



Committee and date:
North East Shrewsbury Local
Joint Committee
25 May 2010
7.00 p.m.

Item
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**NOTE OF MEETING HELD ON 18 MARCH 2010 AT 7.00 P.M.
AT THE SUNDORNE SCHOOL & SPORTS COLLEGE, SUNDORNE, 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
Steve Cunningham, Senior Community Regeneration Officer
Karen Nixon, Committee Officer (notes)
Hugh Dannatt, Highways

West Mercia Police:

PC Andrew Gardner
CSO Julie Shephard

Sundorne School and Sports College:

Geoff Pettengell, Head

Mount Pleasant Medical Centre:

Mary Herbert, Practice Manager

Sevenside Housing:

Stephen Gittens, Housing Officer

Shropshire Fire Service:

Cameron Taylor

There were approximately 6 members of the public in attendance.

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| 1. | Apologies | |
| 1.1 | There were no apologies for absence. | |
| 2. | Declarations of Interest | |
| 2.1 | Cllr Price declared an interest in the Scout and Guide funding application (Agenda item 10); he was a Governor at the school adjoining the site of the car | |

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| | <p>park.</p> <p>He took no part in the discussion or vote for this item.</p> | |
| 3. | Welcome and Introductions | |
| 3.1 | The Chairman, Alan Mosley, welcomed everyone to the meeting, which he explained this time would focus specifically on the areas of Sundorne and Battlefield. | |
| 3.2 | Malcolm Price, local member, commented that he was disappointed to see so few members of the public present, despite local press releases, an advert on Radio Shropshire and adverts in newsagents locally. However, he went on to give a brief explanation and background about the purpose and powers of the meeting. He commented that in future he hoped that public participation would increase and any ideas in making that happen were welcome. Local Joint Committees (LJC's) were the new Shropshire Council's way of working with local communities. | |
| 4. | Note of Meeting | |
| 4.1 | The note of the previous meeting held on 7 January 2010, which spotlighted the Castlefields and Ditherington area, were approved as a correct record and duly signed by the Chairman. | |
| 4.2 | The minutes of the previous LJC meeting to specifically spotlight Sundorne and Battlefield (held on 17/09/10) that had previously been approved were circulated for information. | |
| 4.3 | <p>Arising;</p> <p>Local resident Mr Page commented that he was pleased to see the installation of litter bins on Sundorne Road. Officers confirmed that in relation to another issue raised by Mr Page at a previous meeting they had ascertained that the lighting at the Sports Village was on at the correct times. Mr Page disputed this as it was on over the Christmas period and on Bank Holidays and asked officers to look into this again.</p> | |
| 5. | Local Police Team PACT Meeting (Partners and Community Together) | |
| 5.1 | PC Andrew Gardner, West Mercia Police, introduced himself and his CSO colleague Julie Shephard 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 | The local policing team was based at Monkmoor Police Station, 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 Gardner gave a brief explanation of the PACT process, which identified priorities for the local area for the next three months. | |

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| 5.4 | <p>An update was given on issues of concern raised by local residents previously:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parking issues/problems at The Lantern; improvements had been made. • Response times of the local police to 'minor incidents' reported by residents – it was explained that all calls have to be graded and then prioritised accordingly. It was acknowledged that sometimes this wasn't always correct, but that any incorrect calls were learnt from. | |
| 5.5 | <p>New issues of concern raised by local residents were;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Albert Road – cars parking half on the pavement and half off, meant that it was often difficult to walk along the pavement. Officers undertook to liaise with the Social Club on this. • Problems of cars parking outside the Sundorne Infant School, East Crescent on double yellow lines and sometimes on the zig-zag lines was hazardous. <p>Following discussions, it was agreed that the above areas of concern should be the areas of priority to be addressed by local policing officers. An update will be given at the next meeting.</p> | <p>PC Garner</p> <p>PC Garner</p> <p>PC Garner</p> |
| 5.5 | <p>PC Gardner was pleased to report that total crime in the area had fallen by 19.4% for the period Nov/Dec/Jan and anti social behaviour was down by 32%. He very much hoped this trend would continue and assured that he and his team would be working towards more improvements in future.</p> | |
| 6. | The Sundorne School and it's links with the Community | |
| 6.1 | Mr Geoff Pettengell, Head of the Sundorne School and Sports College, gave a comprehensive presentation to the LJC about the school, its reputation, headline results, activities and community links. | |
| 6.2 | Sundorne was a warm, friendly and dynamic school that believes education is about exploring ideas, meeting challenges, achieving highly, learning self-discipline and preparing students for life after school. All students are given the opportunity to fulfil their potential and achieve their goals. Staff are highly professional, friendly, supportive and totally committed to giving students the best opportunities in life. | |
| 6.3 | Sundorne is very much an improving school and a popular community Sports College, committed to providing a caring and stimulating environment for young people between 11 and 16 years of age. It achieved its best ever GCSE results in 2009 and would be working on improving this result. | |
| 6.4 | <p>Community links were highlighted as follows;</p> <p>Provision of Adult Learning from the school</p> <p>Police CSO's @ the Sports Village (early pm) using football to engage the more challenging youngsters</p> <p>Primary school links</p> <p>Senior Citizens Christmas Party</p> <p>Macmillan Coffee Morning</p> <p>Police surgery at the school 3x a week</p> <p>Allotment Group</p> <p>School's Radio Station</p> | |
| 6.5 | <p>The most important challenges currently facing the school were</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Local Authorities' financial deficit and its impact on the Education budget | |

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| 6.6 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The national economic situation • The future of secondary provision in Shrewsbury, which was facing a potential re-organisation • Participation in the education/training of 17/18 year olds • A way forward to safeguard and enhance provision in the local community which was financially sound. <p>Cllr Price thanked Mr Pettengell for his presentation and his excellent work at the school since his appointment just two years previously. Progress was excellent (reflected in results and Added Value) and the growing community hub was supported and welcomed.</p> | |
| 7. | Speed Limits and Major Roadwork's at Sundorne | |
| 7.1 | Hugh Dannatt introduced an item on speed limits in the local area and the major roadwork's at Sundorne that were due to start from 12 April 2010. | Hugh Dannatt/ PC Garner |
| 7.2 | With the aid of a large plan he highlighted various roads in Shrewsbury where they were looking at reducing the speed limits. Details of accidents were plotted on the maps and this showed where accidents had occurred and the degree of their severity. | |
| 7.3 | Parking problems at the Lantern were raised again by residents and it was agreed that Hugh Dannatt would look at the Traffic Regulation orders and parking restrictions jointly with the local police to see if this area could be improved. | |
| 7.4 | As part of the major roadwork scheme at Sundorne Road, it was noted that this would include resurfacing along Featherbed Lane, which was in a poor state. This was a major programme of works designed to take the road back to a single carriageway at the traffic lights. | |
| 7.5 | <p>A question arose about the reinstatement of paths after utilities works had been carried out and the standards to which they should be.</p> <p>For any such queries or complaints, the public were urged to contact their local divisional manager or the Highway Maintenance Team via the Call Centre on Tel: 0345 6789000</p> | |
| 8. | Matrix Medical Development | |
| 8.1 | <p>Mary Herbert, Mount Pleasant Medical Centre, Practice Manager, gave a presentation to the meeting on the coming together of two separate medical practices onto the same site; namely the Mount Pleasant Medical Centre and the Albert Road Medical Centre to service over 15,000 patients. She stressed that this was NOT an amalgamation – the two practices would remain separate, but share the same building and facilities.</p> <p>In giving the background to this, Ms Herbert explained that since 2003 each practice had been seeking alternative premises due to outgrowing their current locations. It seemed sensible to share from an economic point of view and logistically. The project is being managed by 'Matrix Medical'. A new site just off Sundorne Road has been identified. This is central, has good transport links, and will be big enough to accommodate both practices.</p> <p>It was noted that the planning application has been submitted and that currently there were 2 objections. The anticipated completion date is end 2012, but may go into 2013, allowing for some slippage. All being well it was hoped to be on-site in July 2011 to commence works.</p> | |

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| | <p>The new building will accommodate</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The 2 separate medical practices ➤ A Pharmacy ➤ Adequate parking (160 parking spaces, 34 cycle spaces and 10 disability spaces) ➤ Adequate disabled access ➤ Phlebotomy services ➤ Dental services <p>It will be a one stop shop and provide closer links with community services</p> <p>There will also be common areas; a waiting area, a shared minor surgery suite and office accommodation.</p> <p>It was noted that Plans are available to view at both surgeries.</p> | |
| 9. | Councillor's Roundup | |
| 9.1 | Dean Carroll was pleased to report that the completion date for phase I of the Moston Roads and Green development was 17 May 2010. Phase II and III would then begin and pleasingly everything was ahead of schedule. | |
| 9.2 | Sevenside Housing - It was reported that Steve Gittens, Housing Officer was shortly leaving Sevenside to begin a new job in Telford working for the Bourneville Village Trust, Telford. He would be succeeded by Richard Potter. | |
| 9.3 | On behalf of the residents, the Chair thanked Steve Gittens for his excellent work over the past 3 years. He had been responsive and dealt with issues in a firm but fair manner. Everyone joined in wishing Steve well in his new post. | |
| 10. | Funding Requests Update | |
| 10.1 | <p>The Lead Officer, Celia Bahrami, introduced and amplified a report summarising applications received for 2009/10 funding, including two very recent applications from the allotment society that had been after the agenda had been sent out, but which the Chairman was happy to consider.</p> <p>The Committee noted that a budget of £37,000 had been allocated to the LJC for 2009/10. To date, five applications, totalling £6,175 had been approved by the Committee, leaving a balance of £30,825.</p> | |
| 10.2 | <p>The Committee approved the following funding applications;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ £1,000 to the Harlescott Scout and Guide Headquarters outdoor project. ➤ £1,500 to the Castlefields Allotment Society for the purchase of equipment to keep common areas tidy. ➤ £1,500 to the Heathgates Allotment Society for the purchase of equipment. | |
| 10.3 | <p>The two applications made by Isaiah 58 (the pushchair club and the wingers club) were deferred pending more receipt of more detail/information.</p> <p>It was noted that the under spend of £26,825 in this years budget would roll forward into 2010/11.</p> | |
| 10.4 | <p>Application forms and financial guidelines are available from ;</p> <p>Steve Cunningham, Senior Community Regeneration Officer</p> | |

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| | <p>Tel: 01743 252361 or via Shropshire Council's website www.shropshire.gov.uk.</p> <p>The Community Working Section would be able to provide guidance in the completion of application forms.</p> | |
| 11. | Future Agenda Items | |
| 11.1 | <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> | |
| 12. | Shropshire Fire and Rescue | |
| 12.1 | <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 and that locally there had only been one fire per month over the last three months.</p> | |
| 12.2 | <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</p> <p>Tel: 01743 260298 or contacting the Community Fire Safety Department at Brigade HQ, St Michael's Street, Shrewsbury, SY1 2BR.</p> | |
| 12.3 | <p>Finally he highlighted that a free car wash was on offer at the fire station this Saturday, 20 March, between 10.00 am and 2.00 pm.</p> | |
| 13. | Date of Next Meeting | |
| 13.1 | <p>It was confirmed that the next meeting of the North East Shrewsbury Local Joint Committee would be held on Tuesday 25 May 2010 at 7.00 p.m at The Martin Wilson School, Castlefields, and would 'spotlight' the Castlefields and Ditherington' area.</p> | |

The meeting finished at 8.50 p.m.

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