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## LUDLOW & CLEE AREA LOCAL JOINT COMMITTEE

### NOTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT 7.00PM ON THURSDAY 20 OCTOBER 2011 AT RICHARDS CASTLE VILLAGE HALL, RICHARDS CASTLE, SHROPSHIRE SY8 4EQ

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#### Committee Members Present:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Council/Organisation</u>
Councillor H Chance	Bitterley Parish Council
Councillor E Davies	Richards Castle Parish Council
Councillor R Huffer	Shropshire Council – Clee Ward
Councillor Mrs I Liddle	Ludford Parish Council
Councillor Mrs R Taylor-Smith	Shropshire Council – Ludlow North Ward [Chairman]
Inspector R Thomas	West Mercia Police
Councillor R Tilt	Ashford Carbonel Parish Council [Vice Chairman]
Councillor G Williams	Caynham Parish Council

#### Officers Present:

Jane Palmer	Committee Officer [CO]
Vicky Turner	Community Action Officer [CAO]

#### Also in attendance:

Mr Stuart Rees	Director of Finance, Contracting and Performance, Shropshire Community NHS Trust
Alison Brock	ICT Client Support Manager, Shropshire Council

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

#### LC/15 Welcome and apologies

The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting and thanked the village of Richards Castle for the use of the hall. Apologies were received from Councillors Mrs Tracy Huffer [Shropshire Council] and Martin Taylor-Smith [Shropshire Council] and John Aitken [Ludlow Town Council].

**LC/16 Declarations of Interest**

No declarations of interest were made.

**LC/17 Notes of the meeting held on 23 June 2011**

**RESOLVED:**

that the Notes of the meeting of the Ludlow & Clee Area Local Joint Committee held on 23 June 2011 be approved as a correct record of the meeting.

**LC/18 Report from Police and Communities Together [PACT]**

Police Inspector Robert Thomas was welcomed to the meeting and stated his intention to attend meetings of the LJC and to continue to provide half hour Officer attendance prior to the start of the LJC to afford members of the public the opportunity to raise any issues in private. He re-iterated the Police contact numbers, as follows:

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

He updated the meeting on a range of issues, including: -

Speeding on Sheet Road, Ludlow - Inspector Thomas explained that an education and enforcement programme was being undertaken in this area for several weeks; initially educational measures would be introduced and this would be followed by a period of enforcement. He stressed that the Police had insufficient resource to maintain this programme and that a long-term solution to improve safety in this area would need to be sought with Shropshire Council.

Anti-Social Behaviour – He provided detail on the levels of incidents and methods of dealing with issues and reassured those present that an advisory letter to parents resulted in 80% of first time offenders never re-offending. The marked reduction in anti social behaviour in the centre of Ludlow was noted as 16 incidents in September and 4 incidents in October 2011. Those present noted the telephone number to report incidents of anti-social behaviour as 0345 678 9020

Seasonal issues – The Committee noted the forthcoming issues surrounding Hallowe'en Trick or Treat and how this could be frightening for vulnerable elderly residents. Inspector Thomas explained the measures taken by the Police to educate.

Local crime low crime levels and high detection rates – Inspector Thomas re-iterated the high detection and low crime rate of the area that he intended to at least maintain and, hopefully, improve. He stated that the policing in the UK was undertaken by consent and he took the opportunity to thank the local community for their continued support to local Officers.

Mobile phone usage by drivers – The Committee noted that there was no specific local policy in dealing with this issue and that Officers would deal appropriately with any instances that arose during their tour of duty. He stated that a local education and media campaign would be beneficial.

Cyclists and red traffic lights – Inspector Thomas confirmed that cyclists disregarding red traffic lights was an unsafe practice and that his Officers would take appropriate steps to deal with reported offenders in this regard.

Public assistance in speed reduction measures – In answer to a question from the floor, Inspector Thomas confirmed that the SpeedWatch scheme was not supported within the West Mercia Police area. He drew attention to the issues regarding the dangers of lone use of speed equipment by members of the public, their lack of enforcement powers and lack of protective equipment.

### **LC/19 Update on the development of the new Ludlow hospital**

Mr Stuart Rees, Director of Finance, Contracting and Performance of the Shropshire Community Health NHS Trust provided an update on the development of the new Ludlow hospital.

He stated that 110 good quality organisations had tendered for the contract and that the best 10 had been chosen to go forward, 3 of the 10 had been formally evaluated in detail and a proposal on the preferred tender had gone forward to the Trust Board for final evaluation and decision.

In answer to questions raised he explained that the use of local materials/skills would be included within the tender process. He added that the clinical services to be offered would be developed over time and, as such, the new facility would be future proofed to ensure that it would be capable of expansion over the years.

Members noted that local Groups, for example, the League of Friends and the Local Ludlow Forum, would have an input into the design plans for the facility to try to ensure that all aspects of design and use were covered. As far as the technical equipment was concerned, it was noted that equipment that formed part of the fabric of the building was included within the tender but all other equipment would be decided by the Trust.

On behalf of those present, the Chairman thanked Mr Reece for attending the meeting and updating those present on the progress on the development of the new Ludlow hospital.

The Committee Chairman drew attention to a health information event being organised by the Shrewsbury and Telford Hospital NHS Trust at 6.00pm on 14 November 2011 at the Shropshire Hills Discovery Centre, Craven Arms to provide information about the changes to local hospital services. She urged as many people as possible to attend this meeting where there would also be information stalls on the range of health services in the area.

## **LC/20 Broad Band project for Shropshire**

Alison Brock, Shropshire Council's ICT Client Support Manager gave a presentation on the Broad Band project being rolled out to the residents of Shropshire. A copy of the PowerPoint presentation is attached to the formal record of the meeting.

The main points raised were:

- Shropshire Council has got £8.2 million from Central Government to spend on improving broadband for Shropshire. .
- Connecting Shropshire is a project to decide how to spend it but help is needed from the local community. .
- Over the next few months the Council will be working with communities and businesses to create a plan describing how the funding will be spent. The vision is that by 2016 all Shropshire businesses and homes will have access to an affordable, efficient and fast broadband service.

She referred the Committee to two on-line questionnaires that would help shape future provision [one for businesses and one for residents]. She stated that support for the project from local Parish/Town Councils would be helpful in promoting the case for the project with BD UK. All Parish/Town Council representatives were asked to email their Parish/Town support to [Alison.brock@shropshire.gov.uk](mailto:Alison.brock@shropshire.gov.uk). It was noted that progress on the project could be viewed on [www.connectingshropshire.co.uk](http://www.connectingshropshire.co.uk) or telephone 01743 252205.

## **LC/21 British Red Cross First Aid and Volunteering Opportunities**

It was noted that Lindsey Herd from the British Red Cross was unable to attend the meeting on this occasion.

## **LC/22 Market Towns Revitalisation Programme [MTRP]**

The Community Action Officer provided information on the progress of local projects that had secured funding under the Market Towns Revitalisation Programme including the Ludlow College Training Kitchen, refurbishment of accommodation at Ludlow Conference Centre, Ludlow Town enhancement project and repairs and refurbishment at the Ludlow Assembly Rooms. The Committee noted the information provided.

## **LC/23 Budget 2011/12 – Finance report and funding requests**

The Community Action Officer reported the total funding allocation for the Committee for 2011/12 in the sum of £26,470 and with an additional £6,600 unspent from the previous year, the allocation this year totalled **£33,070**. £12,442 of the budget was granted to projects in the first funding round, leaving £20,628 for the remainder of the year.

The Committee considered a number of applications for round two funding.

## RESOLVED:

- i) that the following applications for funding from the LJC be approved:
- **Ludlow Diamond Jubilee Celebrations** - £1,000 [to include specific funding for the 3 page timetable of events to be available free of charge in the area - financial support of the LJC to be acknowledged on the timetable].
  - **Ludlow Photographic Club** - £700 towards the Ludlow Photographic festival 2012 [the applicant to be advised to seek further funding/guarantee against loss in the sum of £540 from Ludlow Town Council]
  - **React** - up to £1,125 subject to the other three LJCs supporting the application and subject to a performance taking place in the area of the LJC.
  - **Parochial Church Council All Saints, Richards Castle** - £600 for lighting [supported because of the community use of the premises and the plans to promote such use].
  - **South Shropshire Youth Forum** - £1,700 - for the provision of a weekly youth club, after school club and drop-in sessions for 16+ year olds [necessary to monitor this project to ensure its realisation].
  - **Friends of Stych Brook and Gallows Bank** - £3,000 - to fund new benches and funding towards the development of disabled access [recognition of the LJCs funding i.e. plaque on benches], subject to the receipt of the necessary financial quotations for the works
  - **Upper Fee Community Group** - £2,700 - enhancements to the kitchen facilities at the Upper Fee community room
  - **South Shropshire Housing Association** - Foyer - £1,750 - time and experience in a sound studio for young people 16-25 years of age
- ii) that the following applications for funding be refused:
- **Burway Bowling Club** - £2,000 - limited benefit, query need
  - **Hotshots Netball Club** - £3,000 - some consideration was given to funding individual elements of the application e.g. inter-schools tournament but received insufficient support from the Committee. Application considered speculative although the merits of the Club were recognised.
- iii) that the total funding approved at this meeting be noted as £12,575 [leaving a funding balance of £8,053 for allocation in Round 3]

- iv) that the Ludlow & Clee Area LJC 2012/13 be limited to two funding rounds [with no more than half of the allocated budget to be allocated at each of the two meetings] and the third meeting of the LJC to take a different format; ideas to be explored by the Committee at a future agenda planning meeting.

**LC/24 Community Action update**

The Community Action Officer provided an update on her work and the local projects that she was supporting in the Ludlow & Clee LJC area. A copy of the update sheet will be attached to the formal record of the meeting.

Information was received on: -

- The opening of the new school at Ashford Carbonel-
- Action for Market Towns Annual Conference-
- The Rockspring Centre-
- Rural Challenge Fund

**LC/25 Public Question Time**

Questions/ requests were raised from the floor, as follows:

- Q. Can members of the public comment on the funding applications received by the LJC?
- A. No but the grant applicants are invited to attend in order to clarify any issues at the meeting
  
- Q. Can a Question and Answer session for members of the public be included as the main item at a future meeting? [Similar format to the former Shropshire County Council 'Let's Talk' style meetings.]
- A. The Committee will be considering ways of involving the public in its future meetings

**LC/26 Date/time of next meeting**

It was noted that the next meeting of the Ludlow & Clee Area Local Joint Committee would be held at **7.00pm on Thursday 1 March 2012** at The Rockspring Community Centre, Sandford Road, Ludlow, Shropshire SY8 1SX.

*Note: The agenda planning meeting for the Committee members only will be held at 6.00pm on Wednesday 8 February 2012 in the Stable Block, Stone House, Corve Street, Ludlow.*

The meeting closed at 8.45 p.m.

Chairman:.....

Date:.....