



Committee and Date
St Oswald & Llanymynech
Local Joint Committee

29th March 2010
7.00 pm

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ST OSWALD AND LLANYMYNECH LOCAL JOINT COMMITTEE

**NOTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 19 JANUARY 2010 AT 7.00PM,
KINNERLEY PARISH HALL, KINNERLEY, OSWESTRY.**

PRESENT:

Members of the Committee:

Councillor Arthur Walpole (Chairman)	Shropshire Council – Llanymynech
Councillor Mrs Joyce Barrow	Shropshire Council – St Oswald
Councillor David Lloyd	Shropshire Council – Selattyn and Gobowen
Councillor Ron Argyle	Llanyblodwel Parish Council
Councillor Mrs Pam Broomby	Oswestry Rural Parish Council
Councillor Mrs Shelia Bruce (Vice-Chairman)	Kinnerley Parish Council
Councillor Mrs Dilys Gaskill	Llanymynech and Pant Parish Council

Also Present:

James Walton	Lead Officer
Nicki Beardmore	Support Officer
Debbie Marais	Community Regeneration Officer
Shelley Davies	Committee Officer (Notes)
Councillor Keith Barrow	Leader of Shropshire Council
Councillor Malcolm Price	Housing Portfolio Holder
Dave Parker	Project Manager (Implementation)
Helen Pugh	Housing Enabling & Development Officer
Sam Hine	Head of Community Working
PC Royston Alderwick	West Mercia Police

There were approximately 35 members of the public at the meeting.

23. 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.

24. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Trevor Davies (Shropshire Council – Selattyn & Gobowen), Mrs Lynne Lloyd (Milverley Parish Council) and David Ward (Knockin Parish Council).

25. Declarations of Interest

None received.

26. Notes of the Previous Meeting

AGREED: That the notes of the meeting held on 13th October 2009 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record of the meeting.

27. Feedback from the meeting held on 13th October 2009

The Chairman explained that a summary sheet of issues raised at the previous meeting had been circulated on tables.

The Chairman gave further information on the Highways and Road Safety issues raised at the last meeting. It was noted that a letter had been sent to the Highways Agency expressing the dissatisfaction of the community and that the Highways Agency had agreed to meet with the Chairman on Thursday 21st January for further discussions.

In response to question from Councillor Mrs Dilys Gaskill regarding the air quality station in Pant, the Lead Officer explained that information was now available and would be passed on to Members.

In response to a question from a member of the public regarding the issue of the need for a pedestrian crossing at Bryn Offa School, it was suggested that the Chairman raises this issue at the meeting with the Highways Agency on Thursday 21st January 2010.

28. Partners and Communities Together Meeting (PACT)

PC Royston Alderwick attended the meeting on behalf of PC Pete Dale and gave details of a new scheme called 'Rural Watch'.

Information was given on how to protect property with 'Smart Water'.

29. Budget Consultation

The Leader of the Council, Councillor Keith Barrow and the Assistant Director Strategy & Business, James Walton gave a presentation regarding the budget consultation for 2010/11.

The Leader of the Council, Councillor Keith Barrow stressed that there would be changes as a result of the consultation exercise and it was noted that there would be a 0% increase in Council Tax for residents in Oswestry.

The key messages for the 2010/11 budget were highlighted as follows:

- To protect key services, consolidate the revenue budget and minimise pressure on Council Tax
- To save £7.1m
- To set aside £2m to prepare for an assumed grant loss of £4m in 2011/12
- To improve services through capital investment.

An interactive session followed, whereby members of the public were able to actively participate and give their views, which would be taken forward and would impact on the final budget strategy.

30. Affordable Housing

The Portfolio Holder for Housing, Councillor Malcolm Price, Dave Parker, Project Manager (Implementation) and Helen Pugh, Housing Enabling & Development Officer, gave a presentation regarding Affordable Housing.

Councillor Malcolm Price noted the areas covered by Affordable Housing and stated that there were 4400 empty properties in Shropshire which need to be looked at before new homes are built.

Dave Parker outlined the issues relating to Planning Policy and how this had changed under the new Authority.

Helen Pugh detailed how the need for affordable housing was established, noted the different tenures available for affordable housing and explained the quality of affordable housing.

In response to questions Dave Parker gave the definition of 'affordable housing' and explained that the homes would be available for local people.

The reasons for why Oswestry was chosen for an 'Exceptions Pilot' and the Development Process were outlined by Dave Parker.

In response to questions Helen Pugh stated that the budget for 2011 was uncertain and noted that a flexible approach was required in relation to tenures.

31. Love Food Hate Waste

Presentation deferred to Meeting on 29th March 2010.

32. St Oswald and Llanymynech Community Fund

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 13 applications had been received (including deferred applications) requesting funding to the value of £16,317.94.

The Lead Officer gave some background to the decision making process and stated that the recommendations were outlined in the report.

AGREED:

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

- a. £984 to Telescope Parish Magazine covering Knockin, Kinnerley and Molverley for the purchase of IT equipment.**
- b. £2,000 to Llanymynech Football Club towards the purchase of kit for 230 players.**
- c. £397.68 to Peel's Plantation Management Group in Kinnerley for hedge laying along one boundary of community woodland.**

B – The following bids are provided with partial funding from the Community Fund (Round Two):

- a. £500 to Packet-boat Duchess Countess Trust against an original bid of £2,000 towards the costs of promotional leaflets to encourage use of the centre.**
- b. £500 to Morda Village Design Statement Group against an original bid of £2,000 towards the costs for stationary, postage and web page development.**
- c. £750 to Knockin Assembly Rooms against an original bid of £1,028 towards the purchase of crockery, cutlery and a storage cupboard.**
- d. £1,600 to Shropshire Union Canal Society against an original bid of £2,000 towards the cost of chainsaw training for volunteers involved in hedge laying. The grant is subject to training being provided to volunteers with a local connection to Shropshire.**
- e. £500 to Pant Pigeon Club against an original bid of £563 towards the purchase of replacement racing equipment.**

(Funding Application 'b' was voted on separately)

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

- a. £1,000 to Pant Methodist Chapel to fund a net along the**

- rear wall of the chapel. Future consideration of the application is subject to establishment of landownership
- b. £1,000 to Cambrian Heritage Railways (Trust) against an original bid of £2,000. Future consideration of the application is subject to the trust raising the balance of funds required to undertake the project.

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

- a. Tanat Valley Light Railway Company made an initial application, but this was withdrawn.
- b. Maesbrook Methodist Society bid for £1,500 for updated toilet facilities.
- c. Llanymynech & Pant Parish Council bid for £845 for signage on the village playing fields.

(Councillor Mrs Dilys Gaskill abstained from voting on recommendations in paragraph 'D')

3 Community Working Update

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Debbie Marais, Community Regeneration Officer for the St Oswald and Llanymynech LJC Area introduced herself and gave an overview of her work noting some of the projects she was involved with.

The Deadline for the next round of funding was stated by Debbie Marais as 26th February 2010 and attention was drawn to the feedback sheets and the Community Working leaflets.

Debbie Marais also asked Members of the public for ideas of venues she could attend within the community and urged people to contact her with any issues that could be discussed at the LJC meetings in the next 12 months.

The Chairman thanked Debbie Marais for the valuable work she undertakes, this was echoed by Councillor Shelia Bruce who added that the increase in funding applications was a reflection of Debbie Marais' hard work.

3 Public Question Time

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None received.

35. Date of Next Meeting

The Chairman announced that the next meeting will be held on Monday 29th March 2010 at 7pm at Morda Village Hall and noted that

the main issues on the agenda were as follows:

- Health Care Issues (Hospital Discharge/Medical Centre)
- Love Food Hate Waste Campaign
- Third Round of the Community Fund
- Shropshire Fire and Rescue Service

The meeting ended at 9.00pm.

Chairman: _____

Date: _____