



<u>Committee and Date</u>
Much Wenlock and Shipton Local Joint Committee
16 November 2011
7.00 pm

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## **NOTE OF ACTIONS AND DECISIONS FROM THE MEETING OF THE MUCH WENLOCK AND SHIPTON LOCAL JOINT COMMITTEE HELD ON 20 JULY 2011 AT 7.00 P.M. AT THE PRIORY HALL, MUCH WENLOCK**

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### **Present**

Mr E Humphries, Dr J E Jones, Mr K Jones, Mr T Marsh, Mr B Seaward and Mr P M Whiteman OBE (Chairman)

There were seven members of the public at the meeting.

		Action
<b>1.</b>	<p><b>Welcome and Apologies for Absence/Substitutions</b></p> <p>The Chairman reported that Mr Keith Jones was substituting for Mr Philip Wadlow.</p> <p>Mr Tom Brettell, Senior Community Action Officer, was present as Kerry Rogers, was absent because of a family illness.</p> <p>It was noted that with effect from 1 April 2011, Broseley and Much Wenlock electoral divisions had joined together to create one Local Joint Committee which would operate on a two zone principle (Much Wenlock and Shipton LJC and Broseley and Barrow LJC). The Much Wenlock and Shipton Local Joint Committee would meet twice a year chaired by the elected Shropshire Council member for Much Wenlock.</p> <p>The Chairman hoped that the new arrangements would be an improvement on when Much Wenlock had been part of the Much Wenlock, Highley and Brown Clee Local Joint Committee, which had comprised a much larger geographical area. It was also hoped that more members of the public would attend with greater publicity.</p>	KR

<b>2.</b>	<b>Appointment of Vice-Chairman</b>  <u>RESOLVED</u> : That Mr Philip Wadlow be appointed Vice-Chairman for the ensuing year.	
<b>3.</b>	<b>Declarations of Interest</b>  There were no declarations of interest.	
<b>4.</b>	<b>The Friendly Transport Service Ltd</b>  A presentation was made by Marie Monk-Hawksworth, Project Manager of the Friendly Transport Service Ltd on the services provided and the need for more voluntary drivers.  Marie explained that the Friendly Transport Service Ltd were a not-for-profit organisation which assisted local communities in the Much Wenlock and Broseley areas. They had a pool of around thirty voluntary drivers and three mini-buses, which were fully accessible. They also operated a community car service, predominantly for individual appointments. She and Julie Brazier were the only paid members of staff. While the National Lottery grant would last until 2015, they were looking to become more sustainable. Leaflets and membership forms were available.  They were looking to recruit more voluntary drivers and she explained that on-going training was provided. She pointed out that persons who had obtained a car driving licence before 1 January 1997 had been granted automatically category D1 (not for hire or reward) entitlement and could drive a minibus up to the age of 70, when they would require a medical.	
<b>5.</b>	<b>Neighbourhood Planning – Much Wenlock Front Runner</b>  Mr Robert Stuart, a member of Much Wenlock Town Council, gave a presentation (a copy of which is on the webpage for this meeting) on neighbourhood planning which was being introduced by the Government as part of the Localism Bill. He explained that it was meant to be a bottom-up approach to planning for the future of an area led by the community.  In advance of the legislation coming into effect Much Wenlock Town Council were involved in a pilot or ‘frontrunner’ neighbourhood plan, but needed help from as many volunteers in the local community as possible. Without such support it would be difficult to move it forward, and he asked that volunteers should contact the Clerk. It was proposed to put a draft plan together early in 2012 using the Town Plan as a background. This would be evaluated as to whether it was in conformity with strategic policies in the Core Strategy and SAMDev. Following independent examination the public would be asked to vote in a referendum on whether to approve the Much Wenlock Neighbourhood Plan. If approved developers would be fully aware about whether their proposals conformed to the community’s views.	

	<p>Questions were asked about how people’s expectations were going to be managed and what would happen if additional housing development was proposed without taking into account existing infrastructure problems. Mr Stuart replied that they were preparing a planning document which would give the local community a greater say on future development and they would have to be sufficiently confident to vote it through in a referendum. Part of the answer was listening sufficiently to concerns at the start of the process. The neighbourhood plan would address employment as well as housing issues, but it would not be able to override strategic development plans.</p>									
6.	<p><b>Update on Market Towns Revitalisation Programme/ Rural Challenge Capital Fund</b></p> <p>The Committee received and noted a report (copy attached to signed minutes) containing information on projects for the Market Towns Revitalisation Programme and Rural Challenge Capital Fund- Much Wenlock Town Markets Stimulation Project.</p>									
7.	<p><b>Current Policing Issues – PACT (Partners and Communities Together)</b></p> <p>PC Stuart Lippitt reported that there had been a significant improvement in the amount of rubbish and litter being left around the town. Unauthorised camping sites had also been tackled. He also reported that concerns had been expressed about speeding on the B4371 and the A4169 and speed checks and enforcement action had been taken as appropriate. There had been a reduction in road traffic incidents. There had been three fatalities in 2010 and none in 2011 to date. In 2010 there had been 47 collisions causing injuries and 15 in 2011. Face to face surveys had been carried out at seventeen venues and around 250 people spoken to, but no real issues had been raised. All seemed quite happy. He also gave a breakdown of local crime statistics.</p>									
8.	<p><b>2011/12 Finance Report including update on funding requests for consideration</b></p> <p>Mr Tom Brettell Senior Community Action Officer presented a report (copy attached to signed minutes) which provided information on the devolved funding available to the Local Joint Committee in 2011/12 and eight bids for funding.</p> <p><u>RESOLVED :</u></p> <p>a) That the following decisions be made in respect of the under-mentioned applications:</p> <table><tr><td></td><td>Applicant/ organisation</td><td>Project</td><td>Grant</td></tr><tr><td>1</td><td>Much Wenlock Fencing Club</td><td>Purchase of new electronic equipment</td><td>Grant of £989.00</td></tr></table>		Applicant/ organisation	Project	Grant	1	Much Wenlock Fencing Club	Purchase of new electronic equipment	Grant of £989.00	
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	2	Much Wenlock Walkers	To obtain Walkers are Welcome status	Grant of £670		
	3	Much Wenlock Lightning Netball Club	To purchase training kit and coaching courses	Grant of £1,000		
	4	Ludlow Hockey Club	Dug out shelters on the pitch side at William Brookes School, Much Wenlock	The application be rejected on the grounds that the Committee give preference to local clubs		
	5	Wyldwoods	Provision of activities to children from Much Wenlock and Brockton Primary schools	Grant of £1,400		
	6	Wenlock Fringe Festival	Artist fees and activities for the 2012 festival	Grant of £1,500		
	7	Wenlock Roots, Fruits and Shoots Festival	Cost of holding this event	Grant of £500		
	8	The Edge Arts Centre	Exclusive school production of "Much Ado about Wenlock"	Grant of £575		
9.	<p><b>Urgent and time sensitive matters</b></p> <p>The Committee received a report (copy attached to signed minutes) which had been approved by Shropshire Council at their meeting on 23 June 2011, when it had been agreed to give Community Action Officers delegated authority, in consultation with the Local Joint Committee Chair (or Vice-Chair in their absence), to determine urgent and time sensitive matters and that the Local Joint Committee Constitution be amended with immediate effect.</p> <p>This Local Joint Committee were required to decide whether they wished such a role to be exercised and if so whether they wished to place any local restrictions on their powers of delegation. The Chairman had stated that he would undertake email or telephone contact with other members of the Committee to obtain a consensus if a decision was required on a time sensitive or urgent matter.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b> That the Committee exercise their delegated authority to authorise the Community Action Officer to act under delegated authority to determine urgent and time sensitive matters in consultation with the Chairman (or Vice-Chairman in his/her absence.</p>					

10.	<p><b>Local bus Service Changes: For information</b></p> <p>It was reported that a comprehensive public consultation exercise had been undertaken by Shropshire Council earlier that year concerning potential changes to local bus services detailed in the draft bus strategy for Shropshire 2011-16. The various changes which had been agreed could be viewed on Shropshire Council's website.</p> <p>With regard to bus services affecting Much Wenlock, the existing frequency of Service 436 (Bridgnorth-Shrewsbury) would be maintained between Mondays and Saturdays. However, Shropshire Council subsidy was being removed from all Sunday and Bank Holiday journeys and the last day of operation for the 436 Service on Sundays would be 4 September 2011.</p>	
11.	<p><b>Public Question Time /Identification of future agenda items</b></p> <p>It was agreed that a Shropshire Council finance officer should be asked to attend the next meeting to explain the budget process for the 2012/13 budget.</p>	
12.	<p><b>Next meeting</b></p> <p>It was noted that the next meeting would be held on Wednesday 16 November 2011, at Shipton Village Hall, at 7.00 p.m.</p> <p>Chair .....</p> <p>Date.....</p> <p>The meeting closed at 8.15 p.m.</p>	