



<u>Committee and date:</u> Shifnal and Sheriffhales Local Joint Committee 11 January 2010 7.00 p.m.	<u>Item</u> 3
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THE SHIFNAL AND SHERIFFHALES LOCAL JOINT COMMITTEE

**NOTE OF DECISIONS AND ACTIONS ARISING FROM THE MEETING HELD
ON THE 6TH OCTOBER 2009 AT SHERIFFHALES VILLAGE HALL AT 7.00 PM**

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Committee Members Present:

Shropshire Council:
Gordon Tonkinson
Stuart West

Shifnal Town Council:
Les Jones
Eileen Briscoe

Sheriffhales Parish Council:
Janet Jones
Rebecca Johnson

West Mercia Police:
Sergeant Richard Bailey
PC Nick Allbutt

There were approximately 40 members of the public present at the meeting.

11. CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME

The Chairman, Gordon Tonkinson, welcomed everyone to the meeting. He briefly explained the purpose and powers of the Local Joint Committee which gave residents a voice in the decisions affecting their areas and opportunity to influence resources to improve the local area in a practical way.

The Chairman introduced the members of the Committee and welcomed Adrian Cooper, Planning Policy Team Leader and Steve Brown Head of Environmental Maintenance (South) to the meeting.

12. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None reported.

**13. NOTES OF THE LAST MEETING
RESOLVED:**

The notes of the meeting held on the 14th July 2009 be confirmed as a correct record.

14. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The following declarations of interest were made:

ACTION

Councillor Gordon Tonkinson - Personal Interest in Item 8 (Minute Number 18) in that he was a member of Sheriffhales Parish Council and the Parochial Church Council.

Councillor Rebecca Johnson - Personal Interest in Item 8 (Minute Number 18) in that she was a member of Sheriffhales Parish Council and had submitted a grant application.

Councillor Janet Jones - Personal Interest in Item 8 (Minute Number 18) in that she was a member of Sheriffhales Parish Council.

15. SHIFNAL YOUTH COUNCIL

Gordon Tonkinson welcomed Courtney and Kieran members of Shifnal Youth Council to the meeting. Courtney and Kieran gave a very interesting presentation on the work undertaken by Shifnal Youth Council. Meetings were held once a month and that various fundraising events and activities took place. The Youth Council had established a boxing club and were planning to set up a fishing group.

The Chairman thanked Courtney and Kieran for their extremely informative presentation and paid tribute to the work of local residents in assisting with the work of the Youth Council. He invited them to return to give an update of their achievements over the coming months.

16. LOCAL POLICING UPDATE

Sergeant Richard Bailey addressed the meeting and introduced his colleague, PC Nick Allbutt. He indicated that this gave local residents the opportunity to meet the local policing team and to raise any concerns. He gave an update on the crime statistics covering the locality and was pleased to report that the area generally had a very low crime rate, although he stated that a slight rise in non-dwelling burglary had been recorded and urged local residents to be vigilant and report any suspicious activities.

Areas of concern raised by local residents included:

- Anti-social behaviour in Wheatfields Play Area, Shifnal
- Speeding in Sheriffhales

Sergeant Bailey took note of the comments and concerns raised and encouraged members of the community to continue to report any issues to the local Policing Team to improve local neighbourhoods.

The Chairman thanked Sergeant Bailey and PC Allbutt for their update reports and attendance at the meeting.

17. LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK - CORE STRATEGY CONSULTATION

Adrian Cooper gave a presentation on the development of the Local Development Framework (LDF) - Core Strategy. He explained that when adopted, the document would set out planning policy and objectives to guide future development in Shropshire over the next twenty years. Mr Cooper indicated that the Core Strategy would be submitted to Government for scrutiny by a Planning Inspector with a view to it being adopted by 2011.

Mr Cooper answered questions from local residents and indicated that the Planning

Policy Team at Shropshire Council would welcome comments on the consultation paper for the next week or so.

The Chairman thanked Mr Cooper for his informative presentation.

18. **BUDGET 2009/10 DECISION REPORT**

Val Beint presented the Budget Decision Report which set out details of the grant funding applications had been received.

RESOLVED:

1. That the following projects funded from the Shifnal and Sheriffhales Local Joint Committee 2009/10 budget be **approved**:
 - a. Shifnal Youth Boxing Club - That a contribution of £140 be approved.
 - b. Sheriffhales Christmas Tree Electricity Supply - That a contribution of £468.50 be approved subject to the project being completed by the end of 2009.
 - c. Sheriffhales Parish Church Community Room - That a contribution of £1,510 be approved.
 - d. Sheriffhales Bowling Club - That a contribution of £650 be approved subject to the submission of evidence of the project's encouragement of inclusiveness.
 - e. Oasis Link Line - That a contribution of £972 be approved subject to the production of satisfactory evidence that proper procedures are in place with regard to volunteer training and safeguarding clients.
2. That the following applications be **deferred** pending further information:
 - a. Shropshire Young Carers
 - b. Sheriffhales Playing Field Equipment

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19. **UPDATE REPORT**

Val Beint presented the update report summarising the key issues raised at the Shifnal and Sheriffhales Local Joint Committee since July 2009.

It was **agreed** that the report be noted.

20. **PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND CO-OPTION OF MEMBERS**

Neil Evans presented his report which set out proposals for the introduction of a formal public question time and for the co-opting of members on to the Committee. He confirmed that members of the public would continue to be able to raise points and ask questions from the floor during the meetings and explained that advance notice of questions would allow time for a full response to be prepared and also to invite relevant officers to attend the meeting, if appropriate.

It was **agreed** that the introduction of a formal public question scheme be confirmed and that questions be submitted for consideration no later than one month in advance of the date of the next meeting, except where the Christmas holiday extends the timescale.

It was also **agreed** that non-voting members be co-opted on to the Committee when appropriate for the consideration of specific item.

21. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME / FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Issues raised by local residents included the following:

- The proposals for the changes to acute services at the Princess Royal Hospital and Royal Shrewsbury Hospital - can this be discussed at the next meeting and representatives of the Primary Care Trust be invited to attend?
- The proposals for the relocation of the Doctors' Surgery
- Dangerous footways, paths and pavements in Shifnal - Steve Brown agreed to look into the issues.
- Highway verges along the A41 obscuring vision and overhanging across the pavement - Steve Brown agreed to refer this matter to the Highways Department.
- School warning sign obscured by overgrown hedgerow near Idsall School - Steve Brown agreed to raise this with the Highways Department.

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The Chairman thanked everyone for their comments and contributions and undertook to pursue the matters raised with relevant Shropshire Council officers.

22. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on the 11th January 2010 at 7.00 pm in Shifnal Village Hall.

All LJC

Signed:
Chairman

Date:

7.00 pm to 8.30 pm

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