



Committee and Date

Meole, Column and Sutton
Local Joint Committee

23rd October 2012
7.00 pm

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MEOLE, COLUMN AND SUTTON LOCAL JOINT COMMITTEE

**NOTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 22 MAY 2012 AT 7.00 P.M.
AT THE SHREWSBURY COLLEGE OF ARTS AND TECHNOLOGY,
LONDON ROAD, SHREWSBURY.**

Responsible Officer: Ann Almond

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Present:

Members of the Committee:

Mike Owen	Shropshire Council
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:

Dave Wallace Shropshire Council's Communities and Housing Policy Team Leader

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

1. Election of Chairman (Agenda Item 1)

**Action
Column**

1.1 The Community Action Officer welcomed all to the meeting and requested nominations for Chairman of this Committee for the ensuing year.

1.2 **RESOLVED:**
That Councillor Jon Tandy be elected as Chairman of the Meole, Column and Sutton Local Joint Committee for the ensuing municipal year.

2. Appointment of Vice-Chairman (Agenda Item 2)

2.1 RESOLVED:

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

3. Apologies for absence (Agenda Item 3)

3.1 There were no apologies for absence.

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 11th October 2011 be approved and signed as a correct record by the Chairman.

Jon
Tandy
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 the Community Action Officer

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

- The Olympic Torch would be travelling through Shrewsbury on Wednesday 30th May and would be passing Shirehall at approximately 12.30 p.m., BBC News and Sky camera crews were expected to be filming;
- Alison Kennedy had distributed information and feedback forms regarding London Road Enhancement Scheme;
- Street lighting, specifically referring to those along Thieves Lane, would be switched off at 12.30 a.m. each morning in an effort to reduce electricity costs;
- A leaflet was available providing details of the Shrewsbury Car Club;
- The BMX Track at Mereside, which had been funded by this LJC, would commence work early June; and
- The Safer Roads Partnership would be undertaking random speeds checks along the Wenlock and Sutton Roads in the near future.

6.2 To receive an update from West Mercia Police

6.2.1 CSO Lee Jones and CSO Alison Hodnett were present for this item. CSO Lee Jones provided a brief update, advising that there had been 27 recorded crimes within this LJC area, which was considered to be high but thought this was due to a number of crimes at the Retail

Park. He confirmed that an offender, associated with two burglaries, had been caught and was awaiting a court date.

6.2.2 In response to questions regarding recent spray painting, CSO Lee Jones confirmed that there had been two incidents involving spray painting on vehicles, the first incident had been identified within the Hodnet area and was being investigated by the local Police Sergeant; and the second incident, involving seven vehicles, was being investigated by Sergeant Darren Smith and was believed to be associated with some local youths.

6.2.3 In response to question regarding the MRI Scanner at the Nuffield Hospital, CSO Lee Jones understood that some youths had been caught, who were from another county, and confirmed that Operation Livewire was underway targeting scrap metal thieves in Shropshire.

7. Lets Talk Time (Agenda Item 7)

7.1 The following questions were raised, and responses are stated thereafter:

7.1.1 Q – Frequency of LJC Meetings.

A – Shropshire Council's Cabinet had made a decision to reduce the amount of meetings held per annum for all LJC's. Community Action Officers endeavoured to maintain the LJC webpage's with current information, including local events and consultations.

7.1.2 Q – Where are the meeting details advertised.

A – Twitter, Facebook, invite letters to a number of local residents, posters at a small number of locations, and suggestions were welcomed for further locations; notification was also sent to the Shropshire Star and the Chronicle, however it was acknowledged that the details were not always published.

7.1.3 Q – Were there any plans to reduce the cost of travel passes for transport to and from college;

Q – With the rising cost of fuel, what support for young people will there be to benefit their education by making travel affordable;

Q – Would there be any subsidised travel for work experience placements; and

Q – Were there any plans to increase the bus services to and from rural locations.

A – The Committee were unable to respond to the questions raised by the Student Council, however suggested representatives from Arriva and Shropshire Council be available at the next meeting of this Committee to provide a response.

7.1.4 Q – Who had decided to locate the BMX track at Mereside.

A – The location had been identified by young people, and a full consultation with local residents had taken place.

Lucy
Roberts /
Ann
Almond

7.1.5 Q – Management of Reabrook Valley.

A – Shrewsbury Town Council were negotiating takeover of the Countryside Unit and were currently awaiting contractual agreements from Shropshire Council. The Countryside Unit regularly has support from volunteers, helping with various jobs and projects on the different sites around the town and are currently at maximum volunteering capacity. Matt Wilcoxon, the Countryside Unit Ranger is maintaining the good work at the Reabrook Valley Site.

8. Development at Otley Road / SAMDev Sustainable Urban Extension (Agenda Item 8)

8.1 David Wallace, Shropshire Council's Communities and Housing Policy Team Leader presented this item, during which the following points were raised:

- Currently at the SAMDev preferred options stage;
- Provided some details of the Shrewsbury proposals;
- Preferred Options Consultation was open until 20th July 2012;
- Final Plan would be prepared mid 2013;
- Examination of the Final Plan and Adoption would take place during 2014; and
- Further details could be found at www.shropshire.gov.uk/planning

9. LJC Budget and Funding Applications (Agenda Item 9)

9.1 The Community Action Officer presented her report, requesting Members consideration of the remaining 2011/12 budget of £7,995, and consideration of prioritising the 2012/13 budget of £14,086. She then provided further details of the five projects, listed within the report that had received funding, from the 2011/12 budget, following delegated approval, in accordance with the LJC Constitution.

9.2 **RESOLVED: that the Meole, Column and Sutton LJC 2011/12 budget carry forward of £7,995, and the 2012/13 budget of £14,086, totalling £22,081, be used to support initiatives to raise awareness of road safety, discourage speeding, prevent littering and dog fouling, and any other areas of concern highlighted by and prioritised by the community and within the Community Led Plan for this LJC area.**

10. Future Agenda Items (Agenda Item 10)

10.1 Possible Agenda Item:

- Frequency of LJC meetings and LJC areas – requesting attendance by Councillor Gwilym Butler, Portfolio Holder for Flourishing Shropshire Communities
- SAMDev update – to be kept up to date with progress
- Student travel – invite representatives from Arriva and Shropshire Council to respond to questions

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

- 11.1 It was noted that the next meeting of the Committee would be held on Tuesday 23rd October 2012 at 7.00 p.m. in the Meole Brace Memorial Peace Hall.

The Chairman thanked those present for attending.

The meeting ended at 8.30 p.m.

Signed(Chairman)

Dated