



<u>Committee and Date</u>
Meole Column & Sutton Local Joint Committee
20 July 2010
7pm

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**NOTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 20 MAY 2010 AT 7.00 PM AT MEOLE
BRACE SCHOOL SCIENCE COLLEGE, LONGDEN ROAD, SHREWSBURY**

PRESENT:

Members of the Committee:

Mr Ted Clarke	Shropshire Council
Mrs Liz Parsons	Shropshire Council
Mr Jon Tandy	Shropshire Council and Shrewsbury Town Council
Mrs Jackie Brennand	Shrewsbury Town Council

Officers:

Graham Chidlow	Head of Finance (Treasury and Pensions) (Lead Officer)
Nicola Fisher	Community Regeneration Officer
Frances Phelps	Head of Prevention Services (Support Officer)
Dave Wallace	Communities & Housing Policy Team Leader
PC Mike Dulson	West Mercia Police
CSO Derren Tomlinson	West Mercia Police
Michelle Evans	Committee Officer, Legal & Democratic Services (Notes)

There were approximately 23 members of the public at the meeting.

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1.	Election of Chairman	
1.1	Nominations for Chairman were received and it was AGREED that Mr Jon Tandy be elected Chairman for the ensuing year.	
2.	Appointment of Vice-Chairman	
2.1	Nominations for Vice-Chairman were received and it was AGREED that Mrs Jackie Brennand be elected Vice-Chairman for the ensuing year.	
3.	Apologies for Absence	
3.1	Apologies were received from Mr Mike Owen (Shropshire Council) and Mrs Kath Owen (Shrewsbury Town Council).	
4.	Declarations of Interest	
4.1	No declarations were received.	

Action**5. Notes of Previous Meeting**

- 5.1 **AGREED:** That the notes of the meeting held on 30 March 2010 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

6. Progress Report

- 6.1 The Committee received the report of the Lead Officer – copy attached to the signed Notes - which provided details of the progress made on the issues raised at the previous meeting.
- 6.2 In response to a query, the Chairman reported that a response was awaited from Arriva in relation to off duty buses using Sutton Road as a short cut.
- 6.3 In relation to improved safety for pedestrians and residents in Sutton Road, the Lead Officer confirmed that comments from the LJC would be fed into the development of the new Urban Speed Limit Policy.
- 6.4 Mrs Liz Parsons reported that at a meeting in April residents felt that progress had been made in relation to parking issues in Laundry Lane with respect to The Hollies.
- 6.5 The Lead Officer confirmed that a review of the 20mph speed limit through Meole Village would be undertaken 12 months after it had been introduced.
- 6.6 A member of the public queried whether any progress had been made with disabled parking spaces in the town centre. The Lead Officer confirmed that the Head of Technical Services had taken the issue back which may be included in future town centre improvements.

7. Site Allocations and Management of Development – Consultation (SAMDev)

- 7.1 The Communities & Housing Policy Team Leader gave a presentation - copy of slides attached to signed Notes – which covered the following areas:
- Shropshire Local Development Framework
 - Core Strategy
 - Role of SAMDev
 - Engaging in the Process
 - The SAMDev Consultation document:
 - Part A Options for growth
 - Part B Development and infrastructure priorities
 - Part C Future policies for managing development
 - Identified direction for growth - Shrewsbury South
 - Next steps

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<p>7.2 In response to a query, the Communities and Housing Policy Team Leader clarified that the red hatched areas were sites which had been promoted by landowners for consideration for future development.</p>	
<p>7.3 A number of issues were raised by the public and in response the Communities and Housing Policy Team Leader urged them to complete the consultation leaflet for the LJC area, which sought their views on the issues and options for the site allocations and Management of Development plan document.</p>	
<p>7.4 The Chairman thanked the Communities and Housing Policy Team Leader for his presentation and for answering questions.</p>	
<p>8. Public Question Time</p>	
<p>8.1 The Chairman invited questions from members of the public and the following issues were raised:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was requested that the Committee look into the possibility of an additional bus stop for Pendle Way / Washford Road. Residents had previously requested an additional bus stop but objections had been received by Shropshire Council from residents of Washford Road. • Grass cutting on Meole Estate. Currently two different contractors were used and it was requested that one contractor cut the grass on one estate and the other contractor cut the grass on the other estate as they both performed differently. • It was suggested that the speed be reduced between the Sainsbury's roundabout and the Meole Brace roundabout as people had been knocked over by motorists speeding up to make the lights at the other end. • Refuse collection at Whitton Close. Due to parked cars, refuse vehicles mount the pavements and grass areas which left marks on the grass and mud on the pavements which was a slip hazard for residents. 	
<p>It was confirmed that these issues would be followed up.</p>	GC
<p>8.2 In response to a query the Chairman confirmed that meetings of the Cabinet were held in public and anyone was welcome to attend.</p>	
<p>9. West Mercia Police</p>	
<p>9.1 The Chairman introduced PC Dulson and CSO Tomlinson from West Mercia Police. PC Dulson informed the meeting of the crime statistics for the area from January to March 2010.</p>	

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- 9.2 In the Meole Brace area there had been a steady decrease of 28.6% in overall crime. He reported that Meole Brace was an average crime area and that actions had been taken to prevent, in particular, anti social behaviour. Figures for the Sutton area had remained constant at 11 or 12 crimes per month, and no specific problems had been identified in the Column area.
- 9.3 PC Dulson informed the meeting of an upcoming major operation by the Police to reduce anti social behaviour and other alcohol related crimes during the World Cup tournament. He reported that the Pubwatch scheme had been extended to venues in the LJC area, so if a person was banned from one premises they would be banned from all premises in the scheme. Also, anyone with a football banning order against them would automatically be banned by the Pubwatch scheme. The Community Regeneration Officer added that a domestic violence initiative would also be running as well.
- 9.4 PC Dulson invited questions from the public. Issues raised included:
- In response to a query PC Dulson clarified that the figures given were for crime in general, however figures for burglaries were available on the West Mercia website and had been specifically targeted for a number of years.
 - A query was raised as to any initiatives to discourage excessive sales of alcohol from supermarkets.
- In response, PC Dulson explained that they did test for underage sales however tackling this issue was very much intelligence based and relied on the public informing the police if there was deemed to be a significant problem.

10. Community Planning

- 10.1 The Community Regeneration Officer gave an update. She reported that the first meeting of the steering group had gone well and it had been agreed for her to start to sift through the information that was already available and to contact the key players to ensure they were engaged with the process.
- 10.2 The Community Regeneration Officer confirmed that she had been undertaking a desk top exercise and had taken photographs of amenities in the area together with problem areas including bus stops and graffiti. All this information would be made available on the LJC website.
- 10.3 It was hoped that draft questions would be drawn up in the next 2-3 weeks for discussion at the next meeting of the steering group. The draft questions would be trialled at the next LJC meeting in July.

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11. Local Budget Allocation

- 11.1 The Committee received the report of the Lead Officer – copy attached to the signed Notes - which provided the Committee with details of the proposed funding allocations.
- 11.2 The Chairman reported that the application for £4,000 towards building improvements at Mereside Community Centre had been withdrawn.
- 11.3 **It was therefore agreed for the Meole Column & Sutton Local Joint Committee to allocate funding as follows:**
- A. £2,512 towards the set up of a community café at St Giles Community Hall.**
- B. £950 towards the set up of “Holiday at Home” project for older people on Meole Estate.**

10. Date of Next Meeting

- 10.1 The next meeting would be held at **7pm on Tuesday 20 July 2010** in the Council Chamber at Shirehall, Abbey Foregate, Shrewsbury.

The meeting ended at 8.20pm.

Chairman: _____

Date: _____