

**Committee and Date**

Meole, Column and Sutton
Local Joint Committee

2nd July 2013
7.00 pm

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MEOLE, COLUMN AND SUTTON LOCAL JOINT COMMITTEE**NOTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 23RD JANUARY 2013 AT 7.00 P.M.
IN THE SHREWSBURY/OSWESTRY ROOMS, SHIREHALL, SHREWSBURY.**

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Present:**Members of the Committee:**

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

Officers:

Clive Wright	Operations Director
Lucy Roberts	Community Action Officer
Ann Almond	Committee Officer

Also present:

Martin Huckle	Shropshire Fire and Rescue
Sergeant Claire Greenaway	West Mercia Police
PC Colin Barrett	West Mercia Police

There were approximately 16 members of the public at the meeting.

25. Chairman's Welcome and Introductions

25.1 The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting and thanked those present for attending, considering the poor weather conditions.

26. Apologies for Absence

26.1 An apology for absence was noted:

Jackie Brennand	Shrewsbury Town Council
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**Action
Column**

27. Notes and matters arising

27.1 RESOLVED:

That the Notes of the meeting of the Meole, Column and Sutton Local Joint Committee held on 23rd October 2012 be approved and signed as a correct record by the Chairman.

- 27.1 In response to comments raised by Mr Downton, the Chairman confirmed he would raise Mr Downton's issues at the Shrewsbury Town Council's Recreation and Leisure Committee of which he was a member.

28. Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

- 28.1 Members were reminded that they must not participate in the discussion or voting on any matter in which they had a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest and should leave the room prior to the commencement of the debate.

29. Partners and Communities Working Together

29.1 To receive an update from the Shropshire Fire and Rescue

- 29.1.1 Martin Huckle, Watch Manager, was in attendance for this item and advised those present of the following:

- a. Provided an update for the Meole, Gains Park and Copthorne areas;
- b. Advised of a number of fire safety campaigns, including the use of portable heaters and information regarding the risks of carbon monoxide poisoning;
- c. Continued partnership working, particularly with West Mercia Police who had assisted with the reduction of arson attacks in the area; and
- d. Commented that proactive work had been undertaken in the Bayston Hill area during bonfire night having engaging well with, and having the cooperation of the local youngsters.

- 29.1.2 Further information could be found by visiting the website: www.shropshirefire.gov.uk

29.2 To receive an update from West Mercia Police

- 29.2.1 Sergeant Claire Greenaway and PC Colin Barrett were present for this item. PC Colin Barrett provided a brief update. During September and October 2012 there had been a large number of burglaries, a suspect had been arrested and was pending charges, who was from the Manchester area. Two local youths had also been arrested and pending charges, and since these arrests there had been no reported burglaries in the Meole Brace area. He advised that regular high visibility patrols were undertaken in areas where burglaries had taken place. Furthermore, advised that other crime figures were generally low; and referred to a number of reports regarding damages to

vehicles by key scratches, unfortunately the culprit(s) had not yet been detected.

29.2.2 PC Barrett then referred to reports received during October and November 2012 of anti social behaviour regarding stones and mud being thrown at properties in the Meole area, a youth had been arrested and released on bail, a bail condition, which ended on 27th December, excluded the youth from the Meole area and during that period no offences of this type were reported, however since the 27th December there had been reports of similar incidents. The youth was being watched. He then referred to traffic matters and advised that work was being undertaken with the Safer Roads Partnership, particularly in the Column and Wenlock Road areas advising that the area would continue to be monitored over the next 12 months. Furthermore, guidance was awaited from the Department for Transport regarding implementation and enforcement of 20mph zones.

29.2.2 In response to concerns regarding Ambulances along Longden Road, Sergeant Greenaway agreed to raise the matter with the service at a meeting due to be held during week commencing 28th January.

29.2.3 In response to concerns regarding previous advice given to residents in that they were encouraged to report dangerous drivers and having followed this advice and being passed to three different numbers was finally told there was nothing the police could do. PC Barrett commented that there were two call centres, one in Shrewsbury and one in Worcester, it was acknowledged that some attitudes could be improved on some occasions and would pass on these comments to Managers. Furthermore, encouraged those present to report dangerous drivers to the local CSO who should take details.

29.3 To receive an update from the Community Action Officer

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

- a. A flooding information workshop would be taking place on 24th January, from 5.30 p.m til 9.30 p.m.
- b. A 'lean working project' pilot would be taking place in Meole, Sutton and Springfield, involving Highways and Street Scene, reviewing streets from end to end identifying general improvements etc;
- c. A map was available for those present to comment upon particularly for identifying areas to place mixed use litter bins;
- d. Upcoming events included Shrewsbury half marathon, food festival and the Darwin festival from 12th to 24th February 2013;
- e. Shrewsbury Town Council's 'In bloom' committee were looking at the year ahead for the Town. Also, just set up was the 'Incredible Edible Shropshire' project – an initiative to link various projects around Shropshire to make use of green space growing vegetables, flowers etc.
- f. Information was distributed to those present from the Association of Local Councils (ALC) regarding the forthcoming elections.

29.4 To receive an update from Jean Breakell, Textile Project

29.4.1 Jean Breakell was present for this item and provided a display of a number wall hanging art work that had been created from classes of 40+ people, following receipt of funding from this LJC. The wall hangings had taken 12 weeks to achieve and now needed to identify premises in which they could be hung.

30. Appointment of Clive Wright as the Operations Director

30.1 The Chairman welcomed Clive Wright to the meeting, who gave an update of Shropshire Council's operations, during which the following points were noted:

- a. Thanked the Committee for the invitation to attend this meeting in his current role, which he had been in post for six weeks, and commented that he had attended previous meetings of this Committee in his previous role as Central Area Director;
- b. Many recent changes had been reported in the Shropshire Star, including the reduction in the Management Team, and that the Council were making savings of £85 million over the next four years.
- c. The Council was driven to make changes to get better value for money and protect front line services as much as possible;
- d. 600 tonnes of grit had already been spread on the roads during this wintery snowy period, snow ploughs had been out including assistance from local businesses and farmers to keep the roads clear; and commented that he was aware of one complaint from the Ludlow area; an
- e. ip&e group had been established with a number of council services planned to be run from the company, this gave staff security and would enable the company to trade for new business, this was a new venture and there had been a number of other Council's approaching Shropshire Council to find out about the process.

30.2 Questions were raised by those present, the following responses were noted:

- a. In relation to school closures, it was noted that head teachers decide whether their school would close, and there would be varying reasons for closures. The closure is reported to Shropshire Council, who in turn, report the closure on Shropshire Council's website;
- b. Shropshire Council worked closely with all Town and Parish Councils, including Shrewsbury Town Council, and would suggest the Town Clerk be invited to attend a future meeting to answer questions / concerns; and
- c. The Company would work in partnership with voluntary and private sectors and where appropriate the private sector.

30.3 Mr Downton asked that his gratitude be noted towards Clive Wright, Operations Director, Tim Sneddon, Service Manager Environmental Maintenance Central and Gary Rogers, Senior Highways Manager, for the good work done so far.

Ann
Almond

31. Speed Awareness

31.1 The Chairman read out the following information that had been received from the Safer Roads Partnership.

31.2 “A speed data survey was carried out by leaving a speed data box out from 12th January to 22nd January. This device measured traffic volumes and speeds 24 hours 7 days a week.

The results returned indicated very low speeds, an 85th percentile speed (speed at which 85% of vehicles were travelling at or below). Having checked the data it appeared that the snow fall on the 18th January affected the final result.

In normal circumstances the partnership would exit the site based on the results from the collected data as the speeds shown were low, but due to the adverse weather conditions changing the behaviour of traffic; this being low volumes and slower than normal traffic, the partnership would continue to carry out speed enforcement until a more accurate speed data survey could be undertaken.

So far, the offence rate on the site was just under 5 offences per hour which was a reasonable rate for a Community Concern Site.

Once a full four months of speed enforcement activity had been carried out, an interim Community Concern site report would be prepared.”

32. Health Check Champions

32.1 The Community Action Officer advised that information had been requested from Shropshire County PCT however this had not been provided in time for this meeting; once the information was received it would be displayed on the LJC webpage.

Ann
Almond
/
Lucy
Roberts

33. Scrutiny at Shropshire Council

33.1 The Community Action Officer referred to a briefing sheet, distributed to those present, that had been prepared by Councillor Tim Barker, Chair of the Scrutiny Chairs Group which explained the role of Scrutiny and how to get involved.

34. SAMDev – Sustainable Urban Extension

34.1 Those present noted the content of the update sheet that was available at the meeting. The Chairman advised that there would be a public meeting on Tuesday 12th February 2013, from 6.30 p.m. in the Council Chamber Shirehall.

35. Lets Talk Time

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

35.1.1 Q – Street lighting to be put up under the bridge by the river crossing by the White Heart public house (received by letter and reported by the Community Action Officer).

Lucy Roberts

A – This area had been identified on the map on display, the Community Action Officer would check if there were any overhanging trees that could be obscuring any existing lighting.

35.1.2 Q – As the Master plan planning proposal for Sustainable Urban extension at Oteley Road/ Sutton Grange had been postponed, what would happen with the upgrade to the footway towards the Greek Orthodox Church.

A – The Chairman advised that planning permission required more surveys to be undertaken and expected the application to be submitted mid this year, the Community Action Officer suggested this be an area looked at the 'Lean working Project' to maybe implement some temporary measures to improve the access.

35.1.3 Q – Funding allocated previously appeared not to have been taken up, according to the LJC webpages.

A – The Community Action Officer advised that the webpage required a number of updates, and from those listed only a couple had not taken up the funding. Any funding would not be utilised would be retained for the purposes of this Committee, and advised that funding had been confirmed for 2013-14 financial year.

35.1.4 Q – Had any monies been spent towards the BMX track

A – The Chairman advised that not a penny had been spent yet, negotiations were still underway as the contractor needed clear 8 days to undertake the work – weather conditions had postponed work. The Community Action Officer advised that work would be undertaken and would be meeting with Shrewsbury Town Council to clarify the situation.

35.1.5 Q – Number 26 Meole bus, stops before Longden island but not on return journey.

A – Need to check whether a notice was on display at the bus stop, if "also on corresponding side", the bus will stop on the opposite side of the carriageway, however advised to check with the bus company.

35.1.6 Q – Traffic calming measures along Stanley lane/ Meole Village.

A – Met with Richard Harman, Highways were looking to produce the traffic calming plans for review in March. Mike Owen was involved in the process and the most suitable options were being looked into.

35.1.7 Q – Who was responsible for establishing bus shelters;

A – The Chairman confirmed that this was a Shrewsbury Town Council responsibility, and that the Town Council would be

undertaking a review of existing bus shelters and would welcome suggestions from the public as to where bus shelters needed to be. The appropriate consultation would need to be undertaken in the areas identified.

35.1.8 Q – Request the Local Joint Committee write to the owners of the retail park to request replacement of the road surface as there were a number of pot holes.

Lucy
Roberts
/ Ann
Almond

35.1.9 Q – 20mph zones were being considered by other authorities and Shropshire seriously needed to consider implementation particularly in this area of Shrewsbury and most importantly before the new housing development takes place as new vehicles would exacerbate the existing problems.

35.1.10 Q – Trim Track notices

A – The Community Action Officer advised that feedback would need to be sought from Shrewsbury Town Council.

36. Mixed Use Bins

36.1 The Community Action Officer advised that following the previous meeting, costings had been sought and were contained within the funding report; a map was on display for those present to identify potential locations for these bins. Furthermore, confirmation had been sought from the appropriate team who had advised that depending on the number of new bins provided, no revenue costs would be incurred.

37. LJC Budget and Funding Applications

37.1 The Community Action Officer presented her report, requesting Members consideration of ring fencing up to £5,000 to provide additional mixed use litter bins in areas that have highlighted a need; and ring fencing £1,000 towards the provision of speed awareness wheelie bin stickers.

37.2 RESOLVED:

- i. **That £5,000 be ring fenced to provide additional mixed use litter bins within the Meole, Column and Sutton LJC area that have highlighted a need; and**
- ii. **That £1,000 be ring fenced towards the provision of speed awareness wheelie bin stickers for specific areas of concern within the Meole, Column and Sutton LJC area.**

38. Future Agenda Items

38.1 Shrewsbury Town Council to be present to report back on projects and to answer any questions raised.

39. Date, Time and Venue of Next Meeting

- 39.1 It was noted that the next meeting of the Committee would be held on Tuesday 2nd July 2013 at 7.00 p.m. venue to be confirmed.

The Chairman thanked those present for attending, and wished to thank Councillor Liz Parsons for her work over previous years as she would not be standing for Election this year. All those present showed their appreciation by a round of applause.

The meeting ended at 8.30 p.m.

Signed(Chairman)

Dated