



Committee and Date
Shifnal and Sheriffhales
Local Joint Committee

8 November 2011

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**NOTES OF THE MEETING OF THE SHIFNAL AND SHERIFFHALES LOCAL
JOINT COMMITTEE HELD ON AT 7.00PM ON TUESDAY 7 JUNE 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 16 members of the public present at the meeting.

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37. Election of Chairman	
37.1 RESOLVED: That Gordon Tonkinson be elected Chairman for the ensuing year.	ACD
38. Election of Vice-Chairman	
38.1 RESOLVED: That Stuart West be appointed Vice-Chairman for the ensuing municipal year.	ACD
39. Chairman's Introductions	
39.1 The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced the Members of the Committee, Shropshire Council Officers and representatives from the Local Policing Team and the Local Fire and Rescue Team.	

40. Declarations of Interest

40.1	Member	Nature of Interest
	Gordon Tonkinson	Member of Sheriffhales Parochial Church Council
	Janet Jones	Member of Sheriffhales Parochial Church Council

41. Notes of last meeting

- 41.1 Jane Blackstock indicated that Minute 28.1 should read Member of Shifnal Village Hall (not Sheriffhales); subject to this amendment, the notes of the meeting held on 1 February 2011 were signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

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42. Comments, Questions and Suggestions from the meeting held on 1 February 2011

- 42.1 The comments, questions and suggestions from the meeting held on 1 February 2011 together with the response/action taken were noted.

43. Local Policing Update

- 43.1 Sergeant Richard Bailey updated everyone on policing activities within the Shifnal and Sheriffhales area and answered questions from members of the public present at the meeting.
- 43.2 Items of concern raised by local residents included fly tipping and malicious telephone calls. Sergeant Bailey advised local residents to report any instances of scrap metal collectors in the area.
- 43.3 He stated that the next PACT meeting would be held within the Co-Op supermarket to extend the PACT process to customers visiting the Co-op. The Chairman thanked the Officers for their attendance and recorded his thanks to the local policing teams throughout the locality.

44. Shropshire Fire and Rescue Service Update

- 44.1 Andy Johnson from the Central Area, Shropshire Fire and Rescue Service introduced himself and briefed the local residents on the work undertaken by the Shropshire Fire and Rescue Service.
- 44.2 Items of concern raised by those present included the use of Chinese Lanterns. Stuart West advised that he was due to meet with the Fire Minister and agreed to draw his attention to this problem.

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44.3 Mr Davies also reported that the Fire and Rescue Service would continue to undertake as much community work as possible and would be working closely with the schools to raise fire safety awareness prior to the summer holiday period.

44.4 The Fire Officer reminded those present of the importance of having chimneys swept during the summer period to avoid the risk of chimney fires in the colder weather.

44.5 The Chairman thanked Mr Davies for his update.

45. Area Director Presentation

45.1 Chris Edwards, Area Director (South) introduced himself and gave a brief presentation about the remit of the Area Directors and the impact on the Local Joint Committees (copy attached to the signed minutes). He indicated that the Senior Management restructure had been undertaken to develop new ways of service delivery in the locality and reported on the new joint partnership approach to increase transparency between Shropshire Council and the Town and Parish Councils.

45.2 Some concern was raised at the decreasing number of attendees at the Local Joint Committee and a discussion took place in respect of how to attract new people to Local Joint Committee meetings which were seen as important to the local community. Some residents suggested that consideration be given to rebranding or renaming the Local Joint Committees.

45.3 Several people asked a number of questions which Chris Edwards was able to answer. Issues raised by those present included potential swimming pool for Shifnal, the lack of a nursing home in Shifnal and the establishment of an Emergency Committee within the Shifnal and Sheriffhales LJC area.

45.4 The Chairman thanked Chris Edwards for his presentation and for attending the meeting.

46. Reminiscence Arts Project

46.1 The Chairman introduced Brendan Jackson who gave a presentation on the Living History of Shifnal and explained how the project had been pulled together with input from young children (copy attached to the signed minutes).

46.2 Brendan Jackson reported on the success of the project and explained that the project was designed to help residents make

friends and help them make links with the local community.

- 46.3 Further details are available from Jenny Smith, Shropshire Council's Arts Development Officer on 01743 255935 or by visiting www.brendanjackson.co.uk.

- 46.4 The Chairman thanked Brendan Jackson for his presentation and for attending the meeting and paid tribute to the contribution of all those involved in the project.

47. Budget 2010/11 Decision Report

47.1 RESOLVED:

- 47.2 That the budget allocations as set out in the report be confirmed as follows:

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PROJECT	GRANT AWARD
A Sheriffhales PCC Furniture for Community Room	£990.00
B Shifnal Farmers Market	£1000.00
C Shifnal Theatrical & Repertory Society (STARS)	£1000.00
D Shifnal Festival	£1000.00
E St Andrews PTA Mini Gardens	£875.00
F The Scroll	£500.00
G Community Council of Shropshire Senior Safety Day	£520.00

48. Public Question Time/Future Agenda Items

- 48.1 An update was given in respect of the initiatives and work recently undertaken by RuralWatch which included Operation ORR - Observe, Record and Report any suspicious activity in the area. The dangerous trees at Coppice Green Lane were acknowledged and Stuart West agreed to make arrangements for the Trees and Woodland Amenities / Arboricultural Officer to undertake a site visit.

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- 48.2 Further to the comments made earlier in the meeting, ways of attracting new people to attend the Local Joint Committee were considered and it was agreed that more effective advertising should be carried out. Those present were asked to contact Andrea McWilliams (Community Action Officer) with details of any new groups or individuals who may be interested in attending future meetings and applying for grant funding. Andrea McWilliams confirmed she was available to assist everyone with funding applications. It was suggested that the Shifnal and Sheriffhales LJC set up a Facebook page to interact with the locality and also publicising the meetings on the Idsall School website.

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- 48.3 The Chairman explained that 2 formal LJC meetings would be held

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throughout the year, it was noted that additional meetings could be convened would be without officer support.

Following discussion, it was agreed that an additional meeting be convened in early September and that arrangements be made for representatives from Arriva and the Flood Forum to be invited to discuss issues specific to Shifnal and Sheriffhales area.

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

- A. Provision of swimming pool in Shifnal
- B. Lack of a residential home in Shifnal

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49. Date of next meeting and Deadline for Grant Applications

49.1 It was noted that:

All LJC

- 1. The next meeting will be held at 7pm on Tuesday 8 November 2011 at Sheriffhales Village Hall.
- 2. The deadline for grant applications will be Friday 7 October 2011.

The Chairman encouraged everyone to publicise the meeting and urged local group to apply for grant funding.

7.00 pm to 9.34 pm

Signed:
Chairman

Date: 8 November 2011