

ST OSWALD AND LLANYMYNECH LOCAL JOINT COMMITTEE

**NOTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 29th MARCH 2010 AT 7.00PM,
MORDA AND SWEENEY VILLAGE HALL, MORDA, OSWESTRY.**

PRESENT:

Members of the Committee:

Councillor Arthur Walpole	Shropshire Council – Llanymynech
Councillor Mrs Joyce Barrow	Shropshire Council St Oswald
Councillor David Lloyd	Shropshire Council – Selattyn & Gobowen
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)
PC Pete Dale	West Mercia Police
James Thompson	Waste Prevention Officer, Shropshire Council
Paul Raymond	Shropshire Fire and Rescue
John Redmond	Shropshire Fire and Rescue
Liz Welsh	Shropshire PCT
Daryl Seivewright	Shropshire PCT
Sonia Rogers-Dodson	Shropshire PCT
Hannah Thompson	CInCH

There were approximately 19 members of the public at the meeting.

36. Welcome and Introduction from the Chairman

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and 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.

37. Apologies for Absence

An apology for absence was received from Trevor Davies (Shropshire Council – Selattyn & Gobowen).

38. Declarations of Interest

None received.

39. Notes of the Previous Meeting

AGREED: That the notes of the meeting held on 19th January 2010 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record of the meeting.

40. Feedback from Issues Raised at Previous Meetings

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

It was reported by the Chairman that he was now meeting with the Highways Agency on a regular basis and the issues in relation to the A483 raised at the meeting held on 23rd October 2009 had been well received.

41. Shropshire Fire and Rescue

Paul Raymond, Chief Fire Officer, Shropshire Fire and Rescue attended the meeting to give a presentation on plans for the Oswestry area.

The presentation focussed on water supply in the Oswestry area and ensuring there were suitable supplies available when required.

Paul Raymond explained the challenge that this causes in rural areas and the options for Oswestry were outlined. It was added that staff at Oswestry are currently being consulted on the best option for Oswestry to ensure there are sufficient supplies of water.

In response a queries regarding vehicle access in rural areas, Paul Raymond explained that last year an assessment was undertaken of the area to identify access issues and the Fire Officers use this and local knowledge to decide what vehicle is suitable. It was added that there is a four-wheel drive vehicle with a pump at Oswestry, which is used when access is difficult.

In response to a question regarding canal boat fires, Paul Raymond reported how the Fire and Rescue service was working with British Waterways on this issue and also a leaflet on prevention of boat fires was given to every boat coming into the County.

The Chairman thanked Paul Raymond for the informative presentation and asked if there any way Parish Councils could assist the Fire and Rescue Service. In response Paul Raymond requested that Members of the public find out the 6 figure map grid reference of their property as this allows the Fire Officers to know exactly where you are in the event of a fire.

A copy of the Presentation is available on the LJC webpage.

42. Health

With the agreement of the Committee the Chairman brought agenda items 8 a & b forward.

a) Shropshire County Primary Care Trust (PCT)

Liz Welsh, Daryl Seivewright and Sonia Rogers-Dodson, Shropshire PCT attended the meeting to give a presentation in relation to the Oswestry Primary Care Centre.

Daryl Seivewright noted the services that would be available at the new Oswestry Primary Care Centre and stated that the building was due to be complete by December 2010.

In response to questions it was explained that the services would be likely to be open to the public in early 2011 and would be available to all surrounding areas of Oswestry and visitors to the town. Liz Welsh explained that the minor injuries unit currently at the Robert Jones and Agnes Hunt (RJAH) Orthopaedic Hospital would move into the new centre and it was thought that the service hours would be equivalent to the current hours but this would be looked into and reported back.

In response to a query, Liz Welsh explained that the specialist dentistry service that currently operated at the Victoria Road Site would move into the new centre. She added that a new NHS dentist had been commissioned in Gobowen.

In relation to a question about x ray services, Sonia Rogers-Dodson agreed to look into what provision would be available at the Primary Care Centre.

It was confirmed by the Chairman that the current Maternity Service would remain at the RJAH Orthopaedic Hospital for the next eight years and discussions for future provision were ongoing.

The Chairman thanked officers for the presentation and requested that a general meeting be held in Oswestry in 6 months time to give an update on the Primary Care Centre and inform members of the public what services would be available and details of how to access these services. Liz Welsh agreed to this request.

A copy of the Presentation is available on the LJC webpage

b) Community Involvement in Care and Health (CInCH)

Hannah Thompson, CInCH attended the meeting to give a presentation on the work of CInCH.

Hannah Thompson detailed the background to the organisation and it was stressed that CInCH does not come under the control of the Shropshire PCT or Shropshire Council.

It was explained by Hannah Thompson that CInCH does not take on individual complains but looks at themes and trends. She went on to note that one theme under investigation at present is patient discharge from hospital.

Councillor Mrs Joyce Barrow asked if CInCH were looking into the issue of patients being moved from bed to bed to meet hospital targets. Hannah Thompson confirmed that CInCH was working closely with the PCT in relation

to this issue.

Hannah Thompson detailed the problems in relation to the publicity of CInCH.

The Chairman thanked Hannah Thompson for the informative presentation and suggested that the local press feature an article on this valuable service.

Liz Welsh, Shropshire PCT explained that confidential advice and help was also available from the Patient A Liaison Service (PALS) and noted the telephone number - 0800 0321107.

43. Partners and Communities Together (PACT) Meeting

PC Dale attended the meeting to answer any questions and informed the Committee that there had been 3 recent shed/car break-ins and urged people to protect their property.

PC Dale announced that CSOs Colin Gordon and Hannah Bishop would be leaving the Oswestry Rural South team and that they would be replaced but it would be sad to lose them. It was agreed that the community would miss both officers and it was requested they be formally thanked for their hard work.

It was announced that a free event called 'Protecting the Parishes' would take place at the Memorial Hall on 15th April between 10.30am – 12.30pm which would provide elderly and vulnerable people with information about how to stay safe in the home.

44. Love Food Hate Waste

James Thompson, Waste Prevention Officer, Shropshire Council attended the meeting to give a presentation on the Love Food Hate Waste Campaign.

It was reported by James Thompson that 8.3 million tonnes of food is wasted, the majority being easily avoidable. He added that it was a huge issue and part of a national campaign.

Tips to avoid wasting food were outlined and the difference between use by and best before dates was detailed. Members of the public were pointed towards the Love Food Hate Waste website for further ideas and recipes.

In response to a question regarding pubs and restaurants being involved in the campaign, James Thompson explained that it had not been aimed at businesses but the Government was aware of issues such as large portion sizes.

James Thompson gave details of the new policy in relation to the collection of refuse on un-adopted roads and stated that it was being looked at on a case by case basis to try and find a sensible solution.

It was noted by James Thompson that DEFRA were looking into the issue of irrelevant and confusing dates that are displayed on food items.

The Chairman thanked James Thompson for an informative presentation.

A copy of the Presentation is available on the LJC webpage.

45. St Oswald and Llanymynech 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 6 applications had been received requesting funding to the value of £9,579.48.

It was noted that the amount recommended to the Trefonen Hill Walk Group had been amended from £1,500 to £1,200 as the group had decided to make their own tables and chairs from a fallen tree.

AGREED:

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

- a. **£1,720.03 to Meverley Village Hall Management Committee to repair the floor and lighting.**
- b. **£2,000 to a BMX Group in Kinnerley towards a project to create a BMX track in an unused area of the playing fields, subject to the group obtaining planning permission and confirming the balance of funds are in place.**

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

- a. **£1,000 to Cambrian Heritage Railways against an original bid of £2,000 towards construction of a railway line halt at Pen y Garreg Lane in Pant and a short footpath. This application was deferred from Round Two.**
- b. **£1,200 to Morda pre-school against an original bid of £1,209.45 for IT equipment and books subject to the provision of a detailed breakdown of items to be purchased and finalised costs.**
- c. **£1,200 to Trefonen Hill Walk Group against an original bid of £1,650 towards the cost of banners, marquee, tables, chairs and crockery.**

C No bids are deferred from this round of the Community Fund.

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

- a. **£1,000 to Pant Methodist Chapel to fund a net along the rear wall of the chapel. Consideration of a future application is subject to further work being undertaken to provide a satisfactory solution to all parties.**

E A Community Fund is established for 2010/11 under the same criteria as the current Community Fund. The value of the first round would be set at £10,000.

46. Community Working Update

Debbie Marais, Community Regeneration Officer explained her role and gave

an update on some of the work she had been involved with in the community.

The deadline for applications of the next round of the Community Fund was stated as 19th April 2010 and members of the public were urged to complete the purple evaluation forms.

Debbie Marais noted that there would be a workshop session at the July meeting to enable members of the public to suggest local issues of concern and that ideas for future meetings could also be wrote on the on the poster at the back of the room.

Debbie Marais gave details of the Shropshire Community Grant and it was noted that the closing date for applications was in June 2010.

47. Public Question Time

Mr Glyn Gaskill requested up to date information from the Air Quality Station at Pant. The Chairman stated that this request would be followed up.

In response to a request for a gravel bin in Pant the Chairman explained that resources had been stretched this Winter but the issue would be looked into. Councillor Mrs Dilys Gaskill noted that Llanymynech and Pant Parish Council had been looking into the issue of gravel bins and were undertaking a review of their locations.

48. Date of Next Meeting

The Chairman announced that the next meeting will be held on 13th May 2010 at 7pm at Llanyblodwel and Porthywaen Memorial Institute and noted that the theme of the meeting would be funding and activities for older children.

The meeting ended at 8.50pm.

Chairman: _____

Date: _____