



Committee and date:
 North East Shrewsbury Local
 Joint Committee
 10 February 2011
 7.00 p.m.

Item
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**NOTE OF THE MEETING HELD ON 7 OCTOBER 2010 AT 7.00 P.M.
 AT THE MARTIN WILSON SCHOOL, DITHERINGTON
 'SPOTLIGHT ON CASTLEFIELDS AND DITHERINGTON'**

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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
 Richard Lawrence, Growth Point Manager
 Karen Nixon, Committee Officer

West Mercia Police:

PC Andrew Gardner

Sevenside Housing:

Richard Potts, Housing Officer

Shropshire Fire Service:

Cameron Taylor,

There were approximately 40 members of the public in attendance.

		ACTION
1.	Apologies	
1.1	Apologies for absence were received from PC Franklin and Anthony Williams, Youth Worker.	KN
2.	Declarations of Interest	
2.1	<p>The following declarations of interest were made;</p> <p>Cllr Dean Carroll – Agenda Item 13.E St Winifrede's Roman Catholic Parish funding application</p> <p>Cllr Malcolm Price - Agenda items 6,7 and 9. As portfolio holder for Housing, Growth Points and Planning came under his remit; he was a Board member on Sevenside Housing Association and he was a former employee of the Fire Service and still involved closely with the organisation.</p> <p>Cllr Karen Burgoyne - Agenda Item 13.C, Shropshire Army Cadet Force Band,</p>	

	<p>she was a member of the TA.</p> <p>All took no part in the discussion or voting for each relevant item.</p>	KN
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 Castlefields and Ditherington.	
4.	Note of Meeting	
4.1	The note of the previous LJC meeting held on 29 July 2010, spotlighting Sundorne and Battlefield was approved as a correct record and duly signed by the Chairman.	KN
4.2	The approved minutes of the previous meeting to specifically spotlight the Castlefields and Ditherington area, held on 25 May 2010, were circulated for information.	
5.	PACT Meeting (Partners and Community Together)	
5.1	PC Andrew Gardner, West Mercia Police, conveyed apologies on behalf of PC Franklin. He explained that PACT meetings were now incorporated into the Local Joint Committee meeting to give local residents the opportunity to raise any issues of concern directly and avoid duplication.	AG
5.2	<p>PC Gardner gave a brief explanation of the PACT process, which identified priorities for the local area for the next three months.</p> <p>An update was given on issues of concern raised by local residents previously. The Police were pleased to update that they were successfully disrupting drug supply and use in the area and that funding for diversionary projects was being successfully worked on with young people in the area. Crime figures were generally down from 37.3% to 30%, and members were especially pleased to note a reduction in Anti-Social Behaviour.</p>	
5.3	A specific new issue of concern was raised; Problems of arson had arisen recently with random fires being lit in waste bins. A specific attack was cited in Herongate. There had also been fire incidents in Argyl Street and one at the bungalows in Ditherington. The police and fire service confirmed that they were aware of these attacks and were working closely to combat this. In addition Richard Potter of Severnside Housing undertook to investigate issues of concern in relation to housing stock in Castlefields. An update will be given at the next meeting.	
5.4	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.	
6.	Shrewsbury Vision	
6.1	Richard Lawrence, Growth Point Manager, introduced 'The Shrewsbury Vision', an ongoing project to establish a shared vision for regenerating and	

	developing the town over the next twenty years.	
6.2	The project will consider the whole of the town with a focus on the town centre and those areas in need of urban renewal. The work will be incorporated into the Shropshire Council's Local Development Framework.	
6.3	This is the third stage of consultation on the Shrewsbury Vision. Initial workshops were held in summer 2009, and in May 2010 a number of workshops were held with young people, residents, business leaders and public sector agencies which identified priorities for the town.	
6.4	This stage of consultation sets out the vision and priorities for the town and the initial proposals for key areas for public comment. A presentation was given which provided an overview of the Shrewsbury Vision project, and outlined specific initial ideas for key areas of the town, including: Heart of Shrewsbury, The Riverside, The West End, Castle Foregate. Abbey Foregate and Frankwell.	
6.5	<p>The views of those present were sought. Feedback was critical in ensuring the plans for Shrewsbury were the right ones. There were three different ways to tell us what you think about the proposals:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Complete the survey online by following the appropriate link. Note that the survey needs to be read in conjunction with the presentation proposals. (2) Download, print out, complete and return - by post - the feedback form attached to the webpage. The address to send your completed survey to is: Broadway Malyan Merchants Warehouse Castle Street Manchester M3 4LZ (3) Email your comments to Shrewsbury@broadwaymalyan.com. <p>Following on from this consultation a draft Vision document will be prepared and presented to Shropshire Council for its consideration later this year.</p>	
7.	Growth Point Proposals	
	This item was withdrawn. There was currently a moratorium on growth item proposals.	
8.	Youth Service	
8.1	Through the Chair, an update was given from by Anthony Williams, Youth Worker. He reported that Castlefields and Ditherington Youth continue to provide a high quality of youth provision on both Mondays and Thursdays respectively. However, as a result reduced funding, the detached youth work team sadly came to an end at the end of August 2010. I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the hard work and effort made by Lee Overton, Jade Mainwaring and Mo Walker, who over the past 5 years they have walked the streets of Castlefields, the town centre including Coton Hill and Ditherington: engaging young people in diversionary activities resulting in youths staying safe on the streets, health awareness and providing useful information about activities available to them in their local community.	

8.2	During the summer holidays young people were able to participate in a wide variety of activities. Youth workers also included Year 6's who were moving up to senior school in September. Activities included: Power kite flying, football knock with young people from other areas, making a Windsock Workshop, Animation Workshop and two BBQ's one each for Castlefields & Ditherington. At the end of the summer holiday young people from Castlefields enjoyed the annual Pleasures Day football knockout, with 8 teams competing for the coveted shield. There could only be one winner so we decided to include a runners up trophy (both are currently on display in the window of the Cyber Café).	AW
8.3	In addition to regular youth sessions in Castlefields and Ditherington, the Youth Service continues to work closely with schools, parents, police and the wider service providers for young people. At the beginning of the summer term, both centres saw a 50% increase in the attendance of young people. This was partly due to older members moving on and younger members coming in.	AW
8.4	As part of forthcoming Half Term activity, young people will be representing Castlefields in the 'Kick out Racism' football tournament at Shrewsbury Town FC on Thursday 28 th October.	AW
	Unfortunately there was still no update re: The Myplace building at Castle Gates.	AW
	All information about youth service facilities for young people across Shrewsbury can be found at www.shropshireyouth.com .	
8.5	In conclusion, any ideas, suggestions or ways in which we can work together in supporting the work that we do with Young People will be most welcome.	
	Please contact Anthony Williams on 01743 284411 Mon to Thurs, or visit ;	
	Monday – Castlefields Cyber Café or Community Centre 6.00 to 8.00 pm Thursday – Ditherington Community Hall 6.30 to 8.30 pm.	
9.	Sevenside Housing	
9.1	Richard Potts, Housing Manager was present to answer residents' questions regarding Sevenside Housing Association.	
9.2	Public questions that arose; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Who was responsible for the vacant shop (painted pink) in Ditherington that was falling into disrepair? It was reported that the property in question was owned privately and the owner was in Hong Kong. This was unfortunately beyond the LJC's remit. There was a problem with youths congregating around a memorial park bench in New Park Close, by the bungalows and intimidating older residents. Officers were surprised to hear about this problem as nothing had been reported formally. They undertook to talk to individuals at the end of the meeting. 	RP
10.	Shropshire Council News and Reports	
10.1	It was reported that Harlescott Crossroads had been completed and was fully	

10.2	operational. The work slightly overran due to the location of a water main, but allowing for the additional costs resulting from the main, the scheme came within budget.	HD
10.3	The A5112, Sundorne Road, Featherbed Lane, Whitchurch Road, Battlefield Road speed limit scheme had also been completed on site and was now fully operational.	HD
	The Chair gave a verbal update on the Flaxmill. To date, 350 people had signed up to the 'The Friends of the Flaxmill and Maltings'. The Group was starting to work with local schools and develop important community connections. A Flaxmill Arts Group was also being set up and it was hoped to provide an exhibition there aswell as a mobile exhibition. A major bid for funding was with the Big Lottery Fund and the planning application for the Flaxmill would be formally considered by Planning Committee in November 2010.	AM
11.	Castlefields and Ditherington Community Partnership	
	The Minutes of the Community Partnership meeting held on 8 September 2010 were welcomed and duly noted by the LJC.	SC
12.	Fire Service	
	Cameron Taylor of Red Watch updated on successful strategies used in 2009 to deal with Halloween and Bonfire Night celebrations which inevitably meant an increase in workload due to anti social behaviour and fireworks. He reminded that any fires continuing after 22.50 hrs would be extinguished. He made reference to the recent increase in arson attacks across Shrewsbury and reported that 3 people had recently been arrested. Arson Alert flyers had also been circulated.	CT
13.	Grant Applications	
	The Committee received a report setting out new funding applications for consideration. It was confirmed that all LJC members had received copies of each application, along with supporting documents, prior to the meeting. It was RESOLVED: 1. The Committee noted that a budget of £53,115.00 had been allocated to the Local Joint Committee for 2010/11. 2. The Committee noted that allocations totalling £14,384 had been approved to date. 3. The Committee noted that the balance of funding was £38,731 4. The Committee approved the applications shown below totalling £1,500: A. Severnside Boxing Club £800 B. Ditherington Fun Day £700 (which left a balance remaining of £37,321) The Committee did NOT approve the following applications: C. Shropshire Army Cadet Force £186	CB CB CB CB

	<p>D. Shrewsbury Amateur Operatic Society £1,000 E. St. Winefrides RC Parish £1,000</p> <p>F. The Committee agreed to DEFER the application from DASH Disability Arts in Shropshire in the sum of £834, pending further information.</p> <p>5. That in future, applicants requesting funding from two or more LJC areas will be requested to provide details of the specific community benefits to residents of the specific LJC areas.</p>	<p>CB</p> <p>CB</p> <p>CB</p>
14.	Residents Issues with Question Time	
	See note 10.	
15.	Next Meeting	
	The next meeting will be held on <u>Thursday 10 February 2011</u> at Shrewsbury Sports Village, just off Sundorne Road, at <u>7.00 pm</u> and will spotlight Sundorne and Battlefield.	KN

The meeting finished at 9.00 p.m.

CHAIRMAN:

DATE: