



<u>Committee and date:</u>	<u>Item/Paper</u>
Ludlow & Clee Area Local Joint Committee	5A
Thursday 23 June 2011	Public
7.00 p.m.	

LUDLOW & CLEE AREA LOCAL JOINT COMMITTEE

NOTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT 7.00PM ON WEDNESDAY 30 MARCH 2011 AT THE HARLEY CENTRE, LUDLOW COLLEGE, CASTLE SQUARE, LUDLOW, SHROPSHIRE SY8 1GD

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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 Mrs T Huffer	Shropshire Council
Councillor Mrs I Liddle	Ludford Parish Council
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>
Jane Palmer	Committee Officer [CO]
Vicky Turner	Community Action Officer [CAO]

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

LC/53 Welcome and apologies

The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting.

Apologies were received and noted from Councillor Edward Davies [Richards Castle Parish Council], Councillor Richard Huffer [Shropshire Council], Richard Thomas [Lead Officer] and Erica Garner [Support Officer].

In the absence of the Lead and Support Officers, the Chairman placed her thanks on record for their hard work and valuable contribution to the work of the LJC and stated that, due to managerial restructuring and changes to the LJC processes, neither Officer would be involved in the future work of the Committee. She then introduced Vicky Turner, the new Community Action Officer, who would be working in future in the area covered by the LJC.

LC/54 Declarations of Interest

Members declared personal interests as follows:

<u>Member</u>	<u>Item</u>
J Aitken	Friend of Ludlow Assembly Rooms
Mrs I Liddle	Friend of Ludlow Assembly Rooms
Mrs R Taylor-Smith	Friend of Ludlow Assembly Rooms and Shropshire Council's representative on the Board of Ludlow Assembly Rooms
M Taylor-Smith	Friend of Ludlow Assembly Rooms and Shropshire Council's representative on the Board of Governors of Ludlow College

LC/55 Market Towns Revitalisation Programme [MTRP]

Mark Pembleton, Shropshire Council's Head of Economic Development, updated the Committee on the local projects that would benefit from the £400k funding for Ludlow from the Market Towns Revitalisation Programme [MTRP]. He explained that the Programme had made £2.5 M available in the county to support the larger towns. He stated that this funding had been made available from Shropshire Council to combat the effects of the recession that had become apparent following research that had been conducted and the Council's subsequent recognition of the need to act quickly.

He commented that the Programme allowed local Councillors to be

greatly involved in bringing forward suitable local projects to be supported. The Committee recognised the support that had been given in the process by the Ludlow Town Council. It was noted that the Town Council had hosted several public meetings and had assessed the applications received to the Programme and recommended those that it considered met the criteria for the Programme and also had the support of local people.

The three Ludlow Ward Shropshire Councillors only were able to vote and support the following projects [but it was noted that all the projects being approved for funding had the support of all members on the Committee]:

1. Training kitchen at Ludlow College - £60k funding from the MTRP out of a total project cost of £169k
2. Ludlow Conference Centre - £100k funding from the MTRP out of a total project cost of £447k
3. Ludlow Assembly Rooms - £70k funding from the MTRP out of a total project cost of £100k
4. Ludlow Conservation Area Revitalisation Funding - £120k funding from the MTRP out of a total project cost of £1.7M

Mr Pembleton commented that the above detailed projects totalled £350,000 funding with a further £50,000 yet to be allocated. It was noted that two further projects were currently being developed for submission to the Project Board in the very near future [Ludlow Business Community Recycling Centre and Skillbuilders] and that an update on the progress of the MTRP projects would be given at the next meeting of the Committee in June 2011.

LC/56 Future Use Of Publicly Owned Buildings In Ludlow

The Committee Chairman updated the meeting on the future use of publicly owned buildings in Ludlow and explained that Shropshire Council was reviewing all of its assets across the county including the Ludlow Library and Resource Centre, Stone House, Coder Road depot and the Council owned part of the Ludlow Assembly Rooms. She stated that currently all options were being investigated and that no firm decisions had yet been taken.

Shropshire Council's Cabinet member and Portfolio holder, Councillor Martin Taylor-Smith added that the wellbeing of Ludlow was paramount and the Council was trying to use the town's assets more sensibly for the benefit of the town and local people. He appraised those present of the ongoing deliberations relating to properties within the Council's ownership.

Councillor John Aitken, the Mayor of Ludlow, added that the Town

Council was working with organisations in the town to try to encourage a better community use of available buildings. Referring to the Guildhall, he stated that there was strong local feeling that this should be more accessible to the public but added that the Town Council would debate the future use of this property in the coming months.

LC/57 Public Question Time

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

Ludford Bridge, Ludlow

The current temporary closure of this bridge drew further comments on its unsuitability for HGVs and for the introduction of a weight/length limit for vehicles using the bridge in future. The fact that vehicles had found alternative routes suggested to those present that the future use of the bridge should be properly considered. It was noted that it had already been agreed that this issue would be fully discussed and would feature on the agenda at the next ordinary meeting of the LJC in June 2011.

JP add to next agenda

Fly-Tipping, Clee Hill

It was noted that fly tipping on privately owned land was the responsibility of the landowner who had a duty of care to remove it. Other instances of fly tipping could be reported to the local Officer immediately after the meeting.

A Boards

Concerns were voiced regarding the number and safe positioning of A Boards in the town. Assurances were given that the Town Council would revisit the policy and ascertain the best approach for the town.

Bus Passes

It was noted that from 1 April 2011 bus passes would not be able to be used before 9.30am and that this would cause difficulties for those having to travel by bus to Shrewsbury hospital given that the scheduled bus left before that time. Assurances were given regarding the ongoing consultation on the Council's Bus Strategy where bus routes and frequency of buses throughout the county were being considered; a summary of the decisions made would be reported to local people by the end of the Summer.

LC/52 Date/time of next meeting

It was noted that the next 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 8.40 p.m.

Chairman:.....Date:.....