



Committee and date:
North East Shrewsbury Local
Joint Committee
7 January 2010
7.00 p.m.

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**NOTE OF MEETING HELD ON 17 SEPTEMBER 2009 AT 7.00 P.M.
AT THE SHREWSBURY SPORTS VILLAGE, SUNDORNE ROAD, SHREWSBURY
'SPOTLIGHT ON SUNDORNE AND BATTLEFIELD'**

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Committee Members Present:

Councillor Karen Burgoyne (Shropshire Council)

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)

Gill Jones – Community Working

Karen Nixon, Committee Officer (notes)

West Mercia Police:

PC Peter Franklin

PC Andrew Gardner

Shropshire Fire Service:

Cameron Taylor

There were approximately 10 members of the public in attendance.

		ACTION
1.	Apologies	
1.1	There were no apologies for absence.	
2.	Declarations of Interest	
2.1	No declarations of interest were made.	
3.	Welcome and Introductions	
3.1	The Chairman, Alan Mosley, welcomed everyone to the second North East Shrewsbury Local Joint Committee meeting, which he explained this time would focus specifically on the areas of Battlefield and Sundorne.	

3.2	Local member Malcolm Price went on to give a brief explanation and background about the purpose and powers of the meeting. Local Joint Committees (LJC's) were the new Shropshire Council's way of working with local communities – giving residents a voice in the decisions for their areas and influencing resources that can improve the local area in a practical way.	
3.3	There are 28 LJC's covering Shropshire and each is a formal committee of the council. This particular LJC has a budget of £37,000 that can be used for locally based organisations and activities, grant schemes or service enhancements in Sundorne, Battlefield, Castlefields and Ditherington. The LJC is chaired by a Shropshire councillor; Alan Mosley, and your Shropshire councillors and Town councillors have an equal vote.	
3.4	This is the second of four meetings to be held before 31 March 2010. The July meeting was held at the Martin Wilson School, Castlefields. We will make sure that the meetings are held across the area to encourage people to come along and join in.	
3.5	It's a place for you to express your concerns, say what you like about the place and what needs to be improved in the area. The local policing team and Severnside Housing have regular slots at the meetings to let you know what's going on and listen to what you have to say.	
3.6	If there are big issues affecting the area, or things going on that you and your friends and families need to know more about, we can arrange to get the organisation or the right council officer along to a meeting and listen to your concerns.	
3.7	The officers are here to support the committee, to make sure we capture your concerns and support groups, organisations and activities in the area.	
4.	Note of Meeting	
4.1	The note of the previous meeting held on 9 July 2009, was approved as a correct record and duly signed by the Chairman.	
5.	PACT (Partners and Community Together)	
5.1	PC Andrew Garner, West Mercia Police, introduced himself and CSO colleagues from the Sundorne and Battlefield 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.	
5.2	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 see www.westmercia.police.uk or call Crimestoppers 0800 555 111.	
5.3	PC Garner gave a brief explanation of the PACT process, which would identify the priorities for the local area over the next three months.	

5.4	<p>Issues of concern raised by local residents included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parking issues/problems at The Lantern; parking on the island itself, on both sides of the road and close to the junction. Exacerbated by Arriva taking 52 seater buses along the route. Smaller buses would help. • Speeding at the bottom end of Sundorne Road, in 40 mph area • Response times of the local police to 'minor incidents' reported by residents • Continued problems of adults crossing the Weir; they were not only a danger to themselves, but they were putting the emergency services in jeopardy too. 	PC Garner
5.5	In contrast, PC Garner was pleased to report that total crime in the area had fallen by 30% for the period June/July/August '08 compared to '09. Burglaries were also down by 25% and there had been a decrease of 35% in anti-social behaviour with . He very much hoped this trend would continue and assured that he and his team would be working towards more improvements in future.	
5.6	Following discussions, it was agreed that the above areas of concern (bullet points) should be the areas of priority to be addressed by local policing officers. An update will be given at the next meeting.	
6.	What's Going On in Your Local Area? - Possible Action Plan & Round Table Discussions	
6.1	<p>The following current topics were suggested for discussion by Malcolm Price:</p> <p><u>Incinerator (Energy from Waste)</u>: residents were asked for their views on this. Malcolm Price highlighted that it was subject to a planning application and that the Environment Agency were currently looking at proposals</p> <p><u>Medical Centre</u>: to date no planning application had been submitted and as far as known this was intended to replace the existing Albert Road and Mount Pleasant Road practices.</p> <p><u>Harlescott Traffic Lights</u>: work had recently been completed on changing road markings at the Harlescott traffic lights, from two lanes to one, due to a recent fatality. This change would be monitored.</p> <p>It was highlighted that a dual lane entry into the town on the A49 was preferred, as by reducing it impacted on the economic capacity of the town centre. It was requested that Highways officers attend a future meeting to explain this and the improvement scheme currently being worked on by consultants (Mouchel Parkman)</p> <p><u>Moston Road Development</u>: recent demolition of the old shops there had had a positive impact on the area and anti social behaviour had reduced.</p> <p><u>Litter</u>: Poor on Sundorne Road, especially on the side of the road by the Sports Village. A bin was requested to be put on the school crossing side to reduce litter and officers undertook to look into this.</p> <p><u>Anti Social Behaviour</u>: are things improving?</p> <p><u>Dog Fouling</u>: problems particularly at Sundorne Castle and Sundorne Grove</p> <p><u>Housing on TA Centre</u>: Affordable homes managed by Severnside</p> <p><u>Speeding Traffic issues</u>: at Sundorne, Featherbed Lane, Battlefield and Whitchurch Road. It was suggested that flashing speed signs be installed</p> <p>Three Working Groups were duly formed and the following feedback was</p>	<p>Tim Sneddon/ Martin Allard</p> <p>Helen Ball/Hugh Dannatt</p>

	received from each;	
6.2	<p><u>Group 1</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recent bus service changes reducing the frequency of buses from every 12 minutes to 30 minute frequency not welcome. Informed that Arriva buses are trialling going around the Sundorne estate; both ways; there are only shelters on the clockwise part of the route. Public very much wants to be consulted on this. If buses running late, drivers change routes last minute. Not welcome. Cycling on footpath on Featherbed Lane; signs up confusing. Need to be reviewed. 	Jon Hayes
6.3	<p><u>Group 2</u></p> <p>GOOD</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Proposed new Medical Centre welcomed in principle The No 26 bus service has improved Clean <p>BAD</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> We need more money per child for local schools to rebalance with the rest of the County Please progress with the restoration of the Flaxmill urgently. It's a wonderful asset that needs rejuvenating Post Office on Mount Pleasant Road – can this be reinstated? More affordable housing required in the right places and sustainable Harlescott Crossroads – why do we need two lanes there, when the remaining roads into the town centre are all single file? Island to the Sports Village badly designed. Needs changing Speeding along Mount Pleasant Road. Flashing speed signs suggested for here and Featherbed Lane. Better publicity needed for these meetings 	Hugh Dannatt to look at
6.4	<p><u>Group 3</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recreation Grounds on Meadow Farm Drive Play areas with deep ruts due to clay ground and usage; need improving please Small path to the corner of the Lantern would be good Request for the car parking area to be zoned at the Sports Village Pavement maintenance from The Lantern to the small island needs improvement Proposed new Medical Centre; concerns re access and transport issues that may arise More local post offices please. Concern expressed that the Whitchurch Road Post Office is not DDA compliant. Access there is poor – The Equalities Forum runs a small grant scheme that covers access improvements. Officers will look into this and assess whether it would be an appropriate application. 	<p>Gary Farmer S'bury Town Council</p> <p>Andrew Stirling/ Celia Bahrami</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Concern expressed about the lighting at Sundorne Sports Village being on too late in the evening. 	A Stirling
7.	Councillor's Roundup	
7.1	<p>Cllr Dean Carroll - reported that dog fouling had been a high priority issue recently in the Sundorne area; two fixed penalty notices had been issued in the previous week and new signs were soon to be installed which was welcome, especially by the shops in Sundorne and along Sundorne Road. Bins were also to be installed shortly.</p> <p>Officers informed that the Council had Dog Wardens and was currently in the process of training new enforcement officers. If anyone had specific problems about dog fouling to report they were advised to ring 0345 6789006.</p> <p>Cllr Carroll reported that the Head of Sundorne Secondary School was keen to give the LJC a presentation about the school and its place in the wider community. It was agreed that the next LJC meeting to spotlight on Sundorne and Battlefield (scheduled for 11 March 2010) should be held at the Sundorne school and that Headmaster be invited to give a ten minute presentation as suggested</p> <p>Cllr Karen Burgoyne - reported that alternative technology options were being looked at for the proposed new waste incinerator.</p> <p>Cllr Alan Mosley – commented that these meetings were a great opportunity for the local community to get involved, have their say and get things done. Castlefields and Ditherington were an established group already and the same was more than possible for Sundorne and Battlefields.</p> <p>Finally, Cllr Mosley publicised to Funday that had been arranged for Saturday 26 September 11.00 am to 4.00 pm at Shrewsbury Fire Station. All were welcome.</p>	KN
8.	Shropshire Fire & Rescue Service	
8.1	<p>Cameron Taylor from the Shropshire Fire & Rescue Service (Red Watch) updated the LJC on their area generally in terms of fire issues. He was pleased to inform everyone that generally, it was a safe area.</p> <p>He then went on to highlight the importance of smoke alarms in all households and reminded everyone that a FREE home fire safety check and a ten year smoke alarm was available to anyone on request by ringing Tel: 01743 260298 or contacting the Community Fire Safety Department at Brigade HQ, St Michael's Street, Shrewsbury, SY1 2BR.</p> <p>Furthermore he stressed the significance of planning escape route(s) out of homes in the event of a fire; leaflets on both issues were made widely available at the meeting.</p>	
9.	Grant Applications for Decision	
9.1	<p>Malcolm Price reported that the Local Joint Committee had a budget of £33,600 left in its budget for 2009/2010. It had originally been allocated £37,000. A report detailing three applications for funding that had been approved since the first meeting was held was circulated at the meeting and duly approved;</p>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shropshire Young Carers £400 Sundorne Youth Centre £2,000 Castlefields & Ditherington Fun Day (26/9/09) £1,000 <p>It was noted that the application form and financial guidelines were available from Steve Cunningham, Senior Community Regeneration Officer Tel 01743 252361 or via Shropshire Council's website www.shropshire.gov.uk. The Community Working Section would be able to provide guidance in the completion of application forms.</p>	
10.	Date of Next Meeting	
10.1	<p>It was confirmed that the next meeting of the North East Shrewsbury Local Joint Committee would be held on Thursday 7 January 2010 at 7.00 p.m.; exact venue to be confirmed, and would 'spotlight' Castlefields and Ditherington'.</p> <p>In the interim, everyone was invited to attend the Fun Day at Shrewsbury Fire Station on Saturday 26th September between 11am - 4pm.</p>	

The meeting finished at 9.00 p.m.

CHAIRMAN:

DATE: