



Committee and Date
Shifnal and Sheriffhales
Local Joint Committee

7 June 2011

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**NOTES OF THE MEETING OF THE SHIFNAL AND SHERIFFHALES LOCAL
JOINT COMMITTEE HELD ON AT 7.00PM ON TUESDAY 1 FEBRUARY 2011
AT SHIFNAL VILLAGE HALL, ASTON STREET, SHIFNAL.**

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Committee Members Present:

Shropshire Council

Gordon Tonkinson
Stuart West

Shifnal Town Council

Eileen Briscoe
Jane Blackstock

Sheriffhales Parish Council

Janet Jones
Peter Young

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

27. Chairman's Introductions

- 27.1 The Chairman welcomed Peter Young who had replaced Rebecca Johnson as one of Sheriffhales Parish Council's representatives. He also asked that the committee's thanks for the work undertaken by Rebecca whilst a member of the committee be recorded.

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- 27.2 The Chairman also said that there would be a reduction in the number of meetings and that two would be held in 2011/12 and that it was possible that other unsupported meetings may be held during the year if required.

28. Declarations of Interest

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| 28.1 | Member | Nature of Interest |
| | Jane Blackstock | Member of Sheriffhales Village Hall Committee and husband is Governor at Idsall School |
| | Gordon Tonkinson | Member of Sheriffhales Parish Council |
| | Peter Young | Member of Playing Fields committee |

29. Notes of last meeting

- 29.1 The notes of the meeting held on 5 October 2010 were signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

30. Comments, Questions and Suggestions from the meeting held on 13 July 2010

- 30.1 The comments, questions and suggestions from the meeting held on 13 July 2010 together with the response/action taken were noted.

31. Shropshire Fire and Rescue Service

- 31.1 Shaun Baker from the Central Area, Shropshire Fire and Rescue Service referred to the Local Joint Committee Briefing Note that had been circulated with the agenda for the meeting. He highlighted the main points raised in the Briefing Note and added that the Shropshire Fire and Rescue Service had been compared with the metropolitan brigades when it came to government funding and that the brigade considered this to be a mistake.
- 31.2 In reply to a question about the tyres that are currently being stored at a farm in Sheriffhales, Shaun Baker said that it was for the Environment Agency to go through its processes. The Chairman added that he understood that the Environment Agency were in the process of taking action and that a prosecution could be imminent.
- 31.3 Shaun Baker said in response to a question that government funding for the fire service is provided only for fires and not for natural disasters such as flooding.

31.4 The Fire Officer said that it was possible that the reductions in spending could result in response times deteriorating.

31.5 The Chairman thanked Shaun Baker for attending the meeting.

30. Census 2011

30.1 Alistair Bates (Census Area Manager for Shropshire, Telford and Wrekin) was introduced and gave a brief presentation about the 2011 census. He said that the census was being held this year and explained when it would commence, what the form looked like, what is required when completing the form, how to return the form and how to obtain help to complete the form.

30.2 Alistair Bates said that the personal information will not be disclosed for 100 years. He added that the statistical information was very important and would be used by government to help calculate the how much grant an area should be awarded towards the cost of providing services. He said that anyone not included in the census would reduce the amount of money received to run services such as the fire service. Some of the statistical information would be published in mid 2012.

30.3 Several people asked a number of questions which Alistair Bates was able to answer.

30.4 The Chairman thanked Alistair Bates for his presentation and for attending the meeting.

31. Local Policing Update

31.1 PC Nick Albutt said that there were very few incidents to report, but that there had been several reports of thefts of metal, some from peoples' homes. He added that more voluntary staff had been appointed and that the counter at the Police Station was now open for additional hours.

32. Reminiscence Arts Project

32.1 The Chairman introduced Tony Price (Housing Plus) and Jenny Smith (formerly Jenny Henrywood)., Arts Officer, Shropshire Council.

32.2 Tony Price said that the new sheltered housing scheme at Yew Tree Court Shifnal had been completed and had opened in December 2010. The project was designed to help residents make friends and help them make links with the local community.

32.3 Jenny Smith also explained how local artists and others are

becoming involved in workshops.

- 32.4 A local resident praised the work that had been undertaken, but said that there was an issue with a pool that had been dug out and was a potential safety hazard. Tony Price said that he was not aware of this but would ensure that a fence was put up.

33. Market Towns Revitalisation Programme

- 33.1 Kerry Rogers, Community Action Officer, Shropshire Council said that a Rural Toolkit consultation events will be held on 10 February 2011 to involve community partners and to provide opportunity to put ideas forward for funding from the revitalisation programme.
- 33.2 Points were raised about how decisions taken the previous week by Shifnal Town Council and issues of sustainability would be included.
- 33.3 The Chairman said that Kerry Rogers would no longer be the Community Action Officer for this Local Joint Committee and that Andrea McWilliams would be taking over the role. The committee thanked Kerry for her work with the committee.

34. Budget 2010/11 Decision Report

34.1 RESOLVED:

- 34.2 1. That the budget allocations as set out in the report be confirmed as follows:
- a. Shifnal Village Hall – grant awarded £1000.00.
 - b. Reminiscences Project – grant awarded £1000.00
 - c. Eco Leadership Programme – grant awarded £975.97
 - d. Sheriffhales Village Hall – grant awarded £2000.00
 - e. Sheriffhales Play Area Redevelopment – grant awarded £1000.00
 - f. MOTIV8 IT Station – grant awarded £250.00
 - g. Shifnal and Parent Toddler Group – grant awarded £500.00

35. Public Question Time/Future Agenda Items

- 35.1 Concern was expressed by a local resident that the number of meeting of the LJC would be reduced from 4 a year to 2. She also said that LJC's were introduced to ensure that local democracy continued and that reducing the number is a retrograde step especially as the government is talking about localism.
- 35.2 The Chairman said that 2 meetings a year will be held and that any more would be without officer support. Other comments were made

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that more people should be attending the meetings and that better advertising needed to be carried out.

35.3 Comments were also made regarding the high standard of gritting, particularly on footpaths that took place during the bad weather in December 2010.

35.4 Comments were also made about the relocation of the Medical Practice which would now not take place.

35.5 Gordon Tonkinson said that Shifnal Town Council had agreed a fee with Shropshire Council so that free car parking would continue in Shifnal.

35.1 It was agreed that the following items be considered for inclusion on the agenda for future meetings:

a. Invite Gavin Wong and contractors regarding flooding.

36. Date of next meeting and Deadline for Grant Applications

36.1 It was noted that:

1. The next meeting will be held at 7pm on a date to be agreed at Shifnal Village Hall, Aston Street, Shifnal
2. The deadline for grant applications will be one month prior to the next meeting.

All LJC

Signed.....
Chairman

Date: 7 June 2011