


Committee and date:

Ludlow & Clee Area Local
Joint Committee

Thursday 23 June 2011

7.00 p.m.

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LUDLOW & CLEE AREA LOCAL JOINT COMMITTEE

**NOTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT 7.00PM ON TUESDAY 22 FEBRUARY 2011 IN
ASHFORD CARBONEL VILLAGE HALL, ASHFORD CARBONEL, NEAR LUDLOW,
SHROPSHIRE SY8 4DB**

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Committee Members Present:

Name
Council

Councillor J Aitken	Ludlow Town Council
Councillor H Chance	Bitterley Parish Council
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
PS G Preece	West Mercia Police, Rural Policing Team
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:

Name
Role

Richard Thomas	Lead Officer [LO]
Erica Garner	Support Officer [SO]
Jane Palmer	Committee Officer [CO]
Tracy Johnson	Community Action Officer [CAO]
Vicky Turner	Community Action Officer [CAO]

There were approximately 40 members of the public at the meeting.

ACTION

LC/43 Welcome and apologies

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

Apologies were received and noted from Mrs Alison Cundall, Cittaslow.

LC/44 Declarations of Interest

Members declared personal interests as follows:

<u>Member/s</u>	<u>Item</u>
G Williams	Funding applications re Knowbury Memorial Hall
H Chance	Funding application re Bitterley Village Hall
R Taylor-Smith	)
M Taylor-Smith	)
T Huffer	)
R Huffer	) Funding application re vehicle activated signs
I Liddle	)
E Davies	)
J Aitken	)
G Williams	)

LC/45 Notes of the meeting held on 26 October 2010

Referring to Minute LC/38, the Committee Chairman stated that she had been provided with update information relating to the Onny Juniors funding application.

RESOLVED:

that the Notes of the meeting of the Ludlow & Clee Area Local Joint Committee held on 26 October 2010 be approved as a correct record of the meeting.

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LC/46 Report from Police and Communities Together

Local Police Sergeant Graham Preece from the rural policing team presented the current picture on recent crime statistics for the LJC area and drew attention to the reduction in burglary rates [non dwelling] from the same period the previous year. Agricultural crime figures remained static and instances of theft of fuel were less than the previous year although neighbouring policing areas had suffered an increase.

It was noted that the current redeployment of PC Sparrow from the rural policing team was a temporary measure [for 2 months] in order to secure sufficient policing levels on the local response team 24/7. PS Preece stated that there was no intended reduction in Police Officer numbers in the local policing area and stated that any reductions would come from retiring staff or from those gaining employment elsewhere.

PS Preece answered questions from the floor relating to:

- Enforcement of the 30mph speed restriction on Sheet Road, Ludlow [and those present noted the funding application to be considered later in the meeting on speed activated signage]
- Designated Public Place Order [DPPO] - It was noted that there was no intention to introduce such measures in Ludlow and that the Police could draw on other powers to combat local public disorder and drinking in public places.

Those present noted the non-emergency number as 0300 333 3000 and emergency numbers either 999 or 112.

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

LC/47 Shropshire Fire and Rescue Service [SFRS]

Dave Dickens, Shropshire Fire & Rescue Group Manager updated the Committee on the content of the Briefing Note available at the meeting. He drew attention to the £4M budget cuts to be sustained by SFRS over the next 4 years but stressed that most of the planned changes would be invisible to the local community e.g. 10% staff reduction, increased life expectancy for fire engines, management reduction. The changes that would be visible to the public would be a change of approach in the provision of fire safety guidance.

In answer to a question from the floor he stated that electric blanket safety checks would continue to be offered and would be advertised in the local press/local radio etc. Those present noted the advice line number for community safety staff as 01743 260260

It was noted that joint working between organisations in future was being promoted, for example the Council's new Chief Finance Officer would also be serving as the CFO for the Shropshire Fire and Rescue Service. Shropshire Council would also be providing IT support to the Fire Service and Fire Service towers were to be used for Broad Band provision.

LC/48 Shropshire Council's Budget

The Lead Officer conveyed the main messages relating to Shropshire Council's current budget situation. Despite the budget reductions, the Committee Chairman presented the 'good news' story relating to the Market Towns Revitalisation Programme that would see £400k available for appropriate projects in the town. It was noted that a special meeting of the LJC was being held at 7pm on 30 March 2011 in the Harley Centre, Ludlow college when projects submitted would be considered.

Those present received an update on the staffing cuts being made by Shropshire Council where the staffing levels had been reduced by 500 with no compulsory redundancies having been made to date. It was acknowledged that savings were being made based on efficiency saving measures and the drive to reduce wastage and duplication.

LC/48 Budget 2010/2011 – Community Chest funding applications

It was noted that the Committee's total budget for 2010/11 amounted to £73,090 with a balance of £18,192.11 remaining available for allocation.

RESOLVED

i) that the following applications for funding be approved:

- Ludlow Women's Centre - water supply - £2000.
- Knowbury memorial hall - redecoration materials only - £500
- Grow,Cook, Share Garden shelter - balance to fund the lowest of the three quotes in the sum of £574 .
- South Shropshire Rounders Development Project - coaching and umpire training - £1,000. .
- Marches Feast of Words Literary Project - reading and story telling with children's authors/illustrators in rural schools in the area - £2,000.
- Vehicle activated signs - Ludlow, Caynham, Richards Castle and Ludford working in partnership for 2 signs at various sites in their areas - £6,240

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ii) that the following applications for funding be refused: .

- South Shropshire Peer Information Network - leaflet detailing youth activities in the area. .
- Knowbury Village Memorial Hall - car park resurfacing

iii) that the following applications be noted as withdrawn/deferred: .

- Young People and Alcohol Peer Education Project - withdrawn by applicant prior to the meeting. .
- Bitterley Village Hall - energy efficiency improvements - deferred subject to receipt of the three required quotations.
- Ludlow Queen's Diamond Jubilee celebrations 2012 - deferred as premature at this time, applicant advised to submit a fuller application later in the year.

LC/49 Annual Review

The outgoing Community Action Officer [Tracy Johnson] provided an overview of the work of the LJC and the local projects that had been supported in the Ludlow & Clee area over recent months.

The new Community Action Officer [Vicky Turner] who would be working with the LJC made her introductions and stated that she looked forward to her work in the area.

LC/50 Current Consultations – Shropshire Council

The ongoing consultations, as detailed on the Shropshire Consultation Portal, were noted, together with the information available on Shropshire Council's consultation on the Bus Strategy 2011-16 and the future of hospitals in Shropshire, Telford and the Wrekin.

LC/51 Public Question Time

Questions were raised from the floor relating to the following issues:

- Clee Hill toilets - local opposition to the closure of the toilets was voiced with the potential for a 'stay of execution' being mooted should a consortium of local businesses and contractors agree a way forward. The groundswell of local opinion on this issue was debated at some length and it was anticipated that Shropshire Council would encourage local dialogue to make every attempt to resolve this issue.
- Ludford Bridge, Ludlow - the current temporary closure of this bridge drew comments on its unsuitability for HGVs although the length of vehicles using the bridge was considered by some to be more problematic than their weight. It was agreed that this issue be fully discussed and should feature on the agenda for the next ordinary meeting of the LJC in June 2011.
- Telephone directory detail - some concerns were voiced regarding the telephone directory in which properties south of Ludlow featured. It was generally considered that this area should feature in both the Shropshire and the Herefordshire directories. A meeting was being held with BT and Councillor Martin Taylor-Smith who would report the local representations on this issue.

JP add to
next
agenda

LC/52 Date/time of next meeting

The Chairman stated that an additional, special meeting of the LJC would be held at 7pm on 30 March 2011 in the Harley Centre, Ludlow college, Castle Square, Ludlow when projects submitted as part of the Market Towns Revitalisation Programme would be considered.

It was noted that the next ordinary meeting of the Ludlow & Clee Area LJC would be held at 7.00pm on Thursday 23 June 2011 at Oscars, Ludlow Assembly Rooms, 1 Mill Street, Ludlow SY8 1AZ.

The meeting closed at 9.00p.m.

Chairman:.....

Date:.....