



Committee and Date

Market Drayton and Rural Areas  
Local Joint Committee

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## MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 12 OCTOBER 2011

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**Present:** Cllr Sue Beeston, Cllr Karen Calder, Cllr Chris Dutton, Cllr Derek Hodge, Cllr Roger Hughes, Cllr Ron Lucas, Cllr Trevor Mellor, Cllr David Minnery (Chairman), Cllr Mitchell (Substitute), Cllr Chris Sharp, Cllr Roy Tydeman, Cllr Nigel Woods, Cllr Richard Wright and Cllr Paul Wynn

Approximately 60 people were in attendance at the meeting.

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

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Andrew Davies, Cllr Mike Hill and Cllr Stephen Clifford.

### 2. **Minutes**

**RESOLVED:** That the minutes of the meeting held on 22 June 2011 be approved as a correct record.

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

- 3.1 Cllr Christopher Dutton declared an interest on the application for a major refurbishment of the present kitchen facilities at Moreton Saye Hall. He stated that he would not vote on the item.
- 3.2 Cllr Ron Lucas declared an interest on the funding application for an interactive Arts Project and Exhibition in Norton-in-Hales. He stated that he would not vote on the item.

### 4. **Announcements**

- 4.1 The Chairman stated that Shropshire Council's Rural Challenge Fund had been re-launched. Bids could be between £5,000 – £40,000. Projects had to have a strong economic bias, support the local economy and ideally create employment. Private businesses had to have a minimum of 55% match funding. Further information was available via Shropshire Council's website or by contacting the Local Community Action Officer Nicola Fisher on telephone number 01939 237569.

- 4.2 The Chairman announced that the LJC funded group, Sport Drayton had employed the services of Pleydell Smithyman a local consultancy company based in Ironbridge to produce a report on sporting facilities in Market Drayton and the surrounding area. People who wished to be involved in the consultation could contact them at the following email address, [sarah@pleydellsmithyman.co.uk](mailto:sarah@pleydellsmithyman.co.uk).
- 4.3 The Chairman stated that Shropshire and Telford Hospital Trusts were hosting a joint meeting with the PCT and Ambulance Service at 6pm on 21 November 2011 at Edinburgh House.
- 4.4 The Chairman was pleased to announce the launching of the Drayton Crier Facebook site.
- 4.5 The Chairman stated that there was now a new central Anti-Social Behaviour partnership. The multi-agency team would monitor Anti-Social Behaviour reports and target hotspots. People should still dial 999 during emergencies. For confidential reporting the Crime Stoppers number was 0800 555 111.
- 4.6 The Chairman stated Nicola Fisher from Shropshire Council and Gill Porter of the Community Council of Shropshire would be consulting with all local venues regarding their provision of community space.
- 4.7 The Chairman said that Alison Brock of Shropshire Council was requesting letters of support from Parish Councils and other interested bodies to expressly describe why Broadband access was important and the levels and type of use communities anticipated.

## **5. Public Questions**

- 5.1 Cllr Nigel Woods stated that at the Towers Lawn car park in Market Drayton people were not realising that car parking for the first hour was free as the notice was not large enough.

## **6. Parish Council Presentations**

Representatives of the Parishes of Sutton Upon Tern, Hinstock, Child's Ercall and Cheswardine gave an update on the latest development in their areas.

A presentation was given on the saving and restoration of the Hinds Head Pub in Norton-in-Hales.

## **7. Police / Fire Update**

- 7.1 The two representatives from West Mercia Police stated they were aware of the anti social behaviour surrounding Grosvenor Road. Patrols were being increased in the area. They stressed the importance of notifying the Police about crime in the vicinity so they could build a case. In the LJC area generally, scrap metal thefts were of a particular concern and they were taking steps to try and solve the problem.

- 7.2 A representative from the Fire Service gave an update on the service. There were 170 properties that fell outside a fifteen minute call out time. Home fire safety visits were being carried out for all of these properties which would cover areas such as escape plans and the offer of free smoke alarms. The Community Fire Safety number was 01743 260260.

## **8. Drayton Town Steering Group**

- 8.1 A presentation was given on the Market Drayton Community-led Town Plan, which had been published the previous month.

## **9. Applications for Funding and Criteria for Funding Report**

**RESOLVED:** That funding be granted for the following:-

- A) Interactive Arts Project and Exhibition – Norton-in-Hales (£290)
- B) Adderley Village Hall - Cost of the new window only (£550)
- C) Moreton Say Village Hall – To fit a new Kitchen (£6,910.00)
- D) 2<sup>nd</sup> Hodnet Scout Group – Upgrading and updating camping equipment (£1,636.51)
- E) Creative Drayton – Drayton's Creative Trail Tales – To provide historic murals for the boarded-up frontage on the Corbet Arms, High Street and other vacant shop premises (£2,319.00)

**RESOLVED:** That the application by Fordhall Farm to build a Wildlife Hide be deferred until the next meeting.

**RESOLVED:** That delegation of authority to the Community Action Officer, in consultation with the Local Joint Committee Chair (or Vice Chair) in their absence and the wider steering group, to determine urgent and time sensitive funding applications be approved.

**RESOLVED:** That the following funding guidelines be approved for the Market Drayton and Rural Areas Local Joint Committee:

- A) Expenditure must benefit the wider community
- B) The grant should not be used to meet on-going revenue costs of an organisation
- C) The LJC will not normally retrospectively fund a project
- D) The LJC will not normally fund a project in totality – there must be evidence of match funding
- E) The LJC will not normally award more than £4,000 to anyone project

- F) The LJC will not normally award more than one grant to an organisation within the same calendar year
- G) The LJC will consider awarding more than one grant to an organisation within the same calendar year if they are two distinct projects
- H) The LJC will not accept more than 15% volunteer hours match funding

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