

**Committee and Date**

St Oswald & Llanymynech  
Local Joint Committee

12<sup>th</sup> June 2012

7.00 pm

**Item**

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**ST OSWALD AND LLANYMYNECH LOCAL JOINT COMMITTEE****NOTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 7<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2012 AT 7.00PM,  
LLANYMYNECH VILLAGE HALL, LLANYMYNECH, OSWESTRY****PRESENT:****Members of the Committee:**

Councillor Arthur Walpole  
Councillor Mrs Joyce Barrow  
Councillor Pam Broomby  
Councillor Mrs Shelia Bruce  
Councillor Dilys Gaskill  
Councillor D. Roberts

Shropshire Council – Llanymynech  
Shropshire Council – St Oswald  
Oswestry Rural Parish Council  
Kinnerley Parish Council  
Llanymynech and Pant Parish Council  
Knockin Parish Council

**Officers:**

Corrie Davies  
Emily Marshall  
George Candler

Community Action Officer  
Committee Officer (Notes)  
Area Director (North)

**There were approximately 20 members of the public at the meeting.**

**30. Welcome and Introduction from the Chairman**

Councillor Walpole welcomed those present to the meeting and asked Members of the Committee to introduce themselves.

**31. Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Trevor Davies (Shropshire Council), Councillor David Lloyd (Shropshire Council) and Councillor Ron Argyle (Llanymynech and Pant Parish Council).

**32. Declarations of Interest**

Councillor Dilys Gaskill declared a personal interest in Agenda Item 11, Funding Request from Llanymynech and Pant Parish Council as she was a member of Llanymynech and Pant Parish Council.

Councillor Joyce Barrow declared a personal interest in Agenda Item 11, Funding Request from Trefonen Women's Institute as she was a member of Trefonen Women's Institute.

**33. Notes of the Previous Meeting**

**AGREED:** That the notes of the meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> October 2011 be

confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record of the meeting.

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

The Chairman welcomed Inspector Jim Stafford of West Mercia Police to the meeting. Inspector Stafford reported that there were no matters outstanding since the October LJC meeting.

Inspector Stafford provided an update on the current situation with regards to the prevalence of the drug GHB within the town. Inspector Stafford felt that recent press headlines had been misleading and that the picture painted in the press was not a picture recognised by the Police. Inspector Stafford added that if intelligence was received the police would respond quickly.

Inspector Stafford very briefly touched on some of the changes that had been made within the force as a result of budgetary pressures, explaining that savings had been achieved through the reorganisation of administrative services. Inspector Stafford reassured those present that there would be no cuts in frontline staff in the Oswestry area and stated that he would keep the Local Joint Committee informed of any changes that might affect them.

Councillor Dilys Gaskill commented on the excellent work of the Community Support Officers (CSO's) within the area and sought reassurance that there would continue to be a CSO presence in the area. In response, Inspector Stafford explained that he could not answer questions on future funding of the CSO's as they were part funded by central government but he would be very surprised to see them disappear from the area.

A member of the public questioned who was responsible for parking enforcement as there was an issue with parking on double yellow lines within his area. In response Inspector Stafford explained that Shropshire Council dealt with parking enforcement and confirmed that he would pass the individuals concerns on to David Roberts Environmental Enforcement Officer at Shropshire Council.

The Chairman thanked Inspector Stafford for his attendance and informative update.

#### **35. Tourism**

The Chairman welcomed Alison Patrick, Shropshire Council's Tourism Officer. Alison gave a presentation to update the Committee and members of the public on the Oswestry and Northern Shropshire Tourism Strategy.

The Chairman thanked Alison Patrick for the informative presentation

#### **36. Jubilee and Olympic Torch Celebrations**

George Candler, Area Director North, outlined details of the Olympic Torch Relay that was being organised by the London Organising Committee of the Olympic Games (LOCOG). The relay would involve 8000 torch bearers and the focus was very much on involving young people. The Olympic Torch would come through Shropshire twice along its route, on 24<sup>th</sup> May in the South of the County and to Shrewsbury and the Oswestry area on Wednesday, 30<sup>th</sup> May 2012. GC explained that the event would be a once in a lifetime opportunity to see the Torch and highlighted how local communities were celebrating the

event through Sports Days, Flag Workshops, Garden Parties and other exciting celebrations. The event would also lead into the celebrations for the Queens Diamond Jubilee.

In response to a question regarding how traffic would be managed during the Torch Relay, George Candler explained that those issues were being very carefully thought through and would be very well managed. Delays would be likely but signage, warning of the delays would be in place early on. It was anticipated that motorists would expect there to be delays, during the event. To conclude George Candler explained that Shropshire Council would be in communication with other Authorities throughout the Country, sharing experiences as the Torch progresses along the route.

A member of the public, who would be volunteering at the Olympic Games in London, stated that she had been to a recent meeting she had been attended by Lord Coe and he had stated that, much of the focus of the games would be in London, but emphasised what an amazing event it would be to see all the different communities throughout the Country involved in the Torch Relay.

The Chairman thanked George Candler for the update.

### **37. Broadband in Rural Areas**

The Chairman welcomed Alison Brock, Shropshire Council's ICT Client Support Manager to the meeting.

Alison gave an update on the progress that had been made since the last Local Joint Committee meeting. Alison explained that £6.2 million of additional funding had been secured from central government (via Broadband Delivery UK) to be spent on improving broadband coverage for households and businesses in Shropshire. A local broadband plan had been submitted to BDUK and Shropshire Council were one out of four local authorities in the Country to have had their bid signed off.

Alison Brock went on to outline the next stages of the process, which would include submitting a second application, the procurement process would commence in June/July, with a delivery partner in place by the end of the year and delivery itself commencing in 2013.

Alison Brock answered questions from those present and confirmed that full details about the project could be found at [www.connectingshropshire.co.uk](http://www.connectingshropshire.co.uk) and confirmed that paper copies were available to be sent to those without internet access.

The Chairman thanked Alison Brock for the informative presentation.

### **38. Feedback on Issues Raised at Previous Meetings**

A list of Issues raised at the meetings held on 28<sup>th</sup> January 2011 and 1<sup>st</sup> February 2011 was circulated.

In response to concerns raised by a member of the public, the Northern Area Director gave an update on the improvements that had been made to areas of the Shropshire Council website, including the Shropshire Newsroom, Leisure Services Pages, Consultations and E-Petitions.

The Community Action Officer also gave an update on the availability of LJC

Notes on the website.

**39. Public Question Time**

Vivien Byrne requested that investigations be made into the possibility of constructing a cycle/foot path on a stretch of the Maesbury Road. She suggested that a hedge could be lowered and a strip of tarmac laid.

It was agreed that this would be investigated further.

Mr R. Chilvers raised the issue of the need for a Zebra Crossing at the Cross Guns in Pant, near to the shop. Councillor Walpole stated that this issue was being pursued and would be added to the ongoing Issues Log.

**40. St Oswald and Llanymynech Community Fund**

The Committee received the report of the Community Action Officer, which detailed the bids received for the third round of funding to be considered by the St Oswald and Llanymynech Local Joint Committee.

AGREED: That St Oswald and Llanymynech Local Joint Committee awards funding to those organisations and their projects as listed below.

- A. Packet Boat Duchess Countess Trust - £700
- B. Knockin Assembly Rooms - £1000
- C. Llanymynech Parochial Church Council - £1400
- D. Trefonen Women's Institute - £200
- E. Maesbrook Village Hall Committee - £1500
- F. St Mary's Church Kinnerley PCC - £1400
- G. Llanymynech and Pant Parish Council - £800
- H. Bryn Offa Parents Association – Defer
- I. St Mary's Church Knockin PCC – Defer
- J. Qube – Dial-a-Ride - Defer

**41. Community Action Officer Update**

The Community Action Officer gave an update on her work within the community and details of grant/funding schemes that were available.

The deadline for applications for the next round of the Local Joint Committee Community Fund was stated as 1<sup>st</sup> May 2012.

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

**42. Date of Next Meeting**

It was noted that the next meeting would be held on Tuesday, 12<sup>th</sup> June 2012 at the Llanyblodwel and Porthywaen Memorial Institute

The meeting ended at 9.10 p.m.

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

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

