

**Committee and Date**

St Oswald & Llanymynech
Local Joint Committee

2nd October 2012

7.00 pm

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ST OSWALD AND LLANYMYNECH LOCAL JOINT COMMITTEE**NOTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 12TH JUNE 2012 AT 7.00PM,
LLANYBLODWEL AND PORTHYWAEN MEMORIAL INSTITUTE, LLANYBLODWEL,
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 Ron Argyle	Llanymynech Parish Council
Councillor Pam Broomby	Oswestry Rural Parish Council
Councillor Mrs Shelia Bruce	Kinnerley Parish Council
Councillor Dilys Gaskill	Llanymynech and Pant Parish Council
Councillor Miranda Lawson	Knockin Parish Council
Councillor Lynne Lloyd	Melverley Parish Council

Officers:

Corrie Davies	Community Action Officer
Emily Marshall	Committee Officer (Notes)
George Candler	Area Director (North)

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

1. Election of Chairman**RESOLVED:**

That Councillor Arthur Walpole be elected Chairman for the ensuing municipal year.

2. Appointment of Vice-Chairman**RESOLVED:**

That Councillor Joyce Barrow be appointed Vice-Chairman for the ensuing year.

3. Welcome and Introductions from the Chairman

The Chairman welcomed the new representative from Knockin Parish Council, Councillor Miranda Lawson and the representative from Molverley Parish Council, Councillor Lynne Lloyd.

4. Apologies for Absence

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Trevor Davies (Shropshire Council).

5. Declarations of Interest

Councillor Pam Broomby declared a personal interest in Agenda Item 12, Funding Application D5 as she was the Chairman of Oswestry Rural Parish Council.

Councillor Dilys Gaskill declared a personal interest in Agenda Item 12, Funding Application D1 as she was a member of the Llimeys.

6. Notes of the Previous Meeting

AGREED: That the notes of the meeting held on 7th February 2012 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record of the meeting.

7. Partners and Communities Together Meeting (PACT)

The Chairman welcomed Sergeant Scott Barnes of West Mercia Police to the meeting. Sergeant Barnes introduced himself and passed on Inspector Amrik Klair's apologies. Inspector Klair was unable to attend the meeting due to unforeseen circumstances.

Sergeant Barnes reported on the low number of burglaries in the area and in response to a question, Sergeant Barnes commented on the clear up rate of burglaries in the area.

The Chairman questioned whether the loss of Inspector Jim Stafford meant that there was a reduction in resources for the Oswestry area. In response, Sergeant Barnes explained that Inspector Klair had taken Inspector Stafford's place and although Inspector Klair covered a wider geographical area there was no change in frontline Policing. It was noted that Inspector Klair had not yet introduced himself to the local community and the importance of the Inspector attending local meetings such as these and Parish Council meetings was emphasised.

In response to a question from a member of the public, Sergeant Barnes reported that the police continued to tackle the issue of GHB usage within the Oswestry Area. Sergeant Barnes urged any young people with information on GHB to ring Crimestoppers. Councillor Joyce Barrow gave a very brief update on the work of the Shropshire Council GHB Task and Finish Group, explaining that the report on the findings of the Group would shortly be presented to Cabinet.

The Chairman thanked Sergeant Barnes for his attendance and informative update.

8. Community Planning for the Future

The Localism Act

The Chairman introduced George Candler, Shropshire Council's Northern Area Director who presented an overview of the Localism Act explaining that the Act would shift power away from central government towards communities and creating new powers for individuals, neighbourhoods and local councils. The Area Director went on to highlight key areas of activity.

At the end of the presentation, questions were invited.

Site Allocations and Management of Development (SamDev) Plans

Adrian Cooper, Shropshire Council's Team Leader, Environment and Economic Policy presented an overview of the SamDev process. Adrian Cooper explained that the SamDev Plan would replace the existing network of Shropshire Local Plans. It was explained that the whole process had started two years ago with a consultation. Shropshire had been broken down into individual place plan areas. The process was particularly important as the new national planning policy framework had just been produced. Shropshire Council had adopted a Core Strategy, which set out the Strategic Planning Policy for Shropshire.

Adrian Cooper also explained the purpose of Neighbourhood and Place Plans. Adrian Cooper also gave an explanation of the new Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) which had come out of the new Localism Act. The key points in relation to the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) were:

- CIL was in recognition of the burden on local infrastructures and facilities additional housing development places on local communities
- Any application for a dwelling or extension over 100 meters square, to an existing dwelling within Shropshire would be liable for CIL (with the exception of affordable housing)
- The revenue from CIL was recycled back into the local community to be spent against a list of priorities identified in the Place Plan.

A question and answer session followed. The question was raised as to what would happen to the interest which is paid on 'banked' CIL balances. In response Adrian Cooper explained that Shropshire Council retained the interest to help supplement the small charge which the Council made for the administration of the Levy scheme. Any additional revenue from this source would help the Council to provide further support to Parish and Town Councils regarding local infrastructure priorities and CIL spend projects.

Neighbourhood Planning

Peter Clarke, Chairman of the Kinnerley Neighbourhood Planning Group gave a presentation outlining the progress and work involved in the production of the Kinnerley Neighbourhood Plan. Those present were informed that further details and the consultation document could be found at www.kpnp.co.uk

Peter Clarke explained that there had been a very good response to the consultation and the Group were now at the stage where they could start to analyse the data. Mr Clarke informed those present that an open meeting would be held at the end of June where the findings of the consultation would be presented.

Mr Clarke concluded by outlining the lessons that had been learned during the process, they were;

- Allow enough time – approximately nine months
- Involve the community
- Get help
- Work with Shropshire Council – who had been very helpful

The Chairman thanked the George Candler, Adrian Cooper and Peter Clarke for their informative presentations.

9. Countywide Broadband Project

A written update on the Connecting Shropshire Rural Broadband Project was circulated. Copies of the Connecting Shropshire Questionnaire had been placed on tables. The Community Action Officer urged those present to complete the questionnaire and register their interest.

Councillor Ron Argyle reported that there had been a meeting of Welsh Community Councils where there were initiatives underway for individual communities to pursue solutions. Councillor Argyle also asked that emphasis be given to the liaison needed across the boundary where the community is in England and the Telephone Exchange is in Wales (and vice versa).

10. Feedback on Issues Raised at Previous Meetings

A list of Issues raised at previous meetings was circulated. Mr Glyn Gaskill questioned what involvement Shropshire Council would have in the management of wind farm traffic and also when the traffic routing plan would be publicly available. The Chairman stated that he would feed this question back to the appropriate body and keep Mr Gaskill and the Parish Council informed of the response.

George Candler Shropshire Council's Northern Area Director gave a short presentation on Strategic Commissioning.

11. Public Question Time

A member of the public, Mr Rick Chilvers, questioned why holes in the road through Llanymynech kept appearing. Mr Chilvers was informed that the Highways Agency had responsibility for that particular section of the highway and urged Mr Chilvers to write to contact them directly. The Chairman also reassured Mr Chilvers that the issue was being pursued, through a website and the local MP was aware of the situation.

Mr Chilvers also praised the improvements to the Shropshire Council website.

12. St Oswald and Llanymynech Community Fund

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

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

D1 Limeys – Friends of Llanymynech Limeworks Heritage – £171 (Councillor Gaskill abstained from voting)
D2 West Mercia Police Oswestry Ramped Project - £600
D3 Llanymynech Good Companions - £500
D4 Morda Queens Jubilee English Cream Tea - £300
D5 Oswestry Rural Parish Council - £600 (Councillor Pam Broomby abstained from voting)
D6 Kinnerley Dragons Football Club - £900
D7 Dial a Ride – Defer
D8 St Mary's PCC Knockin – Defer
D9 Oswestry Access Group – Defer
D10 Rhydygroesau Village Hall – Not approved
D11 Border Holiday Club – Not approved
D12 Qube Olympic Torch Workshops – Not approved
D13 Bryn Offa Parents Association – Withdrawn
Delegation of arts funding to Oswestry and District Arts Association - £1,151
Delegation of funding to Oswestry and District Sports Association – 5% of 2012/13 budget - £775

13. Community Action Officer Update

The Community Action Officer explained that further information on funding streams etc had been placed on tables.

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

14 Date of Next Meeting

It was noted that the next meeting would be held on Tuesday, 2nd October 2012 at the Knockin Assembly Rooms.

The meeting ended at 9.40 p.m.

Chairman: _____

Date: _____