

MEOLE, COLUMN AND SUTTON LOCAL JOINT COMMITTEE

**NOTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 2ND JULY 2013 AT 7.00 P.M.
AT MEOLE BRACE PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY, CHURCH ROAD,
SHREWSBURY.**

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Present:

Members of the Committee:

Ted Clarke	Shropshire Council
Mike Owen	Shropshire Council
Jane Mackenzie	Shropshire Council and 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 Senior Specialist - Planning Policy
Sergeant Claire Greenaway	West Mercia Police

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

1. Election of Chairman

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 Jane Mackenzie be elected as Chairman of the Meole, Column and Sutton Local Joint Committee for the ensuing municipal year.

2. Apologies for Absence

2.1 An apology for absence was noted:

Jon Tandy	Shropshire Council and Shrewsbury Town Council
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Column

3. Appointment of Vice-Chairman

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

4. Notes and any matters arising

- 4.1 **RESOLVED:**
That the Notes of the meeting of the Meole, Column and Sutton Local Joint Committee held on 23rd January 2013 be approved and signed as a correct record by the Chairman.

Jane
Mackenzie

- 4.2 A Member of the public was disappointed that the notes did not contain more information relating to the concerns expressed regarding the use of ambulances along Longden Road. Ambulances were responding to emergency calls from the Longden Road maintenance depot, despite assurances given during the planning application process that it would not be used for emergency call outs. Responding to emergency calls from this maintenance depot was creating noise nuisance, and putting young children and local residents at risk on an already busy road.

5. Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

- 5.1 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.

6. Partners and Communities Working Together

6.1 To receive an update from West Mercia Police

- 6.1.1 Sergeant Claire Greenaway was present for this item and provided a brief update, during which the following points were noted:
- a. There had been little anti social behaviour (ASB) reported since the last meeting of the Committee;
 - b. A den had been identified and demolished, which had been used as a late night drinking area by young people;
 - c. Speed readings and enforcement had been undertaken along the Wenlock Road site;
 - d. Crime figures were generally low, with the retail park being identified as a hot spot area; and
 - e. Officers had dealt with a terrorism related incident, also involving Home Office Officials, with an individual in the Meole area, and confirmed that there were no other similar activities relating to this case.
- 6.1.2 In response to questions raised, Sergeant Claire Greenaway made the following comments:

- a. One way directional roadway signage was Shropshire Council's responsibility;
- b. Community Support Officers (CSO's) were unable to book or issue tickets, only an advisory capacity;
- c. Encouraged those present to report incidents, as they happen, and if there were common / hot spot areas, police presence would be increased in those particular areas;
- d. In general, future policing would be working from their cars that would provide more police presence in the areas that they cover.

- 6.1.3 In response to a query regarding abandoned shopping trolleys, the Community Action Officer advised that, in relation to Sainsbury's supermarket, there is an employee there who organises collections of abandoned trolleys on Tuesday's and Thursday's ,Trolleywise the Collection company goes out Monday, Wednesday and Friday collecting.

Contact number at Sainsbury's for reporting abandoned trolleys is:
01743 244744

Lucy
Roberts

6.2 To receive an update from the Community Action Officer

- 6.2.1 The Community Action Officer advised those present of the following:
- a. Shrewsbury Wide Local Joint Committee would be meeting on Thursday 4th July 2013 from 7.00 p.m. at the Guildhall, Shrewsbury, Bill Longmore, the Police and Crime Commissioner, would be present if anyone wished to attend and ask any questions;
 - b. A Cultural Diversity Day would be held in the Town Square;
 - c. An event for new Business start ups, in Shrewsbury, would take place on Thursday 25th July 2013, from 9.00 a.m. til 1.00 p.m.;
 - d. A litter pick would be taking place, tomorrow, Wednesday 3rd July in Meole, meeting in the car park next to the football pitch; and
 - e. "Love where you live" project, looking at general issues of concern.

7. Broadband

- 7.1 Copies of a written update from Chris Taylor, Shropshire Council's Broadband Manager, was available for those present.

8. Speed Awareness

- 8.1 The Chairman read out the following information that had been received from the Safer Roads Partnership.
- 8.2 "It was hoped that data would be furnished in relation to the speeds at the Wenlock Road site. However, there had a technical hitch, and was unable to download the information.

The last data from this location is from the end of February until the beginning of March and it indicated that the 85th percentile speed was

down to 34.9mph. This is below the ACPO threshold for speed enforcement activity; however, there was snow on the ground which would have slowed vehicles down to a speed that was not representative of normal behaviour. Therefore the Safer Roads Partnership Team's Business Analyst and the Operations Team were loath to withdraw activity.

Another speed survey will be happening in the next two weeks, and once more speed data and offence details arrive, a full report would be provided.

Apologies again, but please be reassured that the Safer Roads Partnership are committed to reducing speed in the area."

9. Sustainable Urban Extension – Oteley Road

9.1 Dave Wallace, Shropshire Council's Senior Specialist - Planning Policy was present for this item and provided a brief update, during which the following points were noted:

- a. Shropshire Council was consulting on the 'Revised Preferred Options';
- b. The consultation focuses only on changes to the settlement strategies and preferred options for new development published last year;
- c. The number of dwellings required for the Shrewsbury area alone, was around 6,500 dwellings between 2006 and 2026;
- d. Revised Preferred Option Sites within this LJC area included:
 - i. Land at Weir Hill Farm/Robertsford House, Preston Street, reduced from 400 to 150 houses accessed off Preston Street, subject to highway improvements to Preston Street and the Column roundabout;
 - ii. Land off London Road had changed from the possible reserve site for 300-400 houses, to the allocation for 400-450 houses (incorporating part of the site formerly put forward off Preston Street), subject to access off London Road; and
 - iii. Land north of London Road had changed from the possible reserve site to the allocation for approximately 50 dwellings, with the eastern edge of the development area pulled further back from the river corridor and to be subject to appropriate landscaping to minimise visual impact on the corridor.

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

9.2.1 Q – Shale Gas extraction in field site along Oteley Road
A – Each site was evaluated, if development came forward to Shropshire Council, appropriate checks and measures would need to be undertaken.

9.2.2 Q – How long would it take to build the new houses
A – Each site would be different, generally between 30 and 40 homes

were built at any one time.

9.2.3 Q – Affordable housing

A – Affordable housing contributions was currently 13% across Shropshire, however this would change from 1st September 2013 and would rise to 20%.

9.2.4 Q – Self build homes on London Road

A – Nicholas Wood, Shropshire Council's Communities & Housing Policy Team Leader would be the best person to contact with this query.

9.2.5 Q – Why had Bayston Hill Parish Council and local residents not been consulted upon a planning permission for 34 houses in a field near to Mary Webb Road

A – Local Town or Parish Councils are notified of all planning applications within the Town or Parish Council area, no further information was available at this time and it may be that a formal planning application had not yet been submitted to Shropshire Council.

Councillor Clarke advised that Wrekin Housing Trust had indicated that they would be providing a presentation on their proposed planning application, to a future meeting of the Bayston Hill Parish Council and that this would be open to the public to attend.

Councillors Mike Owen and Ted Clarke agreed to follow this up with Wrekin Housing Trust to obtain further details for residents along Mary Webb Road.

Update from Wrekin Housing Trust – they are putting a planning application in for 17 two bed and 17 three bed homes on the site. This will be submitted in August, residents will be informed of this. In the meantime they are in discussions about another questions and answer session at the request of Bayston Hill Parish Council.

Mike Owen /
Ted Clarke

9.3 For further information regarding the SAMDev process could be found at www.shropshire.gov.uk/planningpolicy

10. Rea Valley Local Nature Reserve and Mereside update

10.1 The Community Action Officer provided a brief update, advising that Shrewsbury Town Council had taken over maintenance of the Rea Valley Local Nature Reserve last year, 2012, and since the takeover, Shrewsbury Town Council had endeavoured to improve the area (some pictures were on display identifying some of the work undertaken so far), works included improving the footpath so that they did not flood and provided kissing gates for easier access. A lot of this work had been possible by the help of volunteers, and encouraged those present to contact Matt Wilcoxon at Shrewsbury Town Council if they could offer any assistance.

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

10.2.1	Q – Extending the Rea Valley Local Nature Reserve A – The Community Action Officer agreed to follow this up with the Councillors Jane Mackenzie and Kath Owen, Shrewsbury Town Council representatives on this Committee.	Lucy Roberts
10.2.2	Q – BMX track A – Original funding was for £10,000 and the Town council appointed a contractor to carry out the work unfortunately due to poor weather conditions this contractor did not finish the work and it construction was taken over by the Town Council's own grounds team. They used the original design and measurements and the overall costs came in below budget. The under spend had been allocated for any resurfacing costs covering some years to come.	
11.	Lets Talk Time	
11.1	The following questions were raised, and responses are stated thereafter:	
11.1.1	Q – Disappointed at hearing a planning decision had been made for the future use of the building near to Shirehall, significant building community should have been consulted about its future use. A – The property had been on the market for some time, and understood that the Community Right to Bid process was not implemented as a Group to request this was not formed. Further information regarding the Community Right to Bid could be found at: www.shropshire.gov.uk/doing-business-with-shropshire-council/community-right-to-bid/the-community-right-to-bid-process/	Lucy Roberts
11.1.2	Q – Concerned at the state of the amenity planting around Shirehall, area looks out of control, needs attention.	
11.1.3	Q – Need to improve traffic safety along Sutton road, although there had not had been any accidents, the Oakley Road Development would generate more people in the area. A – Need to report to Andy Savage at Shropshire Council.	
11.1.4	Q – What happened to 20mph speed awareness wheelie bin stickers. A – Matter on going, stickers agreed in principle dependant on speed limits.	
11.1.5	Q – Can a bus stop and shelter be provided outside The Ferns residential home? Also between Longden island and cemetery, bus does not have a stop. One is needed going into town between Longden Road island and Old Roman Road. A – All new bus stops become Shrewsbury Town council's asset and maintenance responsibility after completion. Prior to this suitability and viability of potential sites are established by SC Highways- the sites mentioned are currently being investigated.	
11.1.6	Q – Ambulances were responding to emergency calls from the Longden Road maintenance depot, despite assurances given during the planning application process that it would not be used for	

emergency call outs.

A – This was a live issue and was being looked at, it was understood that the site was only being used to restock equipment in vehicles. However, Mike Owen and Ted Clarke to follow up with relevant officers and encourage to attend the next meeting to explain.

Mike Owen /
Ted Clarke

12. LJC Budget and Funding Applications

12.1 The Community Action Officer presented her report, advising that there had no grant applications received, and reported that there was a total budget available for 2013/14 of £36,934.00.

12.2 **RESOLVED:**
That there were no grant applications received and that the total budget available for 2013/14 was £36,934.00.

Lucy
Roberts

13. Future Agenda Items

13.1 A representative from West Midlands Ambulance Service be invited to attend the next meeting to discuss concerns regarding Longden Road maintenance depot.

Lucy
Roberts

14. Date, Time and Venue of Next Meeting

14.1 It was noted that the next meeting of the Committee would be held on Tuesday 5th November 2013 at 7.00 p.m. venue to be confirmed.

The Chairman thanked those present for attending.

The meeting ended at 8.55 p.m.

Signed(Chairman)

Dated