



Committee and Date

Much Wenlock and Shipton
Local Joint Committee

14 November 2012

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**NOTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MUCH WENLOCK AND SHIPTON LOCAL
JOINT COMMITTEE HELD ON AT 7.00PM ON WEDNESDAY 18 JULY 2012
AT SHIPTON VILLAGE HALL, SHIPTON, MUCH WENLOCK.**

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Committee Members Present:

Shropshire Council

Jean Jones
Milner Whiteman

Much Wenlock Town Council

Eric Humphries
Tim Marsh

Easthope, Shipton and Stanton Long Parish Council

Bob Seaward
Philip Wadlow

There were approximately 15 members of the public present at the meeting.

ACTION

1 Chairman's Introductions

- 1.1 The Chairman welcomed everyone to Shipton and introduced each of the members of the committee.

2 Election of Chairman

- 2.1 It was proposed, seconded and duly resolved that Mr P Milner Whiteman be elected Chair of the Much Wenlock and Shipton Local Joint Committee for the forthcoming Municipal Year

3. Apologies for Absence and Substitutions

- 3.1 There were no apologies as all members were present

4. Appointment of Vice Chairman

- 4.1 It was proposed seconded and duly resolved that Mr Philip Wadlow be appointed vice chair of the Much Wenlock & Shipton LJC for the

forthcoming municipal year

5. Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

Mr Whiteman Mr Marsh and Mr Humphries declared an interest in the funding application from Much Wenlock Town Council as members of the Council. They left the room during debate and voting on this application.

6. Note of Last Meeting

6.1 It was pointed out that minute 16.2 was incorrect as there was already a 50 mile per hour speed restriction in place. It was agreed that the minute should read "A speaker urged Shropshire Council to bring in a reduced speed limit on the road of 40mph"

6.2 It was resolved that subject to the above the note of the meeting held on 16 November 2012 be signed by the Chairman as a true record

7. Current Policing Issues – Partners and Communities Together (PACT)

7.1 The Chair introduced Inspector Rob Thomas who was the new Inspector who covered the LJC area

7.2 Inspector Thomas introduced himself and gave a little background into his policing career. He apologised that PC Stuart Lippitt could not be present as he was attending an incident in Barrow and that PC Lippitt would feed a local crime report through the LJC Officers.

7.3 Inspector Thomas informed the meeting that as a result of savings required following the Comprehensive Spending Review there was currently a decision not to fill vacancies. He went on to say that as a result of the need to prioritise response officer posts the number of local police officers was being reduced. He went on to say that following PC Kinson's redeployment, the Broseley Local Policing area would now be covered by PC Lippitt

7.4 A speaker commented that both PC Lippitt and PC Kinson had built up good relationships in their communities and also worked with a lot of groups within the towns. This would now be lost. Inspector Thomas stated that there were no specific plans in place to cover this work but that it would evolve over time. He went on to say that inevitably some of this work would need to be picked up by other community groups.

7.5 A speaker raised the question of speeding on Farley Road. The Chairman advised him that following the discussions held at the last meeting he had been informed that the 2 lengths of double white line

would be joined so that there would be no overtaking on the whole stretch of the road.

- 7.6 Another speaker asked about continuing speed checks. Inspector Thomas stated that there were health and safety issues both for officers actually doing the check and also because there was a need for somewhere safe to pull speeding cars in. He went on to advise that speeding was one of the current PACT priorities. He also pointed out that with regard to the introduction of a lower speed limit the police looked at each request individually but had to act lawfully within Department for Transport guidelines.

- 7.7 The Chair thanked Inspector Thomas for his attendance

8. Pollution of Farley Brook

- 8.1 The Chair introduced Michelle Morris from the Environment Agency (EA)

- 8.2 Ms Morris gave a presentation on pollution issues on the Farley Brook. (Copy attached to signed minutes) in which she outlined the current problems and steps being taken to overcome them.

- 8.3 A speaker commented that in the past there had been major problems with the sewage works and issues of non-compliance. Ms Morris commented that the EA had done a lot of work to overcome these problems.

- 8.4 Another speaker raised the fact that there were potential pollution problems associated with the "Landowner" fertilise plant. Ms Morris commented that agencies closely monitored the situation as part of the plants licence.

- 8.5 A speaker commented that there were continuing problems with the combined sewer outfall. Ms Morris commented that the situation was continually monitored.

- 8.6 The Chair thanked Ms Morris for her presentation and for answering questions.

9. Encompass Dance Project

- 9.1 The Chair advised the meeting that unfortunately Jenny Smith was unable to attend the meeting.

10 Broadband Project

- 10.1 The Chair introduced Alison Brock, Broadband Project Manager, Shropshire Council who updated the meeting on the countywide

Broadband Project, reminding members of the aims of the project and progress made to date.

10.2 A speaker asked whether the fact the Telford & Wrekin Council had withdrawn would affect the project. Ms Brock assured her that it would not.

10.3 The Chair thanked Ms Brock for her update

11. Applications for Funding from the LJC Budget

11.1 Representatives from each of the organisations applying for grants were given the opportunity to address the committee regarding their application.

11.2 RESOLVED:

- a) that the decision to award a grant of £300.00 under delegated powers to the Much Wenlock Poetry Parnassus be noted
- b) That the level of grant awarded in relation to the applications received be as follows:

i	Much Wenlock Baby & Toddler Group for improvements to the book area and singing circle	£ 324.00
ii	Much Wenlock Cricket Club toward the purchase of a replacement bowling machine	£1500.00
iii	Brockton Pre-School for repairs to the outdoor play area	£ 295.00
iv	Much Wenlock Town Council toward the purchase of IT equipment to enable planning applications to be viewed at meetings of the Planning Committee	£ 616.00
v	Much Wenlock "Walkers are Welcome" to promote walking in Wenlock and the surrounding area	£ 300.00

12. Public Question Time/Identification of Future Agenda Items

12.1 A representative of Much Wenlock Bowling Club thanked the LJC for their grant toward improvements at the club

12.2 The Chair advised those present that the next meeting of the LJC would be held on 14 November 2012 at The Priory Hall. He asked that if anyone had anything that they wished to see on the agenda to advise any member of the committee

13. Grant Application Information.

It was noted that a Local Joint Committee Application form and guidance is available on the Council’s website www.shropshire.gov.uk or by contacting Kerry Rogers, Community Action Officer on 01746 713110.

Signed:
 Chairman

Date: