



Committee and date:  
North East Shrewsbury Local  
Joint Committee  
17 September 2009  
7.00 p.m.

Item

**4**

**NOTE OF DECISIONS AND ACTIONS ARISING FROM THE MEETING HELD ON 9 JULY 2009  
AT 7.00 P.M. AT THE MARTIN WILSON SCHOOL, NEW ROAD, CASTLEFIELDS, SHREWSBURY**

**Responsible Officer:** Karen Nixon

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**Committee Members Present:**

Councillor Dean Carroll (Shrewsbury Town Council)

Councillor Alan Mosley (Shropshire Council & Shrewsbury Town Council)

Councillor Malcolm Price (Shropshire Council & Shrewsbury Town Council)

**Shropshire Council Officers Present:**

Celia Bahrami, Lead Officer

Andrew Stirling, Support Lead Officer

Steve Cunningham, Senior Community Regeneration Officer

Tim Sneddon, Head of Environmental Maintenance (Centre)

Karen Nixon, Committee Officer (notes)

**West Mercia Police:**

Sgt Ram Aston

PC Peter Franklin

PC Andrew Gardner

CSO Will Tyler

CSO Mandy Leek

**Shropshire Fire Service:**

Derek Taylor

Cam Taylor

*There were approximately 40 members of the public in attendance.*

		<b>ACTION</b>
<b>1.</b>	<b>Election of Chairman</b>	
1.1	<b>RESOLVED:</b> That Councillor Alan Mosley be elected Chairman of the Local Joint Committee for the ensuing year.	<b>KN</b>
<b>2.</b>	<b>Apologies</b>	
2.1	Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Karen Burgoyne, Mrs and Mrs Goode, Paula Alexandri-Gray and Michael Nixon.	

<b>3.</b>	<b>Appointment of Vice-Chairman</b>	
3.1	<b>RESOLVED:</b> That Councillor Malcolm Price be appointed Vice Chairman of the Local Joint Committee for the ensuing year.	<b>KN</b>
<b>4.</b>	<b>Declarations of Interest</b>	
4.1	No declarations were made.	
<b>5.</b>	<b>Sevenside Issues</b>	
5.1	<p>Due to another commitment that same evening for the Sevenside representative, this item was moved forward on the agenda.</p> <p>Stephen Gittins from Sevenside Housing, gave an update on Sevenside's work in the local area. In doing so he urged people to come forward if they were experiencing problems with anti social behaviour. He stressed that confidentiality would be observed and respected at all times and that together with the Police they were working in partnership to reduce problems.</p> <p>He updated on the following;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wingfield Close and Gardens – painting programme underway.</li> <li>• Community Clean-up Day – coming soon; please get involved.</li> <li>• STAR; Sevenside Tenants Association.</li> </ul>	
5.2	<p>A Question and Answer session was then held. Main issues to arise were;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fly-tipping in Didcot along Darville – Noted. Please contact Tim Sneddon to report any such problems Tel 01743 254904.</li> <li>• Avondale flats: clarification about current policy for new tenants.</li> <li>• Main car park light in Avondale/New Park Road not working and clothes being taken from washing lines.</li> <li>• Water Street – gardens to be cut back and communal area to be improved by contractors.</li> <li>• Disabled parking bay at 39 New Park Road.</li> </ul>	
<b>6.</b>	<b>Chairman's Welcome and Introductions</b>	
6.1	The Chairman introduced the Committee and gave a brief explanation and background about the purpose and powers of the meeting.	
6.2	He explained that meetings would be held on a quarterly basis to give local residents an opportunity to have their say about local issues and service provision. He explained that the meeting would alternate between the two distinct areas of Castlefields and Ditherington one meeting, and then move to Sundorne and Battlefield the next.	

<b>7.</b>	<b>Local Police Team/PACT</b>	
7.1	Sgt Ram Aston, West Mercia Police, introduced colleagues from the Castlefields and Heathgates local policing team. He explained that future PACT (Partners and Communities Together) meetings would be incorporated into the Local Joint Committee meeting to give local residents the opportunity to raise any issues of concern with them.	
7.2	A contact leaflet was circulated at the meeting. The local policing team was based at Guildhall, Frankwell, Shrewsbury. Any message left would be responded to within 24 hours and the public were urged to report any problems or intelligence direct to the local team via the contact telephone number which was (01743) 264725. All information would be treated in the strictest confidence. For more general information about local policing the contact number was 0300 333 3000 or email <a href="http://www.westmercia.police.uk">www.westmercia.police.uk</a> or call Crimestoppers 0800 555 111.	
7.3	<p>Sgt Aston gave a brief explanation of the PACT process, which would identify the priorities for the local area over the next three months. Issues of concern raised included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Anti-social behaviour in the area generally</li> <li>• Ongoing problems outside Tesco's, Ditherington</li> <li>• Dog-fouling – especially at Darville and Ditherington and in Sundorne and Battlefield</li> <li>• The Weir – Young people walking across the Weir at weekends and vagrants gathering there</li> <li>• St Michael's Street – problems with boxes/syringes and drug-dealing activities in the area generally.</li> </ul>	
7.4	Following discussions, it was <b>agreed</b> that the above would be the area of priority to be addressed by the local policing officers over the next three months. An update would be given at the next meeting.	<b>Sgt Aston</b>
<b>8.</b>	<b>Castlefields and Ditherington Action Plan</b>	
8.1	<p>A copy of the updated Castlefields and Ditherington Forum Draft Action Plan was circulated at the meeting and those present were asked to form four working groups. Each working group was then asked to consider the following three key questions;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) In Castlefields and Ditherington what issues need to be addressed to improve standards and services for residents?</li> <li>2) What do you believe it is possible to do about these issues?</li> <li>3) In what ways do you think the Local Forum, Residents and Stakeholders can help?</li> </ol> <p>Feedback from the each group was as follows:</p>	
8.2	<p><b>GROUP 1: Traffic &amp; Highways + Public Transport</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Traffic lights on Ditherington Road - control mechanism vandalised. <i>Lights to be replaced by end July</i></li> <li>• Bus timetables not very clear</li> <li>• North Street/New Park/Queen Street – double parking, parking close to junctions</li> </ul>	<p><b>Liaising with Enterprise.</b></p> <p><b>Liaising with Road</b></p>



8.5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Graffiti near the Chinese takeaway was noted. <i>Police not aware of problems but will monitor</i></li> <li>CCTV cameras not effective (Castlefields)</li> <li>Hi visibility policing is very good at the moment</li> <li>Anti Social Behaviour around shops in Castlefields</li> <li>Cameras should be made live</li> <li>Poor lighting in shopping area</li> <li>Around shops is a 'hot spot' no go area after 9pm</li> <li>Could the shopping area be closed after 10pm?</li> <li>Drugs in the community is an issue</li> <li>Track at the rear of Darville</li> <li>Footpath at rear of the Canal Tavern should be cleared and cut back (grass)</li> </ul>	Local Policing Team
	<p><b>GROUP 4: Housing + Children and Young People</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Underage drinking/broken fences/broken bottles/litter by Castlefields shops</li> <li>Public toilets at the Weir; vagrants sleeping there and in and around the bushes</li> <li>Broken glass on the children's playground, Sydney Avenue</li> <li>Lighting in the Weir area</li> <li>Dog fouling and broken glass a problem</li> <li>A bin put at the fisherman's gate by the river has been shattered by vandals - can a replacement be made? <i>Yes, one will be put there and bolted down</i></li> <li>Elderly people have problems and assurance was sought that if they reported such problems, that they would have the support of the Police Witness Charter launched on 9 July guarantees that if providing evidence to take a case forward they WILL get support</li> <li>The Fire service circulated information leaflets with contact information on. They offered to complete free risk assessments at people's homes on request</li> </ul>	<p>Tim Sneddon</p> <p>Police</p> <p>Tim Sneddon</p> <p>Local Policing Team</p> <p>Fire Service</p>
<b>9.</b>	<b>Councillor's Reports</b>	
9.1	<p>Due to time constraints this item was not discussed.</p> <p><i>It will be put on the next agenda (17 September meeting).</i></p> <p>See Councillor's Roundup on the agenda, item 8.</p>	
<b>10.</b>	<b>Castlefields Action Team (CAT)</b>	
10.1	Due to time constraints this item was not discussed.	
<b>11.</b>	<b>Questions form Residents</b>	
11.1	See above	

<b>12.</b>	<b>Applying for Funds</b>	
12.1	The Chair reported that the Local Joint Committee had a budget of £37,000 allocated to it for the first year, 2009/2010. It was noted that the application form and financial guidelines had been standardised for all 28 Local Joint Committees across the county and were available from Steve Cunningham, Senior Community Regeneration Officer Tel 01743 252361 or via Shropshire Council's website <a href="http://www.shropshire.gov.uk">www.shropshire.gov.uk</a> . The Community Working Section would be able to provide guidance in the completion of application forms.	<b>AM/CB</b>
12.2	To date, two applications for funding had been received from; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Shropshire Young Carers</li> <li>• Sundorne Youth Centre</li> </ul> It was agreed that these applications required a full appraisal before any decision could be made. This would be done following the meeting, in consultation with the Chair. The outcome would be reported to the next LJC meeting.	
12.3	The Chair reported on a successful Fun day that was held in September 2008 at the Fire Station in Castlefields and proposed the same for 2009 to bring the local community together. Volunteers to help organise the event were requested to make themselves known after the meeting and fire officers agreed to confirm if the station could be used again this year for such an event.	
<b>13.</b>	<b>Future Agenda Items</b>	
13.1	Due to time constraints this item was not discussed.	
<b>14.</b>	<b>Date of Next Meeting</b>	
14.1	It was confirmed that the next meeting of the North East Shrewsbury Local Joint Committee would be held on <b>Thursday 17 September 2009 at 7.00 p.m. at The Shrewsbury Sports Village, Sundorne Road, Shrewsbury.</b>	
14.2	This meeting would 'spotlight' Sundorne and Battlefields.	

The meeting finished at 9.20 p.m.

**CHAIRMAN:** .....

**DATE:** .....