



Committee and date:
North East Shrewsbury Local
Joint Committee
12 May 2011
7.00 p.m.

Item
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**NOTE OF THE MEETING HELD ON 10 FEBRUARY 2011 AT 7.00 P.M.
AT SUNDORNE SCHOOL AND SPORTS COLLEGE, 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:

Steve Cunningham, Senior Community Regeneration Officer

Gwyn Bevan, Community Regeneration Officer

Matt Johnson, Senior Public Transport Officer

Tim Sneddon, Head of Environmental Maintenance

Karen Nixon, Committee Officer (notes)

West Mercia Police:

PC Andrew Gardner

PC Peter Franklin

Sevenside Housing:

J Dodd on behalf of Rachel Hopkins, Housing Officer

Shropshire Fire Service:

Andy Johnson

There were approximately 30 members of the public in attendance.

		ACTION
1.	Apologies	
1.1	There were no apologies for absence.	
2.	Declarations of Interest	
2.1	Cllr Price declared an interest in the Sevenside Housing item (Agenda item 8); he was a member on Sevenside Housing's Board of Directors. He also declared an interest in the Shropshire Fire and Rescue Service (agenda item 9) as a former employee, still closely connected with the service. He was also a representative on the Shropshire Fire Authority. He took no part in the discussion or voting for either item.	

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. He also outlined forthcoming changes to Local Joint Committees and the emergence of a Shrewsbury-wide meeting that was planned to take place twice over the next twelve months in addition to two NE Shrewsbury LJC meetings.	
3.2	Malcolm Price, local member, warmly welcomed those present to this and future meetings. He then went on to give a brief explanation about the background, purpose and powers of the meeting and stressed he welcomed local resident's input including questions and ideas for potential agenda items.	
4.	Note of Meeting	
4.1	The note of the previous LJC meeting held on 7 October 2010, spotlighting Castlefields and Ditherington, was approved as a correct record and duly signed by the Chairman.	
4.2	The minutes of the previous meeting to specifically spotlight the Sundorne and Battlefield area (held on 29 July 2010), that had previously been approved, was circulated for information. Cllr Price updated on actions taken from the previous minutes.	
5.	PACT Meeting (Partners and Community Together)	
5.1	PC Andrew Gardner, West Mercia Police, introduced himself from the Sundorne and Battlefield local policing team. He explained that PACT meetings would be incorporated into the Local Joint Committee meeting to give local residents the opportunity to raise any issues of concern directly.	
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.	
5.4	An update was given on issues of concern raised by local residents previously: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Speeding traffic – this was currently a PACT priority. Work was currently being undertaken with children from Harlescote Juniors, allowing some of the students to use a speed gun. • The Urban Challenge Project for young people in the local community was proving to be very successful. Various community projects had been undertaken such as litter picks and positive relationships were being forged with youngsters. Problems of anti-social behaviour had reduced significantly • Local crime levels; residents were encouraged to go to the new www.police.co.uk website to view the level of crimes in their community and to contact the Local Policing Team directly if they had any specific issues. 	

5.5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Problems with dropped kerbs and people parking over them at The Lantern, Moston Road was still an issue that the police continued to actively work towards resolving. A litter sweep had been undertaken along the alleyway between Whitchurch Road and Albert Road. This would continue to be monitored. <p>New issues of concern raised;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Concerns were raised about an area in Sundorne Crescent/Sundorne Road being used by a resident to store heavy vehicles, machinery and building materials. Incidents of anti social behaviour in the early hours of the morning were also cited. This would be investigated ➤ A street lamp recently fixed along Featherbed Lane and Allerton Road had been vandalised again within a week of repair. ➤ Speeding traffic along Meadow Farm Drive occurred frequently and was of concern to local residents. <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>	Police & Cllr Mal Price
6.	Bus Strategy for Shropshire 2011 – 2016 Consultation	
6.1 6.2	<p>Matt Johnson, Senior Public Transport Officer provided information on the Consultation for a future Bus Strategy for Shropshire and answered questions from local residents on proposals.</p> <p>Main comments and areas of concern raised were;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The loss of the Park and Ride concession was not popular. Could services to Royal Shrewsbury Hospital be improved and concessions to RSH remain pre 9.00 am? Fears were expressed that the proposed service changes would lead to more vehicles parking in the town centre and increasing problems of congestion there. Had an analysis been undertaken of the knock-on effect on businesses in the town centre? Had alternatives been looked at, like slashing prices to encourage <i>more</i> use by the public and get more people in urban areas to use the buses? One bus went every hour at the bottom of Sundorne Road – this was not frequent enough. A concession holder suggested a small charge (up to 20p) be made for all bus trips to subsidise fare increases. Can Arriva consider going along Sundorne Road between Moston Road and Heathgates to give a better service to the public? <p>The consultation period ends on 21 March 2011. Everyone was urged to make their comments and responses made known to Shropshire Council. Feedback forms were available at the meeting or views could be made in writing, email or via the Council's website.</p>	

7.	Shropshire Council News and Reports including Budget Update 2011//12	
7.1	Malcolm Price gave an update on Shropshire Council's budget for 2011/12 and future years. Savings totalling £10 million had already been found this year (2010/11) through in year cuts. 2011/12 had identified £31 million in savings This left £47 million of savings to be found over the next three years.	
8.	Sevenside Housing	
8.1	<p>Tatina Paddington was pleased to report on the ribbon cutting held recently to open seven 2-bed bungalows. She was pleased to see new residents settling in well. It was expected that the next final phase was on target to be completed in September.</p> <p>Thanks were expressed to the Local Policing Team and Andrew Gardner in particular for their support for the scheme.</p>	
9.	Shropshire Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS)	
9.1	A briefing note providing an overview of future changes and priorities for SFRS was noted. These changes had been introduced as a consequence of austerity measures (budget cuts) introduced through the Government's 2010 Comprehensive Spending Review.	
9.2	<p>Andy Johnson provided detailed information on projected savings of £4 million to be made by the Fire Service over the next four years and how these measures would be developed; workforce to be reduced, life of fire engines to increase, routine maintenance to buildings to be reduced and alternative methods of crewing some fire engines to be introduced.</p> <p>It was noted that the main difference to the community would be in a change of approach in the provision of fire safety guidance. This would be more precision-focused and needs based in the future.</p> <p>If anyone wanted to know more or respond they were urged to visit;</p> <p>www.shropshirefire.gov.uk/about-sfrs/business-consultation-2011-03-31</p>	
10.	Grant Applications	
	<p>The Committee received a report setting out new funding applications for their consideration. It was confirmed that all committee members had received copies of each application, along with supporting documents, prior to the meeting.</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) It was noted that a budget of £63,825 had been allocated to the Local Joint Committee for 2010/11 b) It was noted that allocations totalling £20,884 had been approved to date. c) The balance of funding remaining was £42,941 	

	<p>d) The following funding allocations were approved by the Local Joint Committee;</p> <table><thead><tr><th></th><th>£</th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td>i) West Mercia Police – Youth Inclusion Dept (BMX track)</td><td>7,500</td></tr><tr><td>ii) West Mercia Police – Local Policing Team (Urban Challenge</td><td>4,000</td></tr><tr><td>iii) Shrewsbury Cathedral Catholic Nursery - decking</td><td>1,563</td></tr><tr><td>iv) Grease Monkeys</td><td>4,380</td></tr><tr><td>v) Barnabus Church Centre – Cage Football</td><td>500</td></tr><tr><td>vi) Through the Doorway to Healthy Living</td><td>11,929</td></tr><tr><td>vii) Hope Church – Soul Purpose</td><td>3,000</td></tr><tr><td>viii) Dial a Ride Shrewsbury</td><td>1,000</td></tr></tbody></table> <p>e) It was agreed that the application from Relateen Counselling Service for £3,000 should be referred on to the new Shrewsbury-wide LJC for consideration after more information on this project had been obtained.</p>		£	i) West Mercia Police – Youth Inclusion Dept (BMX track)	7,500	ii) West Mercia Police – Local Policing Team (Urban Challenge	4,000	iii) Shrewsbury Cathedral Catholic Nursery - decking	1,563	iv) Grease Monkeys	4,380	v) Barnabus Church Centre – Cage Football	500	vi) Through the Doorway to Healthy Living	11,929	vii) Hope Church – Soul Purpose	3,000	viii) Dial a Ride Shrewsbury	1,000	
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11.	Residents Issues with Question Time																			
	<p>The following issues were raised by members of the public for consideration at a future meeting;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• There appeared to be a trend for people to park their cars ¾ on the pavement for example as seen in Corndon Crescent, and block the pavement. Could this be looked at please?• When was the closing date for Licences for Street Parties? Tim Sneddon said to see him at the end of the meeting for more information and advice on this.																			

The meeting finished at 9.15 p.m.

CHAIRMAN:

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