



Committee and date:
North East Shrewsbury Local
Joint Committee
7 February 2012
7.00 p.m.

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**NOTE OF THE MEETING HELD ON 12 MAY 2011 AT 7.00 P.M.
AT THE SUNDORNE CENTRE, AT THE REAR OF 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:

George Candler, Area Director, North

Steve Cunningham, Senior Community Action Officer

Tim Sneddon, Head of Environmental Maintenance

Karen Nixon, Committee Officer (notes)

West Mercia Police:

PC Andrew Gardner

Sgt Julie Shepherd

Sevenside Housing:

Rachael Hopkins, Housing Officer

There were approximately 20 members of the public in attendance.

		ACTION
1.	Election of Chairman	
	It was proposed by Alan Mosely, seconded by Dean Carroll and duly RESOLVED: That Malcolm Price be elected as Chairman of the LJC for the ensuing year.	
2.	Apologies	
	There were no apologies for absence. All were present.	
3.	Appointment of Vice-Chairman	
	It was proposed by Malcolm Price, seconded by Karen Burgoyne and duly RESOLVED: That Alan Mosely be appointed as Vice-Chairman of the LJC for the ensuing year.	

4.	Declarations of Interest	ACTION
	There were no declarations of interest.	
5.	Notes	
	<p>The note of the previous meeting held on 11 February 2011, was approved as a correct record and duly signed by the Chairman.</p> <p>Cllr Price updated on actions taken since the previous meeting.</p>	
6.	Welcome and Introductions	
6.1	<p>The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting. He explained recent changes to Local Joint Committees and the emergence of a Shrewsbury-wide LJC meeting which would meet twice a year in addition to the two North East Shrewsbury LJC meetings that would take place in between.</p> <p>A warm welcome was extended those present and a brief explanation about the background, purpose and powers of the meeting was made. It was stressed that local resident's input including questions and ideas for potential agenda items in the future were very much welcomed.</p> <p>.</p>	
7.	PACT Meeting (Partners and Communities Together)	
	<p>PC Andrew Gardner, West Mercia Police, introduced himself from the Sundorne and Battlefield local policing team. PACT meetings would be incorporated into the Local Joint Committee meeting to give local residents the opportunity to raise any issues of concern directly.</p> <p>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.</p> <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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Problems persisted in Sundorne Road (storage of heavy vehicles, machinery and building materials and incidents of anti social behaviour in the early hours of the morning and weekends). Officers would contact the complainant after the meeting and get exact location details, so that this could be investigated. • Speeding traffic along Meadow Farm Drive – this was an ongoing priority. Work had been undertaken with speed guns on Featherbed Lane and outside the Harlescott Junior School. The majority of drivers were within the speed limits. Officers would now focus on Whitchurch Road. • The Urban Challenge Project for young people in the local community continued to be a success and generally problems of anti-social behaviour had reduced significantly in the local area. <p>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</p>	<p>Police</p> <p>Police</p> <p>Police</p>

	<p>contact the Local Policing Team directly if they had any specific issues.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>New issues of concern were raised;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mini-motorbikes had been an issue recently, but since a particular offender had been dealt with locally there had been no more complaints or incidents. • Burglary rates were usually very low; averaging 1 burglary per month. However burglaries rose to 4/5 in a week very recently. This had been down to one individual and the previous week the suspect was arrested. Officers were pleased to report that burglary figures had now dropped to their normal range. • Car crimes in north Shrewsbury appeared to be rising, especially in the town centre. A concerted effort was being made to deal with this. • Diversionary work with youngsters continued, especially over the Easter break. CSO's had taken a group to RAF Shawbury for a High Ropes day and ASB figures continued to drop. • Youngsters playing football on the housing estate at Berwick Grange requested the too big goalposts be removed and replaced with smaller moveable ones. It was agreed that some interim Samba goals be organised temporarily by the Community Action Officer, whilst smaller permanent goals were to be sought from Shrewsbury Town Council by Councillor Malcolm Price. • Parking problems at The Lantern, Moston Road and around the island there continued. This was an ongoing issue that the police continued to monitor actively work towards resolving. <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>Police</p> <p>Police</p> <p>Police</p> <p>Police</p> <p>Steve Cunningham and Cllr Malcolm Price</p> <p>Police</p>
8.	The Future Delivery of Culture & Leisure Services in Shrewsbury	
	<p>George Candler Area Director North gave a brief presentation about the future delivery of culture and leisure services in Shrewsbury. In setting the scene, he explained that Shropshire Council was currently responsible for the management of 23 Leisure Centres across the county. 15 of these were on school sites and were 'joint use'. There were 9 swimming pools, 22 Libraries the entire Rights of Way Network, 9 Museums and the Shropshire Archives.</p> <p>Local areas of interest for this LJC included the Quarry swimming pool in Shrewsbury, The Music Hall refurbishment (due for completion in 2012) and the Shrewsbury Sports Village at Sundorne, including the Indoor Bowls Centre.</p> <p>Against the backdrop of the current economic crisis, he explained that culture and leisure services were inevitably having to make efficiencies in it's services. In order to do this it was moving away from direct provision, towards a more enabling and facilitating role. Last year, an independent piece of work had been undertaken looking at the best way to deliver these services going forward. One outcome of this piece of work has been for Shropshire Council to outsource the delivery of a number of its leisure facilities. Namely;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oswestry Leisure Centre 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Whitchurch swimming pool Market Drayton swimming pool Bridgnorth Endowed Leisure Centre Shrewsbury Sports Village <p>Currently in the leisure services market there are three types of operators; Local Authorities, Trusts (not for profit/money re-invested) and the Private Sector (profit-making).</p> <p>It is envisaged that by going down this route the Council will be able to see an increase in activity and community use as well as make efficiency savings.</p> <p>Concern was expressed at these facilities going out of the Council's control and admission prices rising, especially if run by the private sector.</p> <p>A discussion ensued about former 'free swimming' for the under 16's and how since this concession had been removed, so had usage. The number of youngsters frequenting swimming pools had dropped significantly. It was now simply too expensive for a family to go swimming. Those present felt that the former free swimming was beneficial not only from a health point of view, but also from a personal safety angle. If a better deal were available then everyone believed more children would attend.</p> <p>The former 'Passport to Leisure' scheme was discussed and Cllr Malcolm Price undertook to see if this or something similar could be re-introduced in the future, allowing families who were in receipt of certain benefits to receive reductions of up to 50%.</p> <p>George Candler assured everyone that there was no intention to sell off the swimming pool in Shrewsbury. Options were currently being explored to either rebuild and/or refurbish on the existing site or build a new facility on a new site. A meeting was scheduled with Sport England very shortly to see how they could work together and get more competitive pricings for the various options. Currently the cost on refurbishment or new build for a pool ranged from £9 – 10.5 million. Officers were confident that this figure could be reduced. George Candler assured those present that when officers were at a position to, they would consult fully with members of the public on any future new proposals.</p> <p>There was strong concern about the pool being relocated out of the town centre; this would be unfair. Its current location was central. It was also requested that any new facility be designed to accommodate not just the leisure swimmer but also the competitive swimmer aswell. This was noted.</p> <p>The use of the all-weather pitch at the Sports Village was also discussed. Children had been allowed to attend allocated sessions for £1 and those present asked if this would continue if there were a change of management</p> <p>The Chairman thanked Mr Candler for attending and for his informative presentation.</p>	<p>Cllr Malcolm Price and George Candler</p> <p>George Candler</p> <p>George Candler</p> <p>George Candler</p> <p>George Candler</p>
9.	Volunteer Offer from Caterpillar	
	<p>The Chair explained that local firm Caterpillar Remanufacturing and Components Division had recently offered to provide the services of 40 volunteer employees from 8.00 am to 4.00 pm on Friday's during the summer to assist with community projects in Shrewsbury. The Shrewsbury-wide LJC had considered this offer on 28 April and because this was a local business, the Chairman felt it should be highlighted to this meeting aswell. He asked if anyone had any suggestions to make and the following potential projects were proposed;</p>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sundorne Infants School – garden project needed assistance. • Salop Glass Building – The Meanwhile Project – indoor activities for youths, BMX ramps, basketball, 7-a-side etc • Pathway along the canal; Pimley Manor to Castlefields – water in canal needed cleaning. • Bike Track Adaptation and Maintenance - item D on the Funding Application report - more information was sought and it was suggested at the meeting that this may also be a good scheme for Caterpillar <p>Tim Sneddon suggested other avenues of support via organisations such as the Probation Service, various Church Groups, and Shrewsbury in Bloom. Any one interested was asked to see Mr Sneddon after the meeting.</p>	<p>Steve Cunningham</p> <p>Tim Sneddon</p>
10.	Sevenside Housing	
	<p>Rachael Hopkins reminded everyone about the forthcoming Community Fayre to which everyone was invited. Sevenside's Annual Community Fayre was taking place on Saturday 21 May at The Sports Village, Sundorne, from 10.00 am onwards. All were welcome.</p> <p>It was noted that Moston Green was on target to be finished in mid August 2010.</p> <p>It was announced that in conjunction with Shrewsbury Town Football Club, Sevenside hoped to launch a 'Twilight' 7 –a-side Football League. Local teams from areas such as Sundorne & Battlefield and Castlefields and Ditherington would be very welcome.</p>	
11.	Shropshire Council News and Reports	
	<p>Two matters of local interest were highlighted by the Chairman;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A recent housing application had been made by Persimmon homes for 300 new properties, north of Berwick Grange, on a Greenfield site. Obviously there was a formal planning process to go through before any decision was made. Meanwhile there was a local campaign objecting to this. Watch this space • There would be re-surfacing from Mount Pleasant shops to the Heathgates Island from 19 June 2011, which may cause some disruption. 	
12.	Funding Applications	
	<p>It was noted that the devolved funding allocated to the North East Shrewsbury Local Joint Committee (LJC) for the period 1st April 2011 up until 31st March 2012 was £23,584 in total. This meant there was £7,861 for each electoral division (Castlefields and Ditherington, and, Sundorne and Battlefield) to fund projects in the local community for the 2011/12 year.</p> <p>Prior to each LJC, a planning meeting takes place to discuss applications for funding and agree recommendations. Seven applications were received for this reporting period and were put forward to the LJC at their meeting on 12 May 2011 for consideration.</p> <p>a) Requests totalling £10,750 were considered by the North East Shrewsbury LJC; A. Arts Access £amount tbc</p>	

	<p>B. Homework Club £5,800 C. Hope Church Beach Trip £600 D. Bike Track Adaptation and Maintenance £1,800 E. Shrewsbury Boxing Club £1000 F. Shrewsbury Sharks Basketball Club £550 G. Youth Summer Activities £1000</p> <p>Total Funding Requests = £10,750</p> <p>b) In view of the reduced funding available, that the LJC considers whether it wishes in future to prioritise and/or invite project proposals which address particular themes or known priorities in the LJC area.</p> <p>RESOLVED: That the following be approved;</p> <p>A. Arts Access - A decision on this was deferred pending more information. B. Homework Club - £2,900 granted C. Hope Church Beach Club - £300 granted D. Bike Track Adaptation & Maintenance - a decision on this was deferred pending more information. E. Shrewsbury Boxing Club - Application WITHDRAWN at the meeting F. Shrewsbury Sharks Basketball Club - £550 granted G. Youth Summer Activities - Application WITHDRAWN at the meeting.</p> <p>Total £3,750 awarded at this meeting</p>	Steve Cunningham
13.	Residents Issues with Question Time	
	<p>The following issues were raised by the public;</p> <p>Inadequate accommodation for rough sleepers in the winter in Shrewsbury was raised. Officers assured that all rough sleepers were well accommodated during the last winter at property in Castle Foregate (short-term, 16-bed accommodation for males) and also at Derfold.</p> <p>It was suggested that the island at The Lantern needed to be made more attractive. It was suggested that maybe a sponsor could be found to improve its appearance?</p>	Tim Sneddon

The meeting finished at 9.00 p.m.

CHAIRMAN:

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