



<b><u>Committee and Date</u></b>
St Oswald & Llanymynech Local Joint Committee
11 <sup>th</sup> June 2013
7.00 pm

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## **ST OSWALD AND LLANYMYNECH LOCAL JOINT COMMITTEE**

### **NOTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 19<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2013 AT 7.00PM, TREFONEN VILLAGE HALL, TREFONEN, 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 Miranda Lawson	Knockin Parish Council

##### **Officers:**

Corrie Davies	Community Action Officer
Emily Marshall	Committee Officer (Notes)
George Candler	Director of Commissioning

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

#### **29. Welcome and Introductions from the Chairman**

The Chairman welcomed members of the public to the meeting and asked members of the Committee and officers to introduce themselves.

#### **30. Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Trevor Davies (Shropshire Council) and Lynne Lloyd (Milverley Parish Council).

#### **31. Disclosable Pecuniary Interests**

Members were reminded that they must not participate in the discussion or voting on any matter in which they have a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest and should leave the room prior to the commencement of the debate.

#### **32. Notes of the Previous Meeting**

**AGREED:** That the notes of the meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2012 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record of the meeting.

### **33. IP&E and other Changes within Shropshire Council**

The Chairman welcomed and introduced George Candler, who had recently been appointed as Director of Commissioning at Shropshire Council to the meeting.

George Candler presented information on Commissioning and IP&E Limited.

In response to a question regarding cross county commissioning, the Director explained that first and foremost, money would be kept within Shropshire. The new IP&E Company would sit within the Shropshire market place and any profits would come back to Shropshire.

The question was raised as to who would employ the staff working for IP&E, in response the Director explained that staff would transfer from Shropshire Council to IP&E Limited under their existing terms and conditions.

In response to a question, the Director explained that Shropshire Council would hold IP&E to account if they found the company not adhering to their strategic contract.

The question was raised as to who was on the board of directors of IP&E and whether there was a conflict of interest. In response the Director explained that the present board of directors was made up of elected members, and there was not a conflict of interest as IP&E was not at the stage where it was trading.

The Chairman thanked George Candler for all his work as the Northern Area Director and wished him well in his new role.

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

The Chairman welcomed Sergeant Scott Barnes and CSO Mabe of West Mercia Police to the meeting. Sergeant Barnes provided an update on Operation Citadel a county wide operation to drive down the number of burglaries. Sergeant Barnes stated that further information on crime prevention could be found on the West Mercia Police website: [www.westmercia.police.uk](http://www.westmercia.police.uk).

Sergeant Barnes informed the meeting that information on local police station closures would be available to the public at the end of the month.

The Chairman thanked Sergeant Barnes and CSO Mabe for their attendance.

### **35. Shropshire Health Champions**

The Chairman introduced Stephen Roberts the Programme Lead for the NHS Health Check Champions Initiative.

Stephen Roberts outlined the County wide initiative designed to create awareness about the risks of heart and kidney disease, type 2 diabetes and strokes through the introduction of free health checks to eligible patients aged between 40 and 74. It was hoped that the Health Check would help individuals to detect the early signs of the conditions and suggest lifestyle change to help combat them.

It was explained that the Primary Care Trust had launched a social media campaign to find ordinary members of the public to become Health Check Champions to promote the scheme.

The Chairman thanked Stephen Roberts for his informative presentation.

### **36. Community Directory**

The Chairman introduced Kim Thompson-Lawrence, North Shropshire Care Information Provider from Oswestry Community Action and Jackie Jeffrey, Vice-Chair of the Shropshire Voluntary and Community Sector Assembly.

Kim Thompson-Lawrence gave a demonstration of the Shropshire Community Directory. Kim highlighted that it was free for local groups to advertise on the directory and individuals could easily add themselves to the Directory.

Jackie Jeffrey outlined the work of the Shropshire Voluntary and Community Sector Assembly and its work with Shropshire Council in the area of Commissioning. Councillor Joyce Barrow, as Chairman of the Safe and Confident Communities Scrutiny Committee asked Jackie to pass on her thanks to the VCSA representative on the Committee for their work and valuable input.

Jackie Jeffrey advised people to visit the website if they were interested in finding out more information: [www.vcsvoice.org](http://www.vcsvoice.org)

The Chairman thanked Kim Thompson-Lawrence and Jackie Jeffrey for their attendance.

### **37. Update on National Grid Consultation**

The Chairman provided background information on National Grid proposals, explaining that as a result of wind farms proposed in mid Wales, there was a requirement to connect the electricity generated by the wind farms to the National Grid via a high voltage power line running through Wales and Shropshire.

The Chairman introduced David Ward who was representing SNAP and Martin Clare, representing Carreg Offa Parish Council. David Ward began by giving background to the National Grid Proposals. David Ward explained that SNAP were a voluntary group set up to formally oppose the application for a wind farm in mid Wales, the Group were raising funds and had employed a Barrister and professional witness on landscape issues. David Ward explained the process of the public enquiry, stating that it could well last for 18 months.

Martin Clare provided an update on activity within Wales, explaining that action groups had been running for a considerable length of time. Ten parish council's had undertaken surveys of their residents; the response rate had been very good with 88% of respondents indicating that they were against the proposals. The response to those surveys would form part of the evidence to the public inquiry, adding that the Inspector had made it clear that community input was a very high priority

Martin Clare then outlined the next steps explaining that the Inspector had to

report his recommendations to the Secretary of State at Westminster within one week following the Inquiry.

The Chairman reported that 2 officers from Shropshire Council, Graham French and Ian Kilby were attending the pre-inquiry stage. The Chairman added that he would be submitting a motion to Shropshire Council asking full Council to confirm its deep concern for the impact of the high voltage power line crossing through the county as well as the impact of construction traffic on communities along the proposed route.

The Chairman thanked David Ward and Martin Clare for their updates.

**38. Countywide Broadband Project**

A written update on the Connecting Shropshire Rural Broadband Project was circulated. The Committee noted the update.

**39. Elections for Parish and Town Councils 2013**

The Chairman presented a report by the Shropshire Association of Local Council's (SALC). The report outlined the programme of work SALC was undertaking during the run up to the Shropshire Unitary, Town and Parish Council elections on 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2013.

AGREED: To note the programme of work SALC is undertaking on the run up to the elections, information that is available and being communicated together with relevant contact details.

**40. Scrutiny at Shropshire Council**

A briefing note providing an overview of the role of Scrutiny at Shropshire Council was circulated. The Committee noted the briefing note.

**41. Issues Raised at Previous Meetings**

The Chairman reported the very welcome news that the Highways agency were imminently implementing a project to extensively resurface the A483 from Sweeney bends through Pant and Llanymynech and to provide a signal controlled pedestrian crossing in Pant. This was a great achievement as a result of very many meetings and maintaining pressure over an extended period.

A request was made to ensure that point 8 Impact of wind farm traffic on the A483 Mile End to Llanymynech was kept on the Log and updated.

The Chairman reported that the VAS's were now generating data that would help to alert other agencies to problems within the area.

The issue of the right turn ban on the A483 at Maesbury Road junction was raised and it was reported that there were no current plans to implement a right turn ban. Any such initiative in the future would be require public discussion.

**42. Public Question Time**

A member of the public reported that they were aware of a Wind Farm Planning Application that had been turned down as the road network that the

traffic would have to come along was unsuitable. In response, the Chairman explained that detailed formal traffic management plans for wind farm construction would be produced and once they were available for release into the public domain he would make people aware of them.

A member of the public requested feedback on the findings of the air quality station that had been located within Pant. Mr Glyn Gaskill responded by confirming that the station had recorded pollution levels that were not a threat to the environment.

#### **43. St Oswald and Llanymynech Community Fund**

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

Councillor Joyce Barrow stated that she would not vote on application 8.34 as she was a member of Trefonen WI.

Councillor Miranda Lawson stated that she would not vote on application 8.26 as she was treasurer of St Mary's PCC.

The Community Action Officer reported that a late application had been received from the Friends of Montgomery Canal. The Chairman took no part in the discussion or voting on the application as he was closely associated with the Friends of Montgomery Canal. Councillor Joyce Barrow, Vice-Chairman took the Chair for consideration of the application.

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

8.17 Pant Memorial Institute – Jubilee Garden (Deferred Round 2) £145  
8.26 St Mary's PCC Knockin (Deferred Round 2) - £1500 (Councillor Miranda Lawson abstained from voting)  
8.28 Trefonen Playing Field Association – Phase II Central Pitch Area - £1000  
8.29 Llanymynech Skatepark Equipment - £750  
8.30 Pant Play and Walk Safely - £300  
8.31 Trefonen Village Hall – Oil Tank - £750  
8.32 Morton Minors Music Workshops - £700  
8.33 Morda Pre-School Easter Fun Day 2013 - £485  
8.34 Trefonen WI - £250 (Councillor Joyce Barrow abstained from voting)  
8.35 Friends of the Montgomery Canal - £492.80 (Councillor Arthur Walpole abstained from voting)  
Total: £5,880.

#### **44. Community Action Officer Update**

The Community Action Officer gave an update on the local projects that she had been involved in and provided information on current funding streams that were available for local groups and reminded those present that the next deadline for applications for LJC grants was 7<sup>th</sup> May 2013.

On behalf of the Committee, the Chairman thanked the Community Action Officer for all her hard work and efforts.

Members of the public were urged to complete the feedback forms that had been placed on tables.

**45. Date of Next Meeting**

It was noted that the next meeting would be held on Tuesday, 11<sup>th</sup> June 2013 at Llanymynech Village Hall.

The meeting ended at 9.10 p.m.

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

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