

**MEOLE, COLUMN AND SUTTON LOCAL JOINT COMMITTEE**

**NOTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 11 OCTOBER 2011 AT 7.00 P.M.  
IN THE MEOLE BRACE SECONDARY SCHOOL SCIENCE COLLEGE,  
LONGDEN ROAD, SHREWSBURY.**

**Responsible Officer:** Ann Almond

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**Present:**

**Members of the Committee:**

Mike Owen	Shropshire Council (Chairman)
Ted Clarke	Shropshire Council
Liz Parsons	Shropshire Council
Jon Tandy	Shropshire Council and Shrewsbury Town Council
Jackie Brennand	Shrewsbury Town Council
Kath Owen	Shrewsbury Town Council

**Officers:**

Lucy Roberts	Community Action Officer
Ann Almond	Committee Officer

**Also present:**

Clive Wright	Central Area Director
Stuart Thomas	Area Manager – Development Management

**There were approximately 20 members of the public at the meeting.**

**12. Welcome and Introductions**

12.1 The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting.

**13. Apologies for absence (Agenda Item 1)**

13.1 An apology for absence was received from:

CSO Tanya Grey	West Mercia Police
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**Action**  
**Column**

**14. Notes (Agenda Item 2)**

- 14.1 **RESOLVED:**  
that the Notes of the meeting of the Meole, Column and Sutton Local Joint Committee held on 11<sup>th</sup> May 2011 be approved and signed as a correct record by the Chairman.

Mike  
Owen  
Ann  
Almond

**15. Declarations of Interest (Agenda Item 3)**

- 15.1 None were declared.

**16. Amendment to LJC Constitution (Agenda Item 4)**

- 16.1 Members of the Committee considered the report that detailed the amendment to the LJC Constitution regarding delegated authority to the Community Action Officer to deal with urgent and time sensitive matters.

**RESOLVED**

**That, subject to the Chairman notifying each Member of this Committee, by email, of any urgent or time sensitive matters, and given approximately five days to provide any comments before a decision was made, the granting of delegated authority to the Community Action Officer, in consultation with this Local Joint Committee Chairman or Vice-Chairman in his absence, to determine urgent and time sensitive matters, be approved.**

**17. Partners and Communities Working Together (Agenda Item 5)**

- 17.1 To receive an update from West Mercia Police

- 17.1.1 As CSO Tanya Grey had submitted her apologies, the Community Action Officer reported the following information:

- A number of events had been organised between now and the end of the year, including a Christmas event on the retail park promoting home, car and property security;
- A number of drug related education packages were being presented in the senior schools and stay safe during Halloween promotions in the primary schools;
- Joint surgeries were continuing at the Meet Pace every Monday morning in conjunction with Severnside; and
- The following statistics for the Meole Brace area were noted:
 

Burglary dwelling	0
Burglary non dwelling	2
Criminal damage	4
Drugs offences	3
Fraud	4
Violent Crime	7
Theft	21*

\*majority related to shop lifting on the Retail Park.

**17.2     To receive an update from the Community Action Officer**

**17.2.1**   The Community Action Officer advised those present of the following:

- October was Bike month and numerous activity sessions had been arranged, including details of cycle routes in and around Shrewsbury; and
- The Meole BMX Track was being refurbished.

**18.       Core Strategy update (Agenda Item 8)**

**18.1**     Stuart Thomas, Shropshire Council's Area Manager – Development Management was in attendance for this item, and gave a brief update on the Core Strategy, during which the following points were raised:

- The Local Development Framework (LDF) document was made up of two key documents, these being the Core Strategy (CS) document, that was adopted in February 2011 and the Site Allocations and Management of Development (SAMDev) document;
- The Adopted Core Strategy document sets out strategic planning policy to support the decision making process, and had been compiled by utilising information contained within the six former local plans;
- Two reports would be considered by Shropshire Council's Cabinet Members, the first report detailing the first stage of preferred options for the SAMDev document and would be considered mid October 2011, a second report identifying the preferred site allocations would be considered in December 2011;
- The Preferred Options draft SAMDev Plan document would be published for consultation in January 2012;
- The Final Plan document would be submitted to the Secretary of State in late 2012, and subject to its approval it would then be submitted to and adopted by Shropshire Council early 2013;
- Sustainable Urban Extensions had been identified in Shrewsbury West, Shrewsbury South, and Oswestry, consultation would take place on the suitability of the locations and how the areas would grow over the plan period, up to 2026; and
- He urged as many people as possible to respond to the consultation, as local knowledge and understanding was critical to get the document right, as the document would set the overall strategic vision for development in Shropshire up until 2026.

18.2 Stuart Thomas made the following comments in response to questions raised by members of the Committee and public:

- Policy CS17 had effectively replaced Saved Policy HS2 regarding the protection of green open space;
- The public inquiry regarding the incinerator site in Shrewsbury had been running for two weeks, and was expected to run for a further two weeks;
- New housing developments would need to provide 30 dwellings per hectare;
- Still in the early stages of developing the Sustainable Urban Extensions, numerous aspects would be carefully considered, including health, education and highway infrastructures; and
- Shrewsbury was recognised as a key area of growth.

18.3 For further information visit the website at:  
[www.shropshire.gov.uk/planningpolicy](http://www.shropshire.gov.uk/planningpolicy)

## **19. Lets Talk Time (Agenda Item 6)**

19.1 There were no further questions, comments or suggestions made.

## **20. Budget update (Agenda Item 7)**

20.1 Councillor Mike Owen presented this item, during which the following points were raised:

- £81 billion of savings were required in public spending by 2014/15;
- The government was expecting a fundamental re-examination of council's roles and ways of working;
- The level of savings that need to be achieved was £76 million by 2014/15;
- The Medium Term Financial Plan and Implementation plans for 2011/12 savings were agreed by Shropshire Council on 24<sup>th</sup> February 2011 and were available to view on the Council's website;
- Phase 1 savings for 2012/13 were agreed by Shropshire Council on 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2011 and was available to view on the Council's website;
- Phase 2 savings for 2012/13 would be considered by Council at its meeting scheduled for 15<sup>th</sup> December 2011; and
- Phase 3 savings for 2012/13 would be considered by Council at its meeting scheduled for 11<sup>th</sup> January 2012.

## **21. Community Led Plan (Agenda Item 9)**

21.1 The Community Action Officer advised those present that 5200 questionnaires had been sent out to residents within the Meole, Column and Sutton area and 767 questionnaires had been returned, having a return rate of 14.75%. She then gave brief details of the key points, and the main areas that were identified as being

important to people. Full details were contained within the Community-led Plan questionnaire analysis document that was distributed to those present.

- 21.2 The Community Action Officer commented that, from the number of returned questionnaires, feedback from certain sectors of the Community were low and encouraged those present to contact her with any ideas to find out the views of these people in other ways.

- 21.3 Any questions, comments or suggestions could be emailed to:  
[lucy.roberts@shropshire.gov.uk](mailto:lucy.roberts@shropshire.gov.uk)  
 Or Tel: 01743 252328

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## 22. LJC Budget and Funding Applications (Agenda Item 10)

- 22.1 The Committee discussed each application and it was:

**RESOLVED: that the following applications be approved:**

<u>Application</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Senior Citizens Christmas lunch	£300.00
Meole Brace Scout and guide hut kitchen	£2,000.00
PLA Toddler group at The Meet place	£500.00
Songs for you	£500.00
Community Committee training*	£360.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>£3,660.00</b>
Remaining Budget	£10,426.00

**\*funding to be provided following Mereside Community Centre Association's AGM.**

**RESOLVED: that the Shrewsbury Hand bells (£2027.20) application was not approved as funding could be sought elsewhere.**

## 23. Future Agenda Items (Agenda Item 11)

- 23.1 Possible Agenda Item:

- An update on the Town Centre redevelopment

## 24. Date, Time and Venue of Next Meetings (Agenda Item 12)

- 24.1 To be confirmed.

The Chairman thanked those present for attending.

The meeting ended at 8.45 p.m.

**Signed .....**(Chairman)

**Dated .....**