

**Committee and Date**

St Oswald & Llanymynech  
Local Joint Committee

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**ST OSWALD AND LLANYMYNECH LOCAL JOINT COMMITTEE**

**NOTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 13 OCTOBER 2009 AT 7.00PM,  
BRYN OFFA SCHOOL HALL, PANT, OSWESTRY.**

**PRESENT:**

**Members of the Committee:**

Councillor Arthur Walpole	Shropshire Council – Llanymynech
Councillor Ron Argyle	Llanyblodwel Parish Council
Councillor Mrs Pam Broomby	Oswestry Rural Parish Council
Councillor Mrs Shelia Bruce	Kinnerley Parish Council
Councillor Mrs Dilys Gaskill	Llanymynech and Pant Parish Council
Councillor David Ward	Knockin Parish Council

**Officers:**

James Walton	Lead Officer
Nicki Beardmore	Support Officer
Debbie Marais	Community Regeneration Officer
Shelley Davies	Committee Officer (Notes)
Martin Withington	Head of Transportation, Shropshire Council
Saqib Mir	Route Performance Manager - Area 9, Highways Agency

**There were approximately 45 members of the public at the meeting.**

**13. Welcome and Introduction**

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and noted how good it was to see so many people present.

He explained how the Local Joint Committees operated as a key link between the new Unitary Council, Parish/Town Councils and the people who live in the community.

**14. Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mrs Joyce Barrow (Shropshire Council - St Oswald), Trevor Davies (Shropshire Council – Selattyn & Gobowen), David Lloyd (Shropshire Council – Selattyn & Gobowen) and Mrs Lynne Lloyd (Milverley Parish Council)

by declared a personal interest in relation  
Oswestry Rural Parish Council (Agenda

Councillor David Ward declared a personal interest in relation to the application from Morton Church Choir (Agenda item 9)

Councillor Mrs Shelia Bruce declared a personal interest in relation to the application from Kinnerley Parish Hall (Agenda item 9)

## 16. Notes of the Previous Meeting

**AGREED:** That the notes of the meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2009 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record of the meeting.

## 17. Feedback from the meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2009

The Lead Officer explained that a summary sheet of issues raised at the previous meeting during public question time, copies of a briefing note in relation to recycling and information regarding the new Household Waste Centre in Oswestry had been distributed on the tables. The Lead Officer added that waste collection leaflets would be available at the end of the meeting.

## 18. Highways and Road Safety

*With the agreement of the Committee the Chairman brought agenda item 8 forward.*

The Chairman introduced Martin Withington, Head of Transportation, Shropshire Council and Saqib Mir the Highways Agency Route Performance Manager for Area 9, West Midlands.

Martin Withington explained that the Highways Agency are responsible for the A483 Trunk road not Shropshire Council, but the two Authorities work together on a number of issues such as the safe roads partnership and have quarterly meetings.

Councillor Mrs Dilys Gaskill was pleased that a representative from the Highways Agency was present to answer questions in relation to the A483, a road that she had been campaigning about for the last 10 years. Councillor Mrs Dilys Gaskill stated the problems the road causes to local people and asked why there was still no pedestrian crossing for Bryn Offa School.

unding for schemes is allocated on a  
ne issue had been looked at previously but  
ers of people crossing was low and did not  
pedestrian crossing.

members of the community stressed that the road was dangerous  
and a hazard to local people especially children. It was added that  
people do not cross the road because it is safer to travel by car.

Councillor David Ward questioned whether information in relation to  
children who would walk to school if a safe pedestrian crossing was  
available could be used as evidence. Saqib Mir was unsure if this  
type of data would be constituted as evidence but felt it was unlikely  
to benefit the case for a pedestrian crossing.

Martin Withington explained that this information could be obtained  
from a database kept by the Shropshire Council Children and Young  
Persons Services, which records how children travel to school and  
their postcode.

Councillor Ron Argyle stated the need for a roundabout at Llyncllys  
Crossroads and asked how this issue could be taken forward. The  
Chairman added that the bus shelter at this site had been  
demolished three times in recent times and stressed the need for a  
protective barrier at this site.

Saqib Mir explained that the data they receive from the Police feeds  
into studies, which in turn shapes how work programmes are  
prioritised and the information they have received does not show  
Llyncllys Crossroads to be a 'cluster site' and therefore is not a  
priority for a roundabout.

It was suggested that the 40 mph speed limit out of the village of  
Pant be extended across the Llyncllys Crossroads to try and alleviate  
accidents at this site. Saqib Mir explained that the last review of the  
A483 recommended no change to the speed limit and explained that  
evidence is required to reduce the speed limit. He added that the  
Highways Agency are constantly reviewing the road and would be  
looking at the A483 again in the near future, in particular at right  
turns and junctions.

The Chairman requested that when the next review takes place that  
the local people are informed and involved and it is not just a statistic  
based exercise. Martin Withington advised that this request should  
be logged with Hugh Dannant (Traffic & Highway Engineering -  
Shropshire Council) who would be able to provide information when  
the next review takes place.

issue of the air quality in Pant and stated that the Monitor in the green cabinet A483 by the Pant Village Hall had recorded n, and other indicators, very near or above . Martin Withington agreed speak to the

Environmental Health Team to establish if Pant had an Action Plan in relation to Air Quality.

Martin Withington noted that the 30mph limit area in Pant had been listed as a 'Community Concern Site' for speeding and a camera would be installed shortly to enforce the 30mph speed limit.

Reference was made to the junction off the A483 on to the Maesbury Road Industrial Estate and it was stressed how dangerous and confusing the junction was. Mrs Vivien Byrne added that with the link road off Shrewsbury road onto the Industrial Estate there was no longer any need for the right turn off the A483. Saqib Mir agreed to take this information away and report back.

The Chairman thanked the Officers for attending the meeting and hoped there were ways to move some of the issues raised forward.

#### 19. **Partners and Communities Together Meeting (PACT)**

PC Dale attended the meeting to answer any questions and informed the Committee that there had been a number of recent shed burglaries and urged people to protect their property adding that there are free kits available from the Police.

PC Dale announced that a driver had died in hospital following a recent road traffic accident at the Maesbury Road Junction on the A483.

It was questioned why diversion Signs following an accident take up to 3 to 4 hours to be put in place. PC Dale explained that this was the responsibility of Shropshire Council Divisional Surveyors at Park Hall.

It was questioned whether Speed cameras at Llyncllys Crossroads as at Shottaton Crossroads would be help reduce accidents.

It was suggested that the bus stop at Llyncllys Crossroads could be altered to enable the shelter to be moved from the current location. Councillor Walpole explained that the bus company would have to be involved to establish if this was acceptable to their bus schedule.

Councillor David Ward noted that there had been a theft of farm machinery in the Knockin area. PC Dale confirmed the incident and advised people to protect their property.

#### 20. **Public Question Time**

The Lead Officer explained that the Shropshire link bus service, which had been operating for 12 months was currently consulting on the service and noted that leaflets were available at the end of the meeting.

It was noted that as part of the St Oswald LJC pilot it was a major issue in the area and as a result waste bins and bag dispensers were bought. However, the bin agreed for Crickheath had never arrived at the bag dispenser on Llanymynech. The Playing fields had been damaged. The Lead Officer agreed to take this issue away and report back.

It was suggested that Care homes in rural areas are given a contact number to enable the roads to be gritted in bad weather to ensure employees can get to work. The Chairman agreed that this was a good idea and it would be looked into.

It was questioned why the notes of last meeting are not available on the Website sooner and suggested that it would also be better to publish other documents circulated at the meeting on the Website. The Lead Officer explained that it had now been agreed that draft notes will be published on the LJC Webpage as soon as possible and as the Committee becomes more established more information will be available on the St Oswald & Llanymynech LJC Webpage.

## 21. Local Joint Committee Budget

The Committee received the report of the Lead Officer, which considered the devolved funding allocated to the St Oswald & Llanymynech for 2009/10.

The Lead Officer introduced the report and explained that a total of 21 applications had been received requesting funding to the value of £31,555.85.

### AGREED:

#### A - The following bids are allocated full funding from the Community Fund (Round One):

- a. £450 to Morda Golden Community Garden for the purchase of a shed to keep tools in for a local community garden scheme
- b. £879.23 to Oswestry Hills Wildlife Watch Group for the purchase of equipment
- c. £1,474.87 to Llanyblodwel and Porthywaen Village Hall for a security cage to store valuable equipment
- d. £560 to Morton Church Choir to purchase musical resources and chairs to encourage young people to join
- e. £1,350 to Pant Memorial Institute to fund a sound induction system.
- f. £292 to Trefonen Playing Fields Association to fund consultation with local people about the vision for the village hall and playing fields development
- g. £2,000 to Knockin and Kinnerley Cricket Club for the purchase of new nets to increase training facilities
- h. £572.90 to All Saints Breakfast Club and Sunday Club for the purchase of tables and chairs for young people

- are provided with partial funding from  
d (Round One):  
Youth Venture against an original bid of  
the purchase of equipment for a new  
at 8 to 20 year olds at the village hall.  
ry Canal Festival Committee against an  
original bid of £2,000, towards booking fees for local  
artists and crafts people to ensure attendance at the  
Maesbury Canal Festival 2010.
- k. £1,000 to Llanymynech Village Hall against an original bid of £2,000, towards the purchase of new tables and chairs for the Village Hall
  - l. £1,000 to Kinnerley Parish Hall against an original bid of £1,750 towards the replacement of water heaters and hand basins for the ladies toilets in the village hall.
  - m. £1,000 to Portywaen Silver Band against an original bid of £1,900 towards the purchase of chairs, music scores and music stands to support a thriving youth band.
  - n. £1,000 to Trefonen Jubilee Club against an original bid of £2,000 towards extended activities and outings for the next 12 months.
  - o. £400 to Trefonen Football Club against an original bid of £1,820 specifically for Village Hall Changing Rooms and Showers costs.

**C** The following bids are deferred for consideration against a further round of the Community Fund:

- p. £2,000 to Packet-boat Duchess Countess Trust towards the running and development costs of a new education and resource centre.
- q. £2,000 to Tanat Valley Light Railway Company for the provision of an information point at Nant Mawr Visitor Centre.
- r. £2,000 to Shropshire union Canal Society for chain saw training and accommodation for volunteer hedge laying activities to increase usability of towpaths.
- s. £563 to Pant Pigeon Club for the purchase of equipment.

**D** The following bids are not allocated funding from the Community Fund

- t. Rhydygroesau Village Hall bid of £1,953.85 for hanging acoustic drapes.
- u. Cambrian Heritage Railways bid of £2,000 for interpretation panels for the area of Lynclys Station

**E** That the Community Fund is increased from £10,000 to £13, 979 to accommodate the approved bids.

**F** That a second round of the Community Fund be established under the same criteria as Round One. The value of Round Two set at £8,000, with deferred bids as above at C being considered against new applications.

It was decided that the next meeting will be held on 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2010 at 7pm at Kinnerley Parish Hall and the main issues on the agenda were as follows:

- Budget/Council Tax Consultation
- Affordable Housing
- Love Food Hate Waste Campaign
- Second Round of the Community Fund

It was added that the following meeting would be held on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2010 at 7pm at Morda Village Hall and the main issue would be:

- Health Care Issues (Hospital Discharge/Medical Centre)
- Activities for older children
- Dog fouling
- Community Fund

The Lead Officer explained that the remaining issues identified at the workshop sessions would be discussed at meetings in 2010/11.

The meeting ended at 9.00pm.

Chairman: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_