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Market Drayton and Rural Areas Local Joint Committee
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## **NOTES OF THE MARKET DRAYTON AND RURAL AREAS LOCAL JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 10 MARCH 2010**

7.00 pm to 9.05 pm

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**Present:** Cllr S Beeston, Cllr A B Davies, Cllr J B Gillow, Cllr M Hill, Cllr R Hughes, Cllr R W G Lucas (In the Chair), Cllr T Mellor, Cllr D J Minnery, Cllr C Sharp and Cllr J Smith.

**TOTAL AMOUNT OF PEOPLE PRESENT AT MEETING: 67**

### **1. Apologies for Absence and Substitutions**

Apologies for absence were received from Mrs K D Calder, Cllr R Underwood and Cllr R Wright.

Cllr T Mellor was substituting for Cllr R Underwood.

### **2. Minutes**

**RESOLVED:** That the minutes of the meeting held on 16 December 2009 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

### **3. Declarations of Interest**

3.1 Cllr Mike Hill declared a personal interest on the funding requests item on the bid by the organisers of the Cheswardine Community Shop. This was because he had been a supporter of the concept of a Community Shop.

3.2 Cllr Andrew Davies declared a personal interest on the funding requests item on the bid by the Grove School. This was because he was a Governor of the School.

### **4. Public Question Time**

4.1 A Member of the public stated that she was concerned that one of the car parks in Market Drayton was in complete darkness. She also expressed concern that the charges for car parks would increase which she considered

would have a detrimental effect on trade in the area.

4.2 A Member of the Public stated that the medical centre in Market Drayton was poorly signposted. A sign was needed on Cheshire Street and on land owned by Morrissons. The Lead Officer stated she would raise the matter with Shropshire Council's Highways Department.

4.3 A Member of the Public asked about the current developments in the Council's Meals on Wheels Service. The Lead Officer stated that the prices were staying the same and the Council had resolved not to increase the prices from £2.75 to £3.00. A review of the Meals on Wheels Service was currently taking place.

## **5. Youth Activities Presentation**

Two Shropshire Council youth workers and three users of the Market Drayton Youth Centre gave a presentation on the activities that had been taking place.

## **6. Police Update**

6.1 Inspector Wagstaff from West Mercia Police gave an update on Police Activity in the Local Joint Committee Area. She stated that she had recently returned from working at Shrewsbury Police Station. She was pleased to announce that there was now a dedicated Police Sergeant for Market Drayton. They had recently been asking for volunteers to help with assistance on the front counter at the Police Station. She had been very pleased with the response and they were currently vetting the individuals that had applied to be volunteers. A new Police station would be built where the current station was situated. It was likely to be completed by the end of the year.

6.2 A Member of the Public expressed dismay that there were no longer direct lines into Police Stations and instead calls were diverted through a central switch-board.

6.3 A Member of the Public stated that she was concerned about boy racers late at night causing a nuisance in the town of Market Drayton and in North Shropshire more generally. Inspector Wagstaff responded that vehicles had been seized and some people had faced court appearances. Her new Sergeant was currently completing some work in this area.

## **7. Community Speed Watch Update**

7.1 Sergeant Bradley stated that the Police were working in conjunction with the Safer Road Partnership. Local Joint Committees were able to buy-in to this partnership. It was important to let the Police know where there were persistent speeding problems.

7.2 Inspector Wagstaff referred to a de-commissioned ambulance which was being used to increase road safety awareness for motorcyclists and young drivers.

## 8. Credit Union

**RESOLVED:** That the item be deferred until the next meeting.

## 9. Market Drayton Inner Relief Road Update

- 9.1 Mr Martin Allard from Shropshire Council gave an update on the Market Drayton Inner Relief Road. It had been initially thought that a Compulsive Purchase Order (CPO) would be required but since then there had been some constructive discussions with landowners. A land package had been assembled which avoided the use of CPO. Further discussions were still needed and so consequently the consultation phase had not been entered. The project was still on target for delivery for 2010 and if CPO could be avoided then potentially it would finish six months earlier.
- 9.2 A member of the public asked if all landowners had been identified. In response, Mr Allard stated that there was one piece of land where the landowner had not been identified. This was the landlocked ground at the back of the bowling green.
- 9.3 Members asked for an update in 3-4 months time on progress with the Inner Relief Road.

## 10. Funding Requests Report

**RESOLVED:** That funding applications be approved as follows:-

- A) British Red Cross – Shropshire Young Carers - £500
- B) West Mercia Police, Diversionary Project – Football coaching courses to help engage young people at risk - £540
- C) Woore Village Pride – Labour costs for tending planted areas within the parish - £500
- D) Shropshire Youth – To ring fence funding for young people’s activities - £6,500
- E) Christ Church Little Drayton – Kitchen Facilities - £3,000
- F) Market Drayton Cricket Club – Two Sight Screens - £2,345
- G) Drayton Sports and Leisure Club – External re-wiring and new floodlighting - £3,200
- H) The Grove School – A community Garden Club - £3,000.
- I) Cheswardine Community Shop - Disabled Ramp - £642

**11. Progress of Projects Funded**

**RESOLVED:** That the report be noted.

**12. Issues Raised Report**

The Chairman reported that there were still people in rural areas in the County who had difficulty obtaining broadband coverage. He knew of a local farmer in Adderley that was struggling to get coverage which was a hindrance to his farming business.

**RESOLVED:** That the report be noted.

**13. Future Agenda Items**

The Chairman referred to the proforma which could be completed and handed into Officers at the end of the meeting.

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