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Shifnal and Sheriffhales Local Joint Committee	4
6 th November 2012 7.00 pm	Public

**NOTES OF THE MEETING OF THE SHIFNAL AND SHERIFFHALES LOCAL
JOINT COMMITTEE HELD ON AT 7.00PM ON TUESDAY 3 JULY 2012 AT
SHERIFFHALES VILLAGE HALL, SHERIFFHALES.**

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Committee Members Present:

Shropshire Council

Gordon Tonkinson
Stuart West

Shifnal Town Council

Eileen Briscoe

Sheriffhales Parish Council

Janet Jones
Peter Young

Shropshire Council Officers present:

Community Action Officer
Senior Committee Officer
Policy and Strategy Officer

Andrea McWilliams
Adrian Dean
Mark Foxall

There were 39 members of the public present at the meeting.

1. Election of Chairman

- 1.1 **RESOLVED:** That Stuart West be elected Chairman for the ensuing year.

2. Appointment of Vice-Chairman

- 2.1 **RESOLVED:** that Gordon Tonkinson be appointed Vice-Chairman for the ensuing year.

ACTION

3. Chairman's Introductions

- 3.1 The Chairman thanked Gordon Tonkinson for his year as Chairman. He added that it had been a good year for the Local Joint Committee and that attendances for meeting has been good.

4. Notes of last meeting

- 4.1 The notes of the meeting held on 8 November 2011 were signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

5. Police and Communities Together (PACT)

- 5.1 PC Nick Allbutt said that there was very little to report locally. He said that the Shifnal Carnival which had been held recently had passed without any incidents being reported. He also said that there had recently been a number of rural break-ins.
- 5.2 In response to a question regarding the link with the Warwickshire and Staffordshire Police, PC Allbutt said he thought that this would not have much effect on the level of Policing in the Shifnal and Sheriffhales area but that depended on the level of cuts being made. He added that this was a sharing of resources.
- 5.3 A member of the public said that he was pleased to see that British Transport Police had been present at Shifnal Railway Station and that Shifnal residents were pleased with this action.
- 5.4 Concern was also expressed by a resident about scrap metal dealers and the way in which they operate. Mark Hunter from Veolia said that there was legislation going through Parliament which would change the rules about the registration of scrap metal dealers.
- 5.5 PC Albutt said that the Police Station was open from 9am to 5pm on a Monday, from 9.30am to 1.30pm on a Wednesday or Thursday depending on when volunteer help was available. He said that the Police Station was open at other times when an officer was present. He added that Shifnal Police Station could be reached by phoning 101 and asking for Shifnal Police Station or by asking for extension 5998.
- 5.6 Stuart West provided an update on Fire Service activities. He said that the Fire Service having had notice of the likelihood of heavy rain had moved appliances to areas where it was expected that they would be required. As Chairman of the Fire Authority, he had regular updates from the Chief Fire Officer updating him as events unfolded.
- 5.7 The Chairman reminded people of the need to test their smoke alarms on a weekly basis and to replace old batteries. He said that

free smoke alarms were available from the Fire Service to vulnerable and elderly people.

6. Smartwater

- 6.1 The Chairman introduced Steve Lloyd from Smartwater who gave a presentation of the product and how it is used to combat crime.
- 6.2 Steve said that the product contained a unique forensic code that if sprayed onto a person, their clothes, or property it would be visible in ultra violet light. It could also identify who had been supplied with that particular batch of Smartwater to enable property to be recovered to the correct owners.
- 6.3 He said that the Police were also wary of people carrying ultra violet torches as they could be used to identify which items of property had been marked with Smartwater. He also said that he had worked with the Police to ensure that scrap yards displayed some of their signs and did not accept any metal that had been marked.
- 6.4 Steve's presentation also showed how Smartwater detection was carried out in a Police Station as soon as anyone was detained. He said that signs were displayed in the cells to remind those being detained of Smartwater.
- 6.5 In reply to questions, he said that Smartwater would remain in the skin for several weeks and would remain on property in the harshest of weather for up to 5 years.
- 6.6 The Chairman thanked him for his presentation.

7. Shifnal Scouts and Guides Supporters Association – Equipment Purchase for Junior Members

- 7.1 With the permission of the Chairman, the Shifnal Scout and Cub Leaders and a number of the Scouts expressed their appreciation to the Committee for the grant that was awarded at the previous meeting. The Scout Leader said that the Group had been set up only 9 months previously and that with the grant money they had bought a canvass tent. He said that the tent which they had brought with them would provide service for up to 30 years and that it had already been used 3 times. To thank the committee, the Scouts said a loud BRAVO!

8. Kerbside Recycling and Plastic Bottles

- 8.1 The Chairman welcomed Mark Foxall, Policy and Strategy Officer. Shropshire Council.

8.2 Mark Foxall provided an overview of the service provided in particular in relation to the collection of plastics, glass, paper and cardboard. He also spoke about the recently opened Integrated Waste Management Facility (IWMF) in Bridgnorth.

8.3 He also referred to the Biocycle Anaerobic digestion plant in Ludlow which generates electricity for the national grid as it processes waste. In reply to a question, he said that enough electricity was produced to power 300 to 500 homes.

9.4 The Chairman thanked Mark Foxall for his presentation.

9. 2012/13 Finance Report, including update on funding requests for consideration

9.1 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	Shifnal Milenium Sensory Garden	£1000.00
B	Shifnal Cricket Club – Replacement of Pavilion Sewage Disposal System	£500.00
C	Shifnal & District Live at Home Scheme – Volunteer Travel Costs	£1000.00
D	Yew Tree Courts Arts and Crafts Club	£500.00
E	Shifnal Festival – 2012	£1000.00
F	Shifnal Town Football Club – Water Bolehole	£1000.00
G	Shifnal Old People's Welfare Committee – Painting and Decorating	£1000.00
H	Sheriffhales PCC – Repair Church Clock	£800.00

Community Chest

I	Shifnal & District Live at Home Scheme – Volunteer Travel Costs	No award made
J	Sheriffhales PC – Queen's Diamond Jubilee Celebrations 2012	£250.00
K	Sheriffhales Village Hall Committee – Hot water boiler	£237.00

- (b) That it be noted that funding will be directed at activities that help develop community based and led projects in the area for the 2012/13 financial year.

(Janet Jones and Gordon Tonkinson both declared an interest in the

application for a grant by Sheriffhales Parish Council and remained in the room during its discussion and consideration).

- 9.2 Following a suggestion that an ultra violet torch for use with Smartwater could be funded by the Local Joint Committee, the Chairman said that he would personally buy the torch for use by PC Allbutt.

10. SAMDev Update

- 10.1 The Chairman said that attached to the agenda was a brief update that had been prepared following the public meeting held on 22 May 2012.
- 10.2 Those present were encouraged to make their views known as part of the consultation process and were reminded that they have until Friday 20 July 2012 to do so.
- 10.3 Issues that were raised included the provision of a swimming pool in Shifnal and the relocation of the medical practice.
- 10.4 The Chairman also advised that discussions were underway with a developer who was considering applying for planning permission to build a supermarket on the current car park, allotment and village hall site. He advised that no formal proposals had been received at this stage. He also stated that this proposal was not currently part of the SAMDEV process.
- 10.5 The contents of the update were noted.

11. Fly Tipping

- 11.2 The statistical information relating to the number of fly tipping incidents recorded in 2011/12 and the action that can be taken by Shropshire Council, the Environment Agency and the Police in reducing the number of incidents.

12. Public Question Time/Future Agenda Items

- 12.1 No questions were raised
- 12.2 It was agreed that a representative from the Council's Planning Department be invited to attend the next meeting of the committee to discuss the Planning process and how it has changed following the introduction of the Localism Act.
- 12.3 It was agreed that a Highways officer from the Council be invited to the next meeting of the committee to talk about highways issues including speed and traffic issues in and around Shifnal and

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Sheriffhales. One issue that was referred to was signage in the vicinity of the schools in Shifnal advising of the speed limit. Dusty Dovaston said that he had been involved with a traffic survey and that details would be provided to the Traffic Engineer.

13. Grant Application Information.

It was noted that:

- (a) the next meeting of the Local Joint Committee will be held at 7pm on Tuesday 6 November 2012 at Shifnal Village Hall.
- (b) that the deadline for grant application for that meeting is Friday 5 October 2012.
- (c) a Local Joint Committee Application form and guidance is available on the Council's website www.shropshire.gov.uk or by contacting Andrea McWilliams, Community Action Officer on 01743 257866.

Signed:
Chairman

Date: