



Committee and date:
Ludlow & Clee Area Local
Joint Committee

Thursday 21 June 2012 at
7.00 p.m.

Item/Paper

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LUDLOW & CLEE AREA LOCAL JOINT COMMITTEE

NOTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT 7.00PM ON THURSDAY 1 MARCH 2012 IN THE ROCKSPRING COMMUNITY CENTRE, SANDFORD ROAD, LUDLOW SY8 1SX.

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Committee Members Present:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Council/Organisation</u>
Councillor E Davies	Richards Castle Parish Council
Councillor R Huffer	Shropshire Council – Clee Ward
Councillor Mrs T Huffer	Shropshire Council – Ludlow East Ward
Councillor Mrs I Liddle	Ludford Parish Council
Councillor R Osborne	Bitterley Parish Council [sub for H Chance]
Councillor Mrs R Taylor-Smith	Shropshire Council – Ludlow North Ward [Chairman]
Councillor M Taylor-Smith	Shropshire Council – Ludlow South Ward
Councillor R Tilt	Ashford Carbonel Parish Council [Vice Chairman]
Councillor J Wilcox	Ludlow Town Council [sub for J Aitken]
Councillor G Williams	Caynham Parish Council

Officers Present:

Jane Palmer	Committee Officer [CO]
Vicky Turner	Community Action Officer [CAO]
Neville Ward	Early Years Education and Childcare Manager
Joy Durrant	Festival and Events Officer
Kate Adams	Street Scene

Also in attendance:

PS Adrian Woolley, PC Dan Wood and CSO Jamie Guest	West Mercia Constabulary
Sue Perry	South Shropshire Housing Association
Jean Jarvis	South Shropshire Furniture Scheme
Beth Williams	Ludlow Castle custodian

There were approximately 30 members of the public present at the meeting.

LC/27 Welcome and apologies

Apologies were received from Councillors John Aitken [Councillor Jeffrey Wilcox substituted] and Henry Chance [Councillor Richard Osborne substituted] and Police Inspector Robert Thomas.

LC/28 Declarations of Interest

The following interests were declared:

Councillor Robert Tilt – personal interest in funding applications relating to Ashford Carbonel

Councillor Richard Huffer – personal and prejudicial interest in the funding application from Clee Hill Recreational rooms as a Trustee of that organisation.

LC/29 Notes of the meeting held on 20 October 2011

RESOLVED:

that the Notes of the meeting of the Ludlow & Clee Area Local Joint Committee held on 20 October 2011 be approved as a correct record of the meeting.

LC/30 Report from Police and Communities Together [PACT]

PS Adrian Woolley, PC Dan Wood and CSO Jamie Guest were present at the meeting. PS Woolley provided information on local crime statistics that showed a reduction in crime letters from the last quarter. He commented that West Mercia Police had no plans to close the Ludlow Police station or to reduce the levels of manpower operating from that station although levels did naturally fluctuate from time to time.

PC Wood stressed the importance of community engagement and gave an update on the wealth of local initiatives including the Tag rugby tournament, the Smart Water scheme, Safe and Secure scheme, the Ludlow against alcohol initiative, the ASB process and the holiday policing scheme.

LC/31 Update on the Rockspring Nursery

Neville Ward, Shropshire Council's Early Years Education and Childcare Manager provided an update on the current situation regarding the provision of nursery care at the Rockspring Centre, Ludlow. It was noted that the current provider could not continue beyond the end of March 2012 and a new provider was now being sought.

The current provider had requested funding in order to continue until such time as a new service provider had been secured however, no assurances could be given at this stage for the maintenance of a continuous nursery service.

Local parents requested input into the decision making process for a new provider and assurances were given that local consultation would be part of the process. Mr Ward concluded that he was confident that, with the right business model, a good long-term solution could be found for the community. [Mr Ward's contact number was noted as 01743 254552].

LC/32 Olympic Games 2012 and the Olympic Torch Procession

Shropshire Council's Festival and Events Officer, Joy Durrant, provided information on the passage of the Olympic torch through the area of the LJC on 24 May 2012 and through other parts of the county on 30 May 2012. She explained the preparations for the event and opportunities for children and families to get involved on the day.

She stated that inevitably there would be disruption to traffic on the day but the details of the event and the route to be taken would be made clear to local communities in advance of the day. Full details of the event [including timings, dates, streets, details of the torchbearers] would be made public on 19 March 2012.

Those present noted the flag designs that had been produced at a workshop at Helena Lane and would be made up into flags and displayed along the route on the day of the procession. A 15 vehicle convoy would accompany the torch bearer; these being vehicles from the three main sponsors NatWest, Coca-Cola and Nike together with vehicles for security and media coverage.

Joy Durrant urged as many people as possible to get involved locally on the day for this once in a lifetime opportunity and added that anyone able and willing to volunteer as a steward on the day to provide her or the local Community Action Officer with their contact details at the end of the meeting.

LC/33 Rockspring Heritage Project

Beth Williams, the new custodian of Ludlow Castle, provided information on the Rockspring Heritage project that aimed to explore the history and heritage of the Rockspring area, incorporate the area with the rest of the town, improve the physical and mental access to the area, allow local residents to learn about the area, develop transferrable skills with the aim of producing a portable exhibition in the area. She stated that any input to the project should be made to Beth through the Rockspring Centre or by email bethan_williams@tiscali.co.uk

LC/34 'Any Questions' Panel

A panel of representatives from South Shropshire Housing Association [Sue Perry], Street Scene [Kate Adams], Jean Jarvis [South Shropshire Furniture Scheme - SSFS] and members of the LJC were available to answer questions raised by the public.

The single question raised related to the new touring caravan park on the Overton Road and associated traffic related issues and the impact on parking in the town. Councillor M Taylor-Smith advised that local Parish and Town Councils had been fully consulted on the proposals and, in answer to a question relating to the provision of Park and Ride from the site, he commented that no economic case had been put forward to justify any extension of the current service provision. Councillor Mrs Liddle added that representatives from Morris Leisure [the site owners] had assured the Ludford Parish Council that site users

would be encouraged to turn left out of the site rather than to travel through the town and improvements had been made to the junction with the A49 to facilitate the use of this route to and from the site.

Jean Jarvis gave a brief overview of the services offered through the Furniture Scheme at the Rockspring Centre that was on its way to providing a vibrant service hub to the local community and signpost people to different agencies. It was further noted that South Shropshire Housing Association had a representative available to answer queries on the first and third Thursdays in the month at the Rockspring Centre. A free Furniture Scheme newsletter was circulated to those present at the meeting.

Attention was drawn to an information session on affordable warmth and fuel poverty that was being held at Clee Hill village hall on 22 March from 10am to 3pm.

LC/35 Market Towns Revitalisation Programme [MTRP] and community action update

The Community Action Officer provided an update on the Market Towns Revitalisation Programme, including progress on the Dinham Weir project. £400,000 had been allocated to the Ludlow area with £50,000 remaining.

Other issues raised at the meeting included:

- Display of the Gallows Bank revitalisation project – cross country bike track
- Rockspring Jubilee and Big Lunch on Sunday 3 June 2012
- Community Safety event from 10am to 1pm on Saturday 31 March 2012 at Cleobury Country, anyone requiring transport to this event to contact Sue Perry, SSHA.

LC/36 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**. Following the Committee's previous grant allocations the sum of £8,053 remained available for allocation at the meeting.

The Committee considered a number of applications for round three funding [the final round in the current financial year, 2011/12].

RESOLVED:

- i) that the following applications for funding from the LJC be approved:

Clee Hill village hall – Contribution towards hearing loop and new chairs – support up to **£1,000** for hearing loop and a proportion of the chairs

Ludlow College – Contribution towards Equalities and Diversity week – support **£530** towards the workshop on 21 March and the goal prize

Clee Hill Recreation Rooms – Contribution towards tree felling – Support **£500**

Ludlow Relief in Need – Contribution towards emergency items for people in crisis – Support up to **£1,000**.

Ashford Carbonel Jubilee Committee – Contribution towards Jubilee celebrations – Support up to **£1,000** specifically towards the hire of portable toilets, transport costs and Health and Safety assessment and equipment.

- ii) that the application from **Ashford Carbonel Village Hall Committee** for a contribution towards a new village notice board be deferred pending receipt of additional quotations
- iii) that the remaining funding balance of £4,023 be ring fenced for funding applications towards celebrations around the Olympic torch relay or the Queen’s Diamond Jubilee and those applications be decided under delegated powers held by the Committee Chairman and reported for information to the next meeting of the LJC.

LC/37 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 21 June 2012 at Knowbury village hall, Knowbury, near Ludlow.**

Note: The agenda planning meeting for the Committee members only will be held at 5.00pm on Tuesday 22 May 2012 in the Stable Block, Stone House, Corve Street, Ludlow.

The meeting closed at 8.45 p.m.

Chairman:.....

Date:.....