



Committee and Date

Shifnal and Sheriffhales  
Local Joint Committee

3 July 2012

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**NOTES OF THE MEETING OF THE SHIFNAL AND SHERIFFHALES LOCAL  
JOINT COMMITTEE HELD ON AT 7.00PM ON TUESDAY 8 NOVEMBER 2011  
AT SHERIFFHALES VILLAGE HALL, SHERIFFHALES.**

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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

**Shropshire Council Officers present:**

Community Action Officer  
Senior Committee Officer  
Alison Brock  
Steve Brown

Andrea McWilliams  
Adrian Dean  
Business Improvement Manager  
Environmental Maintenance

There were approximately 18 members of the public present at the meeting.

**50.      Chairman's Introductions**

- 50.1      The Chairman welcomed everyone to Sheriffhales Village Hall. He introduced each of the members of the committee. The Chairman said that Andy Johnson from Shropshire Fire and Service was also in attendance and that he would be speaking later in the meeting.

**ACTION**

**51. Declarations of Interest**

51.1	Member	Nature of Interest
	Jane Blackstock	Grant application from Shifnal Scouts & Guides Supporters Association – Chair of Supporters Association.  Grant application from 1 <sup>st</sup> Shifnal Scout Group – Chair of Supporters Group  Grant application from Idsall Gymnastics Club – Chair of Supporters Group
	Janet Jones	Grant application from Sheriffhales Short Mat Bowling Club  Grant application from Sheriffhales Parish Council – Purchase of litter bin on the playing field – Member of Parish Council
	Gordon Tonkinson	Grant application from Sheriffhales Primary School PTA – School Governor  Grant application from Shifnal Primary School PTA – School Governor  Grant application from Shifnal swimming Pool Committee – Member of Swimming Pool Committee
	Stuart West	Grant application from Shifnal Primary School PTA – School Governor  Grant application from Shifnal swimming Pool Committee – Member of Swimming Pool Committee

**52. Notes of last meeting**

52.1	The notes of the meeting held on 7 June 2011 were signed by the Chairman as a correct record.
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**AD****53. Local Policing Update**

53.1	The Chairman introduced PC Nick Allbutt who said that there was very little to report locally. He said that there had been break-ins to outbuildings in Tong and Shifnal recently and warned that this may be a new trend.
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53.2 PC Allbutt said that a new telephone number had been launched for non-emergency calls. He said that the new number is 101 and that calls cost 15p each.

53.3 In response to a question, PC Allbutt said that following the theft of caravans from the area that one had been located. He also said that the speed gun was out of action and needed its annual recalibration. He said that due to cuts in expenditure, the Police would not be able to do this and would have to borrow a speed gun from the Bridgnorth area. It was suggested that the recalibration cost might be something that would qualify for a grant from the LJC.

53.4 The Chairman introduced Andy Johnson from the Central Area, Shropshire Fire and Rescue Service who said that there had been no significant fires in the Shifnal and Sheriffhales area. He said that steps had been taken to prevent anti-social behaviour around bonfire night.

53.4 The Fire Officer said that there had been 6 deaths as a result of fires in the area this year. He said that the reasons for this increase was difficult to pin point but could be down to seconds when trying to escape from a burning building. He reminded the meeting of the importance of a working smoke alarm that could make the difference in getting out.

53.5 The Chairman asked about the storage of tyres that had taken place at Woodfield Farm in Sheriffhales. Dusty Dovaston was able to confirm that action taken by the Environment Agency had resulted in a fine and costs being awarded and the owner has 3 weeks in which to remove all 80,000 tyres.

#### **54. Broadband Project**

54.1 Alison Brock, Business Improvement Manager, Shropshire Council gave a presentation regarding the Broadband Project. She indicated the level of coverage across Shropshire that was currently below 2mbps compared with those that areas that are currently above that level. Alison Brock added that the aim of the project was to ensure that all areas received 2mbps by 2015. She said that this support would only be provided where the commercial section was unable to do so.

54.2 In reply to a question Alison Brock said that the speed in the market towns would vary depending on usage locally. She said that the total cost of the project across Shropshire and Telford & Wrekin was £8.2m and that 89% of that funding would be coming to Shropshire.

**ACTION****55. Developing a Play Strategy**

- 55.1 The Chairman said that unfortunately this item had been withdrawn as Shropshire Council's Cabinet had yet to consider the draft Play Strategy. He added that a representative from the relevant service would be invited to attend the next meeting of the Committee.

**AD****56. Love Clean Streets Project and Outsourcing of the Streetscene Services**

- 56.1 Steve Brown from Environmental Maintenance at Shropshire Council was introduced to the meeting by the Chairman. Steve said that he had been invited to the meeting to talk about two issues. Firstly, the outsourcing of Operational Services and secondly the Love My Shropshire.

- 56.2 Steve Brown said that the Council was currently out to tender on the provision of various services, including highways, street lighting and gritting. He said that currently, the Council has a mixed economy with various service providers. The new contract would be put in place from 1 April 2012 and one company would provide all the Council's needs. 5 national companies had tendered and that the bids were currently being evaluated. Shropshire Council staff would transfer to the contractor from 1 April 2012 under the TUPE (Transfer of Undertakings Protection of Employees Regulations), but that Shropshire Council would remain responsible for delivering the service and will pay the contractor.

- 56.3 He explained that the contract would initially be for a 6 year term and that subject to satisfactory performance could be extended on a rolling one year basis for up to 10 years. He added that Shropshire Council is working alongside Cheshire West Council in setting up this contract. He said that the service would be provided at a cheaper cost than at present as the two Councils would share a Training School.

- 56.4 In clarification, Steve Brown said that the conditions of the contract would change over the 10 year term to meet changing requirements and demands.

- 56.5 A questioner made reference to pruning requirements in Tudor Way/Curriers Lane, Shifnal which Steve Brown said would require the advice of an arboriculturalist before any work was carried out. Comment was also made that other trees in Broadway, Shifnal were also in need of pruning. Steve Brown undertook to look into this.

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- 56.6 In response to a question Steve Brown said that although there was now no longer a requirement for data on fly tipping to be collected

that Shropshire Council still collected and used the information. He confirmed that the Council did take action against fly tippers, but that fly tripping on private land was an issue for the landowner.

- 56.7 Moving on to talk about Love My Shropshire, Steve Brown from Environmental Maintenance at Shropshire Council said that the new lovemyshropshire website, when launched, will allow people to report environmental issues. He said that there will be mobile phone apps that will enable people to take photographs of an incident and to report this direct. Traditional ways of reports environmental concerns will continue to be available.

- 56.8 The Chairman thanked Steve Brown for his attendance.

## 57. Amendment to LJC Constitution

- 57.1 **RESOLVED:** That the Community Action Officer be given delegated authority, in consultation with the Local Joint Committee Chair (or Vice-Chair in their absence), to determine urgent and time sensitive matters.

## 58. 2011/12 Finance Report, including update on funding requests for consideration

- 58.1 **RESOLVED:**

- (a) That the budget allocations as set out in the report be confirmed as follows:

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	Large Grant Budget Project	Grant Awarded
A	Yew Tree Court Arts & Crafts Club – start up equipment	£1,000
B	Sheriffhales Primary School PTA – Sheriffhales School & Community Garden	£1,000
C	Shifnal Cricket Club – Car Park and road improvements*	£500
D	Shifnal Flower Club – Flower Festival	£1,000
E	Shifnal Crime Prevention Panel – Shifnal Radio Link	£500
F	Sheriffhales Short Mat Indoor Bowling Club – Double Handling Unit for Bowls Mats	£480
G	Sheriffhales PC – Repair and Renovation of the Sheriffhales War Memorial**	£1,357
H	Shifnal Scouts & Guides Supporters Association – Equipment Purchase for Junior Members	£1,000
I	Shifnal & Albrighton Youth for Christ – Costs	£1,000

associated with Panna Cage and Youth Programme

J	Sheriffhales Village Hall – Supply and Install a Noise Limiter	£923.20
K	Shifnal Primary School PTA – Development of Outdoor Learning Environment	£1,000
L	Idsall Gymnastics Club – Safe Landings	£1,000
M	Shifnal Carnival Committee – Safer Working on Highway	£500
N	Barn Owls Pre-School – Early Years ICT	£500

Community Chest

O	Shifnal Townswomen's Guild – Activity Support	£250
P	Sheriffhales PC – Purchase of Litter Bin on the Playng Field	£242
Q	Shifnal and Priorslee Patients' Voice – Reaching out to patients and carers	£250
R	Shifnal Friendship Club – Help towards activities	£250
S	Stagekids – Purchase of sound system and two sets of steps	£250
T	Shifnal Community Swimming Pool Committee***	£80

\* Although the committee support this project, as previous grants have been awarded from this pot, it was felt that a contribution of £500 should be awarded on this occasion.

\*\* The committee recognised that this is an important piece of the community's heritage and therefore granted the full amount requested as an exception to help complete the project.

\*\*\*The grant awarded recognised that only the gazego could be funded under the LJC grant criteria.

(b) That the late application submitted by Shifnal Town Football Club for a contribution towards the cost of borehole works to the Pheonix Park ground be held in abeyance until such time as the club has neared it's target through fund raising and other grant opportunities. The Committee will then consider funding a top-up grant at that stage to help bring the project to fruition.

(c) That the following applications be refused for the reasons given:

- (i) 1<sup>st</sup> Shifnal Scout Group – That the Group be requested in the first instance to seek help from the Supporters

Association who have equipment available for their use.

- (ii) Friends of the Fire Station – That the group be asked to liaise with the Town Council who are currently looking to produce a promotional leaflet for the Fire Station.
- (d) That it be noted that funding has now been allocated for the 2012/13 financial year and that unspent balances for this year will be allowed to roll forward into next year.
- (e) That it be noted that all future funding be directed at activities that help develop community based and led projects in the area for the 2012/13 financial year.

## **59. Public Question Time/Future Agenda Items**

- 59.1 An issue was raised about the change implemented which means that cardboard can no longer be placed with garden waste. It was suggested that this might be because of the toxic glues and inks used in cardboard and that the Council could be fined if it did not follow this requirement.
- 59.2 The Chairman expressed some concern about the lack of street lighting in the area around Sheriffhales Village Hall and the Church. He suggested that the area might benefit from 5 or 6 street lights.
- 59.3 The Chairman also referred to his concern about the future of the local shop. The Community Action Officer said that she and Peter Wilson would be meeting with the owners of the shop shortly to see what the issues were and to ascertain whether there was any help and support that Shropshire Council could offer.

## **60. Grant Application Information.**

It was noted that a Local Joint Committee Application form and guidance is available on the Council's website [www.shropshire.gov.uk](http://www.shropshire.gov.uk) or by contacting Andrea McWilliams, Community Action Officer on 01746 713104.

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

**Date:**