



Committee and date:  
Shifnal and Sheriffhales  
Local Joint Committee

23 March 2010  
7.00 p.m.

Item

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**THE SHIFNAL AND SHERIFFHALES LOCAL JOINT COMMITTEE  
NOTE OF DECISIONS AND ACTIONS ARISING FROM THE MEETING  
HELD ON THE 11<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2010 AT SHIFNAL 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

There were approximately 50 members of the public present at the meeting.

ACTION

**23. 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 Keith Barrow - Leader of the Council, Laura Rowley - Director of Resources and Paul Tulley - Deputy Chief Executive of the Primary Care Trust to the meeting.

**24. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

None reported.

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

The notes of the meeting held on the 6<sup>th</sup> October 2009 be confirmed as a correct record.

## **26. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None declared.

## **27. LOCAL POLICING UPDATE**

Sergeant Richard Bailey addressed the meeting. 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 stated that on the whole, crime in the area was decreasing with 739 incidents last year (April 2008/09) and compared to 604 this year (April 2009 to date). He advised homeowners to adequately secure their dwellings as a number of domestic burglaries had taken place with gold jewellery being particularly targeted. He invited local residents to contact the Local Policing Team for crime prevention information.

The Chairman thanked Sergeant Bailey for his update reports and attendance at the meeting.

## **28. BUDGET CONSULTATION PRESENTATION**

The Committee received a presentation on Shropshire Council's budget proposals for 2010/2011 by the Leader of Shropshire Council (Keith Barrow) and Director of Resources (Laura Rowley). It was emphasised that the Council wanted to involve local people in the budget setting exercise and wanted to receive their views which would be reported to the Council's Scrutiny Committee; to Cabinet and ultimately to Full Council when the results of the exercise would be taken into account in determining the 2010/11 budget.

Mrs Rowley and Mr Barrow outlined the Council's key messages arising from the proposals (as follows) and answered several questions from local residents:

- To protect key services, consolidate the Council's revenue budget and minimise the pressure on Council Tax;
- To save £7.1m;
- To set aside £2m to prepare for an assumed grant loss of £4m in 2011/12; and
- To improve services through capital investment.

An interactive consultation exercise was then conducted with a series of questions posed to those present with responses determined by the use of electronic keypads.

During the question and answer session the following issues and concerns were raised:

- The lack of a swimming pool / leisure centre for Shifnal;
- Dismay and resentment over the proposed 3.5% increase in Council tax for the Shifnal and Sheriffhales locality;

- Plans for the housing stock within the previous Bridgnorth District Council area;
- The need for a new elderly care home in Shifnal;

In response to a question, Mr Barrow indicated that there were no plans at present to sell the housing stock of the former Bridgnorth District Council at present but acknowledged the need for a debate on this issue in the future.

Mr Barrow and Mrs Rowley acknowledged the concerns raised by local residents following the transition from district to unitary authority and resentment in the proposed council tax increase. They indicated that ultimately local residents would receive a more enhanced service provision than previously enjoyed which would ultimately deliver a county wide level of consistency of services. In conclusion Mr Barrow explained that the Council hoped to achieve savings of £2 million in 2010/11 as the Council would be facing much more substantial cuts in 2011/12.

The Chairman thanked Mr Barrow and Mrs Rowley for their presentation and their attendance at the meeting.

## **29. PRIMARY CARE TRUST**

Paul Tully gave a presentation on the development of local healthcare within the Shrewsbury and Telford Primary Care Trust (PCT). He explained that the PCT was trying to safeguard and secure quality health care provision for the people of Shropshire. He explained the reasons why some services needed to change and indicated that the PCT was looking to maximise the quality of healthcare and was examining options for future service provision.

He reported that the PCT's immediate priorities were accident and emergency provision, vascular surgical provision and inpatient children's service provision. He explained that changes were needed to these service areas and also included in the Trust's longer term plans were the reconfiguration of paediatric inpatient facilities and vascular surgical provision and confirmed that the longer term proposals would be subject to public consultation before any further changes implemented.

Mr Tully then went on to address concerns from local some residents in respect of a proposed relocation of the Shifnal Medical Practice. Several local residents spoke against the relocation of the medical practice. Mr Tully advised that the PCT did not determine the location of medical practices and he explained the process to be followed for a request for relocation.

It was agreed that the Senior Partner of Shifnal Medical Practice be invited to attend the next meeting to discuss the proposed relocation of the surgery.

The Chairman thanked Mr Tully for his attendance and informative presentation.

## **30. SHIFNAL TOWN PLAN PRESENTATION**

Jayne Owen reported on the Shifnal Town Plan and outlined its contents. She explained that it provided a tool to influence local decision making. She

outlined the current projects and reported on the successful projects which had already been undertaken. Future projects included the publication of a Shifnal magazine, the establishment of a Farmers' Market and an Arts Festival in September. She extended an invitation to everyone to get involved with the work of the Town Plan and indicated that additional volunteers were always sought. Members of the Committee paid warm tribute to the volunteers involved in the progression of the Town Plan and thanked Mrs Owen for her informative presentation.

### 31. **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. Shropshire Young Carers Transport Costs - That a contribution of £300 be approved.
  - b. Shifnal Harriers Junior Football Club - Wolves Trip - That a contribution of £100 be approved.
  - c. Shifnal Cricket Club Safety Net - That a contribution of £1,000 be approved.
  - d. Shifnal Festival - That a contribution of £2,000 be approved.
  - e. Walled Garden Project - Shifnal - That a contribution of £1,000 be approved.
  - f. Shifnal Village Hall - Extra Chairs - That a contribution of £1,000 be approved.
2. That the following applications be deferred pending further information:
  - a. Shifnal Harriers Junior Football Club - New Goals/Training Equipment
  - b. Shifnal Harriers Junior Football Club - Training
  - c. Shifnal and Sheriffhales Live at Home Scheme
  - d. Shifnal CCTV
3. That an application from Shropshire East Trefoil Guild (Tall Ships Race 2010) be **referred** to the Albrighton Local Joint Committee for consideration.

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### 32. **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME / FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Issues raised by local residents included the following:

- That the Senior Partner of the Shifnal Medical Practice be invited to attend the next meeting to discuss the proposals for the relocation of the

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medical practice.

The Chairman thanked everyone for their comments and contributions to the meeting.

**33. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on the 24<sup>th</sup> March 2010 at 7.00 pm in Sheriffhales Village Hall.

All LJC

**Signed:** .....  
**Chairman**

**Date:** .....

**7.00 pm to 9.45 pm**

**Date of Decision Publication: 19/01/10**

**Deadline for Call in: 27/01/10**