



Committee and Date

Meole, Column and Sutton
Local Joint Committee

11 October 2011
7.00 pm

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MEOLE, COLUMN AND SUTTON LOCAL JOINT COMMITTEE

**NOTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 11 MAY 2011 AT 7.00 P.M.
IN THE SHREWSBURY AND OSWESTRY ROOMS,
SHIREHALL, ABBEY FOREGATE, SHREWSBURY.**

Responsible Officer: Ann Almond

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Present:

Members of the Committee:

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

Officers:

Lucy Roberts	Community Action Officer
Ann Almond	Committee Officer

There were approximately 22 members of the public at the meeting.

1. Election of Chairman (Agenda Item 1)

1.1 RESOLVED:

That Councillor Mike Owen be elected as Chairman of the Meole, Column and Sutton Local Joint Committee for the ensuing municipal year.

2. Apologies for absence (Agenda Item 2)

2.1 Apologies for absence were received from:

Mike Owen	Shropshire Council
Kath Owen	Shrewsbury Town Council

3. Appointment of Vice-Chairman (Agenda Item 3)

3.1 RESOLVED:

That Councillor Liz Parsons be appointed Vice-Chairman of the Meole, Column and Sutton Local Joint Committee for the ensuing municipal year.

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3.2 As Councillor Mike Owen had sent his apologies, Councillor Liz Parsons acted as Chairman for this meeting.

4. Notes (Agenda Item 4)

4.1 **RESOLVED:**
that the Notes of the meeting of the Meole, Column and Sutton Local Joint Committee held on 15th February 2011 be approved and signed as a correct record by the Chairman.

Liz
Parsons
Ann
Almond

5. Declarations of Interest (Agenda Item 5)

5.1 None were declared.

6. Partners and Communities Working Together (Agenda Item 6)

6.1 To receive an update from West Mercia Police

6.1.1 CSO Chris Jones and CSO Maria Chattington-Lowe were in attendance for this item.

6.1.2 CSO Maria Chattington-Lowe advised those present that she had undertaken laser training, and speed checks had been carried out at various times of day along London Road and Wenlock Road. She advised that the majority of drivers were adhering to the 30 mph speed limit along London Road, however there were a number of drivers not adhering to the 30 mph speed limit along the Wenlock Road, letters had been sent to the registered drivers.

6.1.3 Furthermore speed checks had been carried out along Sutton Road and Mereside, the majority of drivers were adhering to the 30 mph speed limit, CSO Maria Chattington-Lowe commented that there could be a perception that drivers were speeding as this was a narrow road.

6.1.4 CSO Chris Jones reported a number of registered crime figures within this LJC area, criminal damage had reduced from 17 down to 5, and violent crime had reduced from 14 down to 11. He commented that thefts from gardens and garden sheds had recently increased, and a leaflet drop had been made to residents in the areas that had recently been affected advising of ways to increase individual home security.

6.1.5 For further information regarding registered crimes visit the website at: www.police.co.uk

6.1.6 CSO Maria Chattington-Lowe confirmed that the police could issue £30.00 fixed penalty fines to adults caught cycling on pavements and advised that a fixed penalty fine could not be issued to children, under the age of 16, but a letter could be sent to the parent's household.

6.1.7 Furthermore she advised that work was being undertaken with Kim Williams, Cycle Officer, looking at introducing cycle proficiency courses for parents, with the hope that they would pass on their learning to their children.

6.1.8 A Member of the public raised concern regarding speeding traffic and cycling on pavements along Sutton Road, CSO Maria Chattington-Lowe confirmed that she was capable of setting up a road trial within the coming month, and would do this at peak traffic movement hours. She advised that she had a good working relationship with the college and would ensure that any relevant warnings would be passed onto students.

6.2 To receive an update from the Community Action Officer

6.2.1 The Community Action Officer advised those present of the following:

- 17th to 19th June – Olympian Festival in the Quarry Shrewsbury
- 28th June – motor cycling skills and fun day
- Caterpilla had approached the Council to offer a group of volunteers to assist with the completion of projects in the Shrewsbury town area
- New LJC website was up and running, containing various details including local community events
- Had attended a composting course any groups or individuals that would like details contact lucy.roberts@shropshire.gov.uk

6.2.2 Any questions, comments or suggestions could be emailed to: ljc@shropshire.gov.uk

For further information visit the website at:
www.shropshireljcs.com

6.3 To receive an update report on the Bus Strategy consultation response

6.3.1 Members of the Committee noted the report.

6.3.2 Those present expressed their disappointment with the loss of services and removal of concessions. It was thought that this would generate parking problems in the future.

7. LJC Budget (Agenda Item 9)

7.1 This item was brought forward for consideration as Councillor Jon Tandy could not remain for the duration of the meeting.

7.2 Members of the Committee considered the recommendations contained within the report, and the comments raised by the Chairman of the Meole Brace Scouts and Guide group who had submitted an application for determination at this meeting.

7.3 Councillor Jon Tandy suggested, and Members of the Committee agreed, that a site visit would be made to the Meole Brace Scouts and Guide hut to view the existing kitchen and gather more details regarding the facilities that would be provided by the new kitchen.

Lucy
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7.4 RESOLVED: that

- i. the Committee noted a budget of £14,086 had been allocated to this Local Joint Committee for 2011/12; and
- ii. that in view of the reduced funding available, the applications received from the Trinity Centre and the Meole Brace Scouts and Guide group be deferred to a future meeting of this Committee, for consideration following compilation of the information gathered by the Meole, Column and Sutton communities, to be included within the Community Led Plan survey.

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8. Lets Talk Time (Agenda Item 7)

8.1 In response to concerns regarding late delivery of mail, Members of the Committee were unsure why this was happening. Councillor Tandy commented that the situation could get worse if Royal Mail was privatised.

8.2 Concerns were expressed regarding the potential traffic problems that could be generated by the Elton John concert that would be taking place in Shrewsbury. Furthermore those present wanted reassurance that there would be ample toilet provision and litter picking arranged following the event. Councillor Parsons advised that she was part of the Liaison Committee that had discussed the event and confirmed she had seen the travel plan and other details to control and monitor the event, all were considered satisfactory and sufficient parking capacity had been identified for those envisaged to attend the event. It was also noted that there would not be a cost to the tax payer as the event was fully paid for by the football club.

Councillor Tandy left the meeting at this point.

8.3 In response to a query raised regarding the football club, Councillor Parsons advised that the club had applied to vary their licence to allow the club to hold up to three events per annum.

8.4 Concerns were also expressed regarding current parking problems during match games, when “No Parking” signs were displayed but there was no enforcement being taken on those ignoring the signs. Councillor Parsons commented that the signs were only advisory; therefore enforcement action could not be taken. Residents would need to agree to the implementation of a restricted parking zone, which had previously been offered to residents, but had not been supported. However, agreed to raise the matter again at the next Liaison Committee meeting.

Councillor
Liz
Parsons

9. Community Led Plan (Agenda Item 8)

9.1 The Community Action Officer reminded those present of this piece of work that sought community aspirations, needs and issues, including social, environmental and economic issues, via a questionnaire.

- 9.2 There had been a high return rate of the questionnaires, and the information contained therein needed to be inputted onto a database system that would then produce a document containing a list of common issues. This list would then form an Action Plan allowing the community, businesses and volunteers to work together to bring about any changes identified. The Community Action Officer commented that there was more scope to extend the survey, targeting younger people and families and that a report would be prepared for the next meeting scheduled for 11th October 2011.

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10. Future Agenda Items (Agenda Item 10)

10.1 Possible Agenda Items:

- Core Strategy and the processing of planning applications
- Budget update

11. Date, Time and Venue of Next Meeting (Agenda Item 11)

- 11.1 It was noted that the next meeting of the Committee would be held on Tuesday 11th October 2011, at 7.00 p.m. Venue to be confirmed.

The Chairman thanked those present for attending.

The meeting ended at 8.45 p.m.

Signed(Chairman)

Dated