emergency numbers of either 999 or 112 and the email contact for the local policing teams on [lpt@westmercia.pnn.police.uk](mailto:lpt@westmercia.pnn.police.uk)

It was noted that the policing team would be happy to be available to answer public concerns half an hour immediately prior to future meetings of the LJC; this would be publicised for the next meeting.

#### **LC/37 Market Towns Revitalisation Project**

The Chairman drew attention to the excellent news relating to the market Towns Revitalisation project that would see £400k available for capital projects in Ludlow that represented an important windfall to the community.

Improved public toilet provision was mooted as an important issue that should be considered for funding as part of this project. It was noted that local toilet provision was being offered to local Parish/town Councils that may wish to take over their local facilities from Shropshire Council.

#### **LC/38 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 £35,804.11

The Committee then considered a number of applications for funding.

#### **AGREED**

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

- **Nash Parish Hall** – one table tennis table - £459.
- **Nash Parish Hall** - 3 replacement UPVC windows - £1,400.
- **Ludlow Conference Centre** - refurbishment - £2,000.
- **Onny Juniors** – coach training [subject to confirmation of ability to pay annual rent – delegated to Lead Officer/Chairman to action] - £799
- **Winter Into Spring** - weekly sessions for people with learning disabilities - £1,570.
- **Ludlow Amateur Boxing Club** - new purpose built facility - £7,000.
- **Caynham village hall** - decorating materials - £500.
- **Engineering Clubs in Ludlow schools** - engineering project into schools - £1,450.
- **Lower Broad Street residents** - Information Board - £444 [subject to the grant of the necessary advertisement consent].
- **Ludlow in Bloom** - tiered planters - £1,990

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

- **Youthful Communities** - the LJC is unable to commit to a 3 year project-
- **Ludlow Tourism and official public website** - unnecessary duplication of existing provision

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iii) that consideration of the following applications be **deferred** pending receipt of additional information/clarification, as follows:

- **Young People and Alcohol Peer Education Project-**
- **South Shropshire Peer Information Network**

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It was noted that the total funding allocated at the meeting totalled £17,612 therefore leaving a balance of **£18,192.11** for future allocation.

#### **LC/39 Future process for LJC grant funding deliberations**

The Committee agreed that, in future, its major debate on grant applications would take place at its agenda planning meetings and that the information from these meetings would be presented in the public forum for confirmation by the Committee.

It was agreed that the Committee would begin this new style of working from its February 2011 meeting date.

#### **LC/40 Financial Feedback on the Ludlow & Cleve Area LJC**

The financial feedback was noted and it was acknowledged that the figures were a snapshot in time as at 31 July 2010 and did not necessarily tally with the figures noted as part of the Committee's consideration of grant applications earlier in the meeting.

#### **LC/41 Current Consultations – Shropshire Council**

The ongoing consultations were noted, as detailed on the Shropshire Consultation Portal relating to:

- Wheelchair accessible taxis; and
- The next steps for mental health care in Shropshire, Telford and the Wrekin

**LC/42 Public Question Time**

Questions were raised from the floor relating to:

- Road resurfacing in Brand Lane, Broad Street, Ludlow.
- The future use of the biodigester on the Eco Park.
- Food waste/green waste collections.
- Home composting \* this was suggested as a topic of interest for a future agenda

Brand Lane/Broad Street, Ludlow road resurfacing – it was noted that the funding for these works had been allocated to Shropshire Council by the previous Government following the severe weather during the winter of 2010 and it was anticipated that the new surface would be more durable and would reduce the need for continual ‘patching’ of the surface.

Future use of the Biodigester, the Eco Park, Ludlow – The Chairman explained that the weekly separate food collections in Ludlow, Craven Arms and Church Stretton that had been started in May 2007, funded by WRAP, had been a pilot project that had not been planned to run beyond September 2010. Food waste would be collected every other week as part of the green waste collection or as part of the weekly black sack collection.

Some of those present strongly believed that cessation of the separate food waste collection service was a retrograde step particularly given that food waste was now being delivered to the biodigester facility from outside the county.

Home composting – a member of the public suggested that a feature on home composting might be of interest to the local community particularly given the removal of the separate food waste collection service. The Committee agreed to consider this issue as an agenda item at a future meeting of the LJC.

**LC/43 Date/time of next meeting**

It was noted that the next meeting of the Ludlow & Cleve Area Local Joint Committee was scheduled to be held at 7.00pm on Tuesday 22 February 2011 at the Ashford Carbonel Village Hall, Ashford Carbonel, Shropshire SY8 4DB.

The meeting closed at 9.05 p.m.

Chairman:.....

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