



Committee and date:
 Ludlow & Clee Area Local Joint Committee
 Thursday 18 October 2012 at 7.00 p.m.

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NOTES OF THE LUDLOW & CLEE AREA LOCAL JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT 7.00PM ON THURSDAY 21 JUNE 2012 AT KNOWBURY MEMORIAL HALL, CAYNHAM ROAD, KNOWBURY SY8 3JL

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Committee Members Present:

Councillor H Chance	Bitterley 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 T Pound	Ludlow Town Council
PC Tony Sewell	West Mercia Police
Councillor M Taylor-Smith	Shropshire Council – Ludlow South Ward
Councillor Mrs R Taylor-Smith	Shropshire Council – Ludlow North Ward
Councillor G Williams	Caynham Parish Council

Officers Present:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Role</u>
Jane Palmer	Committee Officer [CO]
Vicky Turner	Community Action Officer [CAO]

Also in attendance:

Kate Adams	StreetScene Manager
Jan Cook	Traffic and Transport Team, Shropshire Council
Jamie Guest	CSO, West Mercia Police
Graeme Perks, George Cummings and Alan Stewart	Pride of Place

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

LC/1 Election of Chairman

RESOLVED:

that Councillor Mrs Rosanna Taylor-Smith be elected Chairman of the Ludlow & Clee Area LJC for the ensuing municipal year.

ACTION

JP to note

LC/2 Welcome and apologies

The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting and thanked the Ludlow Town Band for their short performance. Apologies were received from Councillor Edward Davies, Richards Castle Parish Council and Councillor Bob Tilt, Ashford Carbonel Parish Council.

LC/3 Appointment of Vice-Chairman

RESOLVED:

that Councillor Bob Tilt be appointed Vice Chairman of the Ludlow & Clee Area LJC for the ensuing municipal year.

JP to note

LC/4 Declarations of Interest

Councillor T Pound declared a personal interest in the funding application relating to the grant application for the Ludlow Youth Festival in his capacity as a Ludlow Town Councillor.

LC/5 Notes of the meeting held on 1 March 2012

RESOLVED:

that the Notes of the meeting of the Ludlow & Clee Area Local Joint Committee held on 1 March 2012 be approved as a correct record of the meeting.

LC/6 Report from Police and Communities Together [PACT]

PC Tony Sewell and CSO Jamie Guest were present at the meeting and provided crime statistics for the area together with an update on policing matters, including:

- Information on a recent spate of thefts from motor vehicles in Cleobury Mortimer
- Ongoing speed checks in target areas of Middleton, Hopton Wafers and Clee Hill village
- Update on Rural Watch and the development of a new, replacement scheme in the near future

Recognising that the area was one of the safest in the country with a very low crime rate, PC Sewell commented that the level of local policing may change in future given the funding cuts to the Police nationally.

LC/7 SmartWater Initiative

Mr Steve Lloyd gave a presentation and provided information on the SmartWater initiative.

It was noted that heavily discounted kits were available at the meeting in the sum of £20 and would also be available from Vicky Turner, Community Action Officer, after this meeting.

LC/8 Any Questions Panel

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

The following issues were raised:

- Q. Will 24 hour policing cover be maintained on Bank Holidays?
A. Yes, a responsive Police service is maintained although CSOs do not work on public holidays.
- Q. In the light of future cuts, will the Police resource move to the higher conurbations and leave the rural areas with little cover?
A. Cuts are coming. The new Police Commissioners [to be elected in November 2012] will have police resource issues to consider.
- Q. Won't the initiative to switch off some street lighting result in an increase in crime rates?
A. The evidence is that crime has not increased although the 'perception' is that it has! Parish/Town Councils were consulted and identified areas of high risk where the night lighting has remained. Noted that people could improve their own security through the installation of security lights on their property

LC/9 Pride of Place

A presentation on the Pride of Place project was given by Mr Graeme Perks, Mr Alan Stewart and Mr George Cummings and featured the highlights of the project and areas to be addressed through the future work of the project. Mr Cummings also showed pictures of recent fly tipping of large items and rubble on Clew Hill; this was recognised as an area that would need attention in future.

It was noted that the project to date had been for the benefit of the whole of Ludlow and not just the town centre; the project was about people caring for their community and working together to improve it.

On behalf of the Committee and all present, the Chairman thanked the Pride of Place representatives for their interesting and informative presentation.

LC/10 StreetScene Update

With reference to her briefing note, the StreetScene Manager, Kate Adams, provided an update on various matters including information on the number of Fixed Penalty Notices issued in the area, fly-tipping, dog fouling patrols, how to report dog fouling, stray dogs, abandoned vehicles etc.

LC/11 Sustainable Transport Project in the Ludlow Area

Jan Cook, representing Shropshire Council's Traffic and Transport Studies team, gave a presentation on the Sustainable Transport Project in the Ludlow area. She drew attention to a meeting to be held on 28 June 2012 at the Ludlow Conference Centre [Bishop Mascall Centre] that would feature the new Ludlow Car Club initiative [leaflets on the scheme were available at the meeting].

The Committee recognised the value of the sustainable transport initiatives in the area.

LC/12 Update on Vehicle Activated Signs in the area

The Chairman gave a brief update on the progress of the vehicle activated signs initiative in Ludlow and the surrounding area.

LC/13 Budget 2012/13 – Finance report and funding requests

The Community Action Officer reported the total funding allocation for the Committee for 2012/13 in the sum of £26,470 that included £1,970 for arts funding, to fund projects in the local community served by the Local Joint Committee for 2012/13.

The Committee considered six applications for funding.

RESOLVED:

- i) That the following applications for funding be **approved**:
 - South Shropshire Furniture Scheme – Rockspring activities - £3,000
 - Ludlow Town Council – Ludlow Youth Festival - £760
 - Ludlow Hockey Club – after school hockey clubs - £500 towards purchase of equipment
 - Healthy Friendships – Fit for Fun sessions - £966
- ii) That consideration of the following application be **deferred**:
 - Distant Voices application for £2,050 – deferred pending receipt of further information from the applicant.

iii) That the following application for funding be **refused**:

- Village Outreach – Skate ramps - £1,400

LC/14 Market Towns Revitalisation Project and Community Action Update

The Community Action Officer provided an update on the Market Towns Revitalisation Programme with specific reference to:

- The success of the recent Olympic Torch and Queen's Jubilee events in the Ludlow and Clee Hill and surrounding area. Thanks were extended to the CAO, Vicky Turner, for her sterling efforts at these events.
- All monies from the Market Towns Revitalisation Programme had been allocated and the repairs to the Ludlow Town Walls and the Buttercross and the repairs to the Dinham Weir and new fish pass had not yet been completed.

LC/15 Current Consultations

The following ongoing consultations were noted:

- SamDev consultation on housing and development in the county up to 2026 – consultation ends 20 July 2012
- Broadband connection in Shropshire
- Consultation/information event – Tackling Fuel Poverty in Shropshire – Friday 28 September in the Craven Arms Community Centre.

LC/16 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 18 October 2012** at The Studio, Ludlow Assembly Rooms, Mill Street, Ludlow SY8 1AZ

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Note: The agenda planning meeting for the Committee members only will be held at 5.00pm on Tuesday 2 October 2012 in the Stable Block, Stone House, Corve Street, Ludlow.

The meeting closed at 8.50 p.m.

Chairman:.....

Date:.....