

ST OSWALD AND LLANYMYNECH LOCAL JOINT COMMITTEE

NOTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 1st FEBRUARY 2011 AT 7.00PM, BRYN OFFA SCHOOL, PANT, OSWESTRY

PRESENT:

Members of the Committee:

Councillor Arthur Walpole	Shropshire Council – Llanymynech
Councillor Mrs Joyce Barrow	Shropshire Council – St Oswald
Councillor David Lloyd MBE	Shropshire Council – Selattyn and Gobowen
Councillor Pam Broomby	Oswestry Rural Parish Council
Councillor Mrs Shelia Bruce	Kinnerley Parish Council
Councillor Dilys Gaskill	Llanymynech and Pant Parish Council
Councillor David Ward	Knockin Parish Council

Officers:

Nicki Beardmore	Lead Officer
Peter Dunhill	Community Action Officer
Shelley Davies	Committee Officer (Notes)
James Walton	Shropshire Council, Assistant Director Strategy and Business Support
Andy Johnson	Shropshire Fire and Rescue Service

There were approximately 28 members of the public at the meeting.

44. Welcome and Introduction from the Chairman

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and explained how Local Joint Committees operated as a key link between the Unitary Council, Parish/Town Councils and the people who live in the community. Members of the Committee and Shropshire Council Officers were asked to introduce themselves.

45. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Trevor Davies (Selattyn and Gobowen) and Councillor Ron Argyle (Llanymynech Parish Council)

46. Declarations of Interest

Councillor David Ward declared an interest in Agenda Item 12 – Funding Application, Knockin Parish Paths Partnership.

Councillor Dilys Gaskill declared an interest in Agenda Item 12 – Funding Application, The Limeys.

Councillor Joyce Barrow declared an interest in Agenda Item 12 – Funding Application, Morda Youth Club.

Councillor Pam Broomby declared an interest in Agenda Item 12 – Funding Application, Morda Youth Club.

47. Notes of the Previous Meeting

AGREED: That the notes of the meeting held on 5th October 2010 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record of the meeting.

48. Partners and Communities Together Meeting (PACT)

Police Community Support Officers (PCSO) Alana Griffiths and Peter Roberts attended the meeting in place of PC Pete Dale.

Information was provided by the PCSOs regarding the drug GHB in response to the issue being raised as a concern by a member of the public. It was explained that there was a significant problem with the drug in the area and a study was being undertaken to research the problem in Oswestry.

Further information was requested on this issue and information was sought on how the Police would use the findings of the study to help resolve the problems in Oswestry and surrounding areas. It was agreed that a report be provided by the Police for the next meeting.

49. Revenue Budget 2011/12

James Walton, Assistant Director Strategy and Business Support (Shropshire Council) gave a presentation summarising the overall impact on Shropshire Council as a result of the Comprehensive Spending Review and Draft Settlement.

The Chairman welcomed any questions or comments regarding the presentation.

A member of the public requested a breakdown showing where the spending cuts had been made. It was agreed that this would be provided for the next meeting.

In response to a question, James Walton assured the Committee that frontline services would be protected as much as possible.

50. Shropshire Fire and Rescue Service

Andy Johnson, Area Manager (Shropshire Fire and Rescue) gave a presentation summarising the overall impact on Shropshire Fire and Rescue (SFRS) as a result of the Comprehensive Spending Review (CSR).

The key messages of the presentation were as follows:

- SFRS has not fared well through the CSR. In brief, the Service is likely to sustain cuts of approximately £4million over the next four years.
- Early in 2010 the Service commenced a wide-ranging review to explore

opportunities to reduce its budget whilst endeavouring at the same time to protect frontline services to the community.

- At this time, there are no plans to close any fire stations for the foreseeable future. The identified savings (£3m) should secure frontline services for at least the next three years.
- Most of changes to the service will be 'invisible' to the local community. Where the community will witness a change of approach will be in the provision of fire safety guidance.

Andy Johnson answered a number of questions from Councillors and members of the public and clarified that the recruitment freeze would not apply to retained Fire Officers.

The Chairman thanked Andy Johnson for attending the meeting.

51. Highways Issues – Feedback on the Special Local Joint Committee Meeting held on 28th January 2011.

The Chairman gave an update on the meeting held on 28th January 2011 to discuss Highways issues in the area. It was explained that the meeting was an opportunity for members of the public to question Highways Officers from Shropshire Council and the Highways Agency. The Chairman added that he had received positive feedback from members of public who attended the meeting.

Councillor Dilys Gaskill reported that following the meeting she had a meeting arranged on Thursday 3rd February 2011 with Highway Agency officers to discuss the A483 through Pant and Llanymynech.

A number of highways questions were raised by members of the public who could not attend the meeting on 28th January 2011. The Chairman explained that the questions and issues raised would be added to the list compiled from the Highways meeting.

52. Vehicle Activated Signs

Peter Dunhill explained a proposal to spend money from the LJC budget to purchase a Vehicle Activated Sign (VAS) for the area, for 12 months on the understanding that the Parish Councils would then pay for a second year.

Jason Hughes, Principal Engineer Traffic (Shropshire Council) provided further information on the VAS and the proposal being offered to Parishes in the LJC area. He added that there was a possibility of Shropshire Council contributing between 50 and 100% of the cost of VAS installation and maintenance if, following monitoring the location chosen. speeding was demonstrated to be an issue.

Chairman asked for a view from the public on this issue. Discussion ensued on VAS and it was agreed that discussion would be followed up with Parish Councils.

53 Feedback on Issues Raised at Previous Meetings

The Chairman gave an update on issues raised previously.

Pant Air Quality Station

It was noted that a review of the data had not been finalised and the monitoring station would be moved to a new location. A further request was made for up to date information and questioned what data was available from 2008.

GHB drug issue in Oswestry

The Issue had been referred to the Police and a response was given during PACT.

50% of the public webcams in Shrewsbury are out of action.

A response from IT Services noted that there are 3 Shropshire Council webcams in Shrewsbury two located on Theatre Severn and one at Frankwell Quay. The camera at Frankwell Quay was not in operation and the IT section is currently trying to repair the camera. However, given the current financial climate, IT Service were debating whether or not to replace it as the view is covered by one of the two webcams on the top of the Theatre Severn.

Update on the Oswestry Primary Care Centre

The Chairman read the following update from Shropshire Primary Care Trust:

At the moment the building completion is due at the end of April. The recent extreme weather had affected the building work and an opening date was yet to be confirmed. The building, as it draws towards completion, is now taking a recognisable shape; inside and out.

The Minor Injuries Unit (MIU) is moving in from Robert Jones and Agnes Hunt hospital (RJA), which will make the service more accessible to the town. Also, Cae Glas GPs are relocating to the new building.

Other services will include:

Audiology, Dentistry (special needs), Diabetes Nurse, District Nurses, Ear, Nose and Throat (ENT), Gynaecology, Health Visitors, Mental Health Services, Occupational Therapists, Orthopaedics, Physiotherapy, Podiatry, Respiratory Care, School Nurses, Sexual Health Services, Speech and Language Therapy, X-rays.

Sand and gravel on the road to the golf club, Pant.

It was noted that the issue had been referred to Steve Oakley, Highways Manager.

54. Public Question Time

Notes of the Previous Meeting

A member of the public questioned why the notes of the previous meeting were not published on the website sooner. It was explained that the notes are usually sent out with the following agenda but the possibility of publishing the notes sooner would be looked into.

30mph signs

A request was made for the 30mph signs to moved from main road to roads such as ??? lane, Pant due to the speed of traffic on these roads.

Hedge/footpath Issues

Hedges at ??? are overgrown and covering part of footpath. Councillor Dilys Gaskill agreed to follow this up on behalf of the Parish Council.

Quiet Lane Policy

It was noted that although Well house lane had 'Quiet Lane' status it still was given by some satellite navigation devices. It was agreed that the policy be looked into.

The Lion Hotel, Llanymynech

It was questioned if enforcement officer had looked at this site recently and whether the building was listed. The Chairman agreed to look into this issue.

Tregarthen Lane Signs

It was noted that the signs at Tregarthen Lane were too low. Councillor Dilys Gaskill agreed to follow this up on behalf of the Parish Council.

It was requested that the Issues log be an appendix to notes and published on the website.

55. St Oswald & Llanymynech Community Fund

The Committee received the report of the Lead Officer, which considered the devolved funding allocated to the St Oswald & Llanymynech for 2010/11.

AGREED:

- A The following bids be allocated full funding from the Community Fund (Round Four):
 - a. £2,000 – Knockin Parish Paths Partnership - Accessible (stile free) footpaths/circular route Phase 1. Upgrading existing footpath networks with self-closing gates and kissing gates. Grant to pay for materials while local volunteers will provide the labour for installation. The award of this grant is conditional on confirmation that landowners or tenants (as appropriate) have given their permission.
 - b. £2,000 – Morda Youth Club – set up costs (mainly materials and equipment) for volunteer run youth club.
 - c. £290 – Kinnerley Village Welcome Group –costs associated with production of an A5 welcome booklet (cover and changeable insert) for newcomers introducing the village and giving details of local groups, services and amenities
 - d. £700 – Church View Residents, Knockin – improving parking arrangements for residents using 'grasscrete' and signs
- B The following bid be provided with partial funding from the Community Fund (Round Four):
 - £1,000 - The Llimeys for the design and construction of a toposcope on Llanymynech Hill. This formed part of an application for £1,970 made in Round 3. £970 was awarded in Round 3 for the reprinting of leaflets. The remaining £1,000 applied for was ring-fenced to the project for the rest of the financial year to be made available to the organisation subject to securing the outstanding match funding. Formal confirmation had been received that the match funding had been secured.

56. Update from the Community Action Officer

Peter Dunhill, Community Action Officer gave an update on local projects and noted that there was a display board showing some of the projects that had received funding from the LJC.

It was explained that the provisional date for the next LJC meeting was Tuesday 14th June 2011 at Trefonen. The deadline for applications for the next round of the Community Fund was stated as 5th May 2011.

Members of the public were urged to complete the feedback forms.

The meeting ended at 9.00 p.m.

Chairman: _____

Date: _____