



Committee and date:  
Ludlow & Clee Area Local  
Joint Committee  
  
Thursday 20 June 2013 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 28 FEBRUARY 2013 AT THE LUDLOW MASCALL CENTRE, LOWER GALDEFORD, LUDLOW SY8 1RZ**

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**Committee Members Present:**

Councillor D Brundrett [Sub for R Tilt]	Ashford Carbonel Parish Council
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 G Perks [Sub for T Pound]	Ludlow Town Council
Councillor M Taylor-Smith	Shropshire Council – Ludlow South Ward
Councillor Mrs R Taylor-Smith	Shropshire Council – Ludlow North Ward - <b>Chairman</b>
Councillor G Williams	Caynham Parish Council
PS Adrian Woolley	West Mercia Police

**Officers Present:**

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

**Also in attendance:**

John Harrison	Environment & Sustainability Service Manager
Colin Richards	Historic Environment Manager
Richard Morley	South Shropshire Youth Forum
David Currant	Ludlow Car Club

There were approximately 45 members of the public at the meeting.

**LC/29 Welcome and apologies**

The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting. Apologies were received from Councillor Bob Tilt, Ashford Carbonel Parish Council [Councillor David Brundrett attended as substitute], Councillor Tony Pound, Ludlow Town Council [Councillor G Perks attended as substitute].

**ACTION**

**LC/30 Disclosable Pecuniary Interests**

Members were reminded not to participate in the discussion if they had a disclosable Pecuniary Interest and to leave the room prior to the debate.

**LC/31 Notes of the meeting held on 18 October 2012**

**RESOLVED:**

that the Notes of the meeting of the Ludlow & Clee Area Local Joint Committee held on 18 October 2012 be approved as a correct record of the meeting.

**LC/32 Report from the local Policing Team**

PS Woolley provided an update on current issues including:

- Distraction thefts in the street and at cash points
- Local crime statistics
- Speeding issues – use of vehicle activated signs etc

Crime prevention products were available for sale at the meeting including shed locks, oil tank locks, security light/camera and Smartwater.

**LC/33 South Shropshire Youth Forum [SSYF]**

Richard Morley and Peter Lewis from the SSYF attended the meeting and gave a presentation on the progress being made by local young people against their Action Plan of work in the community. A copy of the presentation slides are included with the formal record of the meeting and can be made available to anyone on request.

**LC/34 Ludlow Town Walls – Urgent Additional Item**

Colin Richards, Shropshire Council's Historic Environment Manager and John Harrison, Shropshire Council's Environment and Sustainability Service Manager attended the meeting to provide information on the ongoing development following a recent collapse of a section of the Ludlow Town Walls.

Colin Richards gave a very informative and interesting presentation of the health and safety issues and restoration issues. The presentation slides are included with the formal record of the meeting and can be made available to anyone on request.

Some general points were noted:

- There are 52 individual owners of the Town Walls
- There is an ongoing Heritage Lottery application for funding towards the Town walls due to be considered in March 2013
- A survey of the entire length of the walls is to be undertaken – part

funded by English Heritage

- Areas where the walls are at their highest and areas that have had no repair pose the greatest risk
- Planning for the restoration works will take time – lime mix used on the wall can only be completed during the summer months, repairs to allow release of water pressure will also be effected in future
- As the restoration solution evolves the impact on trees in the churchyard will be assessed – every effort will be made to retain the trees but this cannot be guaranteed.

It was noted that a controlled demolition had been undertaken and that, together with the area that had already fallen, this was now supported by 1 tonne bags acting as a buttress until ownership/liability and insurance issues had been addressed. John Harrison explained the public safety and community leadership [bringing all parties together in a common approach] role of the Council. Councillor M Taylor-Smith commented that Shropshire Council had financial reserves that were available to meet unplanned emergencies that may occur throughout the county.

The Committee Chairman thanked the Officers for the valuable information that had been shared at the meeting and for assuaging public concern as far as possible by answering questions from the floor.

#### **LC/35 Parish/Town Councils' Update**

Parish and Town Council representatives within the area covered by the LJC were given the opportunity to provide an update on any local issues.

Ludford – Councillor Liddle, Vice Chairman of the Parish Council provided an update on local issues including reference to the future works on Ludford bridge that were anticipated together with new traffic lights that would allow the safe passage of pedestrians over the bridge; clearance along the footpath from the new caravan park to the town had been ongoing following receipt of an environment grant from Shropshire Council; the Parish Council AGM would be taking place at 7pm on 22 April at The Mascall Centre, all welcome.

Bitterley – Councillor Chance reported recent speed checks in the village of Middleton illustrated that vehicles travelling well over the 30mph limit in and whilst leaving the village.

Information was provided on the hope to submit a Heritage Lottery bid from a partnership of bodies with an interest in the Clee Hill – any groups that may be able to take part in the bid were urged to come forward. A meeting at 7pm on 18 March at Clee Hill village hall would provide further information.

Richards Castle – Councillor Davies reported an extension of the speed limit area in Overton was noted; thanks were extended to Shropshire Council for efficiently dealing with an incidence of flooding near the scrap yard.

Caynham – Councillor Williams, Chairman of the Parish Council reported a problem with mud on roads. It was noted that the onus was on local farmers to clear up any residue that may be left on the roads.

#### Shropshire Councillors' update

- Programme of road resurfacing on Bromfield Rd, Ludlow - Monday 4 March for 4 evenings, some disruption expected
- Shropshire Council decreasing its precept by 4.46% for next year
- Ludford bridge – new traffic lights will be 'smart' lights
- Overton Road – new bus stops by the caravan park
- New '111' call system – introduced on 12 March – designed to alleviate pressure on the '999' system
- Volunteers requested for Wheeler Road youth festival on 31 August 2013
- Presentation by the Police and Crime Commissioner taking place at Cleobury Rural LJC. He will also be attending the Ludlow & Clee area LJC at its meeting in October. PCC also attending the Clee Hill Forum meeting on 17 June.

#### **LC/36 Ludlow Car Club**

David Currant provided an overview of the new Ludlow Car Club. This is a 'pay as you go' car scheme where anyone signed up to the scheme could use the pool of cars. Money had been received from the Department of Transport to help set up this sustainable transport scheme as a Social Enterprise. He reported that the Club was generating a great deal of local interest and indicated the merits of having access to a vehicle without actually having to own one.

#### **LC/37 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 7 applications for funding.

#### **RESOLVED:**

- i) That the following applications for funding be **approved**:
  - **Clee Hill Community Primary School** – community cob oven and suggest they seek donations for herbs and plants - £1,107
  - **Ludlow Small Gardens** – loan towards the festival - £3,000 [to be repaid to the LJC if the festival makes a profit
  - **Ludlow Fringe Festival** – contribution towards performers - £1,500
  - **Caynham PCC** – Caynham Public Space Access project - £750 and suggest they seek donation of a bench
  - **Ludlow Town Council** – contribution towards Boxing Club

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arrange  
grant  
payments

- windows - £3,000
  - **Ludlow Carers** – contribution towards carers - £1,000
- ii) That the following application for funding be **refused**:
- **Ludlow English Song Weekend** – contribution towards event –insufficient community benefit

It was noted that the LJC had a funding budget just over £26k for the following financial year and that the closing date for the first round of funding in that year was 9 May 2013.

**LC/38 Market Towns Revitalisation Project [MTRP] and Community Action Update**

The Community Action Officer reported that the final two schemes had re submitted their proposals to the MTRP Board:

- i) Dinham Weir was approved as phase 1 of the project which can be completed during the summer months; the next steps are being taken to secure a tender for the work.
- ii) Buttercross approval has been given for the capital work to begin on the project.

It was noted that all MTRP projects needed to be completed by March 2014. Three projects had already been completed namely the Ludlow Mascall Centre works [Keele Uni project], repair work at the Ludlow Assembly Rooms and the installation of a training kitchen at Ludlow College. The full MTRP allocation to the Ludlow area totalled £400,000.

**LC/39 Current Consultations**

The following ongoing consultations were noted:

- Outdoor recreation user survey 2013 End date: 31 March 2013
- Connecting Shropshire – Faster Broadband Project - Consultation End date: ongoing
- Adult Social Care survey 2012/13 End date: 8 March 2013
- Private Sector Housing Assistance and Adaptations Policy End date: 29 April 2013
- Site allocations and management of development plan [SAMDEV] End date: 28 March 2013.

**LC/40 Elections 2013**

The Chairman urged anyone interested to get involved in the local elections and to consider standing for election. She stated that the role of local Councillor was both interesting and challenging.

**LC/41 Scrutiny at Shropshire Council**

The information on the role of scrutiny at Shropshire Council was noted.

**LC/42 Date/time of next meeting**

The next meeting of the Ludlow & Clee Area Local Joint Committee will be held at 7.00pm on Thursday 20 June 2013 at the Bishop Hooper school, Ashford Carbonel.

The agenda planning meeting for that meeting will be held at 5.00pm on Tuesday 21 May 2013 in the Stable Block, Stone House, Ludlow.

**LC/43 Chairman's thanks**

The Chairman thanked all Members and Officers who had worked hard on behalf of the Local Joint Committee during the past four years and also thanked those members of the public who had participated in its meetings.

She wished good luck to all Members standing in the forthcoming local elections and was confident that the LJC would continue to flourish in future for the benefit of local people.

The meeting closed at 9.00pm

Chairman:.....

Date:.....