

**SHREWSBURY WIDE LOCAL JOINT COMMITTEE****NOTE OF DECISIONS AND ACTIONS ARISING FROM THE MEETING HELD ON 4<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2013 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, THE GUILDHALL, FRANKWELL QUAY, SHREWSBURY  
7.00 p.m. – 9.40 p.m.****Responsible Officer:** Ken Jamese-mail: [ken.james@shropshire.gov.uk](mailto:ken.james@shropshire.gov.uk) Tel: 01743 252899**Committee Members Present:**

Shropshire Council  
Councillor Peter Adams  
Councillor Andrew Bannerman  
Councillor Vernon Bushell  
Councillor Ted Clarke  
Councillor Hannah Fraser  
Councillor Miles Kenny  
Councillor Jane Mackenzie  
Councillor Pam Moseley  
Councillor Alan Mosley  
Councillor Peter Nutting  
Councillor Mike Owen  
Councillor Kevin Pardy  
Councillor Mansel Williams

Shrewsbury Town Council  
Councillor Beverley Baker  
Councillor Kath Owen

**Shropshire Council Officers Present**

Gwyn Bevan, Community Action Officer  
Ken James, Committee Officer  
Fiona Howe, Committee Officer

There were approximately 60 members of the public at the meeting.

**ACTION****1. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN****RESOLVED:**

That Councillor Alan Mosley be elected Chairman for the ensuing municipal year.

**2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Dean Carroll, Anne Chebsey, Malcolm Price, Keith Roberts and Jon Tandy (Shropshire Council) and Ioan Jones and Alan Townsend (Shrewsbury Town Council).

**3. APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRMAN****RESOLVED:**

That Councillor Miles Kenny be appointed Vice-Chairman for the ensuing municipal year.

**4. CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME**

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and hoped they would find the evening useful and stimulating.

**5. DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS**

Councillor Beverley Baker – The funding application for the Community Production of Noye's Fludde. She took no part in the consideration or voting on the item.

**6. NOTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

Agreed - Notes of the meeting held on 29<sup>th</sup> November 2012 approved and signed as a correct record by the Chairman.

**7. WEST MERCIA POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER**

The West Mercia Police and Crime Commissioner, Mr Bill Longmore, addressed the meeting on future plans for West Mercia Police.

He considered that he represented the community in holding to account and influencing the Chief Constable.

In his role, during the police spending review, he had been looking at ideas and ways of working for the police, particularly partnership working with other organisations, that could help to reduce the amount of money being spent on dealing with crime and the consequences of crime, in areas such as rehabilitation of young offenders and drug offenders, and increasing efficiencies in budget spending and the effective use of police time, whilst ensuring that the police had the resources required for their work. Efficiency targets had been set and progress on meeting the targets were regularly reviewed with the Chief Constable.

He considered that the extent of the cuts required to be made in the police budget were manageable and indicated that the maximum policing that could be achieved for Shrewsbury would be provided.

Further developments in how the police conducted its business continued to be examined and it was hoped that further savings could be made without impacting on front line policing

## **8. LOCAL COMMUNITY POLICING**

Superintendent James Tozer addressed the meeting on the changes to policing in Shropshire and future arrangements for local policing teams in the Shrewsbury area.

He indicated that to ensure front line response was maintained, the number of 24 hour bases had been reduced together with further investment in technology to aid operations. The main operational bases in Shropshire would be Market Drayton, Oswestry and Shrewsbury.

Referring to the changes to be made to Local Policing Teams as a consequence of the Police having to meet the challenges of making budget savings over the coming years, he indicated that the emphasis would now be on Safer Neighbourhood Teams to concentrate and direct resources more effectively to areas where there was greater risk and harm. Local Policing Teams would still be part of the new structure to be delivered from 30<sup>th</sup> September, but teams in areas of low risk would be reduced. A typical neighbourhood team would comprise 2 Police Officers and 2 or 3 Community Support Officers. Continuity and familiarity would be maintained with a core of Safer Neighbourhood Officers to be dedicated to identified areas. In addition, a safer schools initiative would place Community Safety Officers in schools to work with the children on crime prevention.

The importance of Shrewsbury town centre had been recognised with the retention of a dedicated town centre policing team for Shrewsbury.

## **9. LOCAL COMMISSIONING**

George Candler, Director of Commissioning at Shropshire Council and Carolyn Healey, the Operational Lead Officer, addressed the meeting on the work being undertaken on local commissioning and how it would affect the delivery of services in the future.

George Candler explained that the approach would result in less direct delivery of services by the Council as, working collectively with other organisations, the key needs of communities and how local requirements and demands could be met more efficiently were identified and assessed to understand how services could be delivered better and more efficiently for local people and the best mechanism for providing those services. The work had been undertaken at first in Church Stretton and the model for joint working on the commissioning of services in that area would be rolled out into other areas.

The Monkmoor area of Shrewsbury had been selected for a similar exercise to be undertaken and Carolyn Healey spoke on how neighbourhood consultations and community planning would be undertaken to identify emerging issues in the area and opportunities for the area to benefit from a redesign in the delivery of services. George Candler indicated that the commissioning programme aimed to achieve roll out across Shropshire by the summer of 2014.

George Candler emphasised that the process placed a focus on the customer first and foremost with the provision of services collectively and jointly with other providers and not individually and savings made as a result, of potentially 50-60%, would be a product of that approach that could be reinvested.

The Chairman indicated that the LJC would keep an interest in developments with local commissioning and look at the matter again in a years' time to see what the affects had been on service delivery.

**Gwyn Bevan/  
Alan Mosley**

## **10. UPDATES**

The Chairman referred to his update letter issued in February 2013 and the Feedback Summaries and Themes and Topics paper from the Shrewsbury Forum held on 29<sup>th</sup> November 2012 which had been circulated with the agenda.

The Chairman indicated that it was intended to hold a further Shrewsbury Forum to address the remaining themes and topics.

## **11. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

The Chairman invited questions / comments from members of the public and the following issues were raised:

- The Stew  
Concern was raised that the building, which made a valued contribution to the historic riverside environment, was under threat of demolition by a developer and reference was made to the Shrewsbury Civic Society's campaign for its retention. The Chairman indicated that the Members present had taken notice of the concern raised.

- Outsourcing of Council Services

The Chairman agreed that a progress report on the operation of outsourced Council services should be made to the LJC years' time.

**Gwyn  
Bevan/Alan  
Mosley**

- The Weir

The Chairman indicated that Shrewsbury Town Council was progressing the hydro-electric power scheme at the Weir with the tender specification to be prepared and consultants engaged.

- The Flax Mill

The Chairman indicated that the result of the Heritage Lottery Bid was expected soon and if successful this would also attract European Union funding. If the funding was received then work would be starting at the end of July.

- The Quarry

The Chairman indicated that the Members had noted the point raised about public access needing to be maintained prior to events commencing.

## 12. FUNDING APPLICATIONS

Gwyn Bevan, Community Action Officer, presented the report setting out details of five grant applications that had been received.

Applicants gave details on their projects to those present and the Committee.

### RESOLVED:

- (a) That the following applications funded from the 2013/2014 budget, be approved:

**Gwyn Bevan**

<b>Application</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Senior Moments Holidays at Home	£322.50
Community Production of Noye's Fludde	£1,500
Rainbow Film Festival	£1,000

- (b) That the request from Beacon Cricket Club for wicket covers at the Frankwell County Ground be referred to Shrewsbury Town Council.

**Alan Moseley**

- (c) That the request from the Benbow Statute Group be refused.

### 13. DATE FOR NEXT MEETING

Next meeting to be held on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2013 at 7.00 p.m. at  
The Guildhall, Frankwell Quay, Shrewsbury.

Chairman:.....

Date:.....