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Market Drayton and Rural Areas Local Joint Committee	2
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NOTES OF THE MARKET DRAYTON AND RURAL AREAS LOCAL JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 20 OCTOBER 2010

7.00pm to 9.30pm

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Present: Cllr Sue Beeston, Cllr Karen Calder (Chair), Cllr Brian Gillow, Cllr Mike Hill, Cllr Roger Hughes, Cllr Trevor Mellor, Cllr David Minnery, Cllr R Mitchell (Substitute), Cllr Chris Sharp, Cllr Roy Tydeman, Cllr Richard Underwood and Cllr Richard Wright.

TOTAL AMOUNT OF PEOPLE PRESENT AT MEETING: 60

1. Apologies for Absence and Substitutions

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Stephen Clifford, Cllr Andrew Davies, Cllr Chris Dutton, Cllr Ron Lucas, Cllr Janet Smith and Cllr Paul Wynn.

Cllr R Mitchell substituted for Cllr Stephen Clifford.

2. Minutes

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on 7 July 2010 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

3. Declarations of Interest

3.1 Mr David Minnery declared a personal and prejudicial interest on item 8, funding requests report, on the bids by Drayton Sports and Leisure Club and Market Drayton Sports Association. He declared this interest because he had given guidance and support to both applications.

3.2 Mr Trevor Mellor declared a personal and prejudicial interest on item 8, funding requests report, on the bid for funding towards the creation of a Child's Ercall Parish Plan. He declared this interest as he was a Member of Child's Ercall Parish Council.

4. Public Questions

4.1 A member of the public asked whether the Council had taken on board the recent Comprehensive Spending Review announcements. In response the Chair confirmed that she was certain that Officers and Members of the

Council would certainly be taking into account everything that had been raised.

- 4.2 A member of the public referred to the proposed traffic lights at Phoenix Bank. He stated that the plan which had been circulated to people in the area was too small. He asked that a large scale plan be put up in the Library to show the diagram of the programmed road closure. It was raised that the Road safety group had written to Shropshire Council about this and said that signs were needed at Red Bank to deter people from using it as a short cut and signs at the A41 at Hinstock to let people know that there was no through route.

5. Police Update

- 5.1 PC Lisa Bradbury stated that one of the concerns in the area related to speeding traffic. Two Police Officers from the local policing team had recently had the appropriate speed gun training. She was pleased to report that three suspects had recently been arrested who had committed serious burglaries. West Mercia Police and Trading Standards had been working together on a campaign to prevent bogus doorstep callers.

6. Market Towns Revitalisation Programme

- 6.1 The Team Leader for Community Regeneration gave a presentation on the Market Towns Revitalisation programme. Market Drayton was able to bid for £425,000 of capital expenditure. Seventeen market towns and key settlements had been identified to be part of the programme. Local Shropshire Councillors, working together with town and parish councillors would be seeking to identify schemes and projects that could be supported and that were considered a priority by local people.
- 6.2 The Chair asked for each table to come up with their best two ideas and report back to the group. The suggestions can be summarised as follows:-
- Lower Business Rates
 - Faster Broadband Access
 - A large scale project on the top of the high street which would draw in visitors
 - Purchasing derelict buildings, refurbishing them and then placing them back on the market
 - More bike racks
 - Converting the industrial area on Phoenix Bank into a Clive of India Theme
 - An enhanced recreational Park Area
 - Tackling Obesity
 - Specialist Shops
 - More car parking at the rear of Queen Street
 - Contribution towards a Cottage Hospital

7. Shropshire Parking Consultation

- 7.1 The Chair referred to the report for information that had been tabled at the meeting about Shropshire Council's parking consultation. The twelve week consultation period had ended on 13th October. The final recommendations

would be reported to Shropshire Council's Cabinet on 8th December and subsequently a meeting of the full Council.

8. Funding Requests Report

RESOLVED: That the following applications be approved:-

A. Drayton Sports and Leisure Club – To retain £2,000 (Being the balance left over from the installation of external lighting) towards roof repairs - (£2,000).

B. Operation Market Daffodil – Community daffodil planting project – (£300).

C. Market Drayton Sports Association – Set up costs for new sports association – (£200).

D. Norton-in-Hales Youth Club – Set up costs for new youth club – (£500).

E. Childs Ercall Community Led Plan – Funding towards the creation of Parish Plan - (£1,000).

F. Woore Victory Hall – Redecoration of main hall interior - (£2,595).

9. Progress of Projects Funded

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

10. Issues Raised Report

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

11. Future Agenda Items

11.1 A Member of the public expressed concern that there were a number of derelict properties in Market Drayton. There was particular concern about Lord Clive Chambers in St. Mary's Street and Badgers Court.

11.2 The Chair asked that it be registered that the Local Joint Committee wished to thank Laura Rowley for all her work for the Committee as she had now left the Council. Laura had always been highly motivated by the Local Joint Committee and had thoroughly enjoyed working with all involved.

Chair

Date