



<u>Committee and Date</u>
St Oswald & Llanymynech Local Joint Committee
8 th October 2013
7.00 pm

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ST OSWALD AND LLANYMYNECH LOCAL JOINT COMMITTEE

NOTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 11TH JUNE 2013 AT 7.00PM, LLANYMYNECH VILLAGE HALL, LLANYMYNECH, 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 Vivien Byrne	Oswestry Rural Parish Council
Councillor Mrs Shelia Bruce	Kinnerley Parish Council
Councillor Dilys Gaskill	Llanymynech and Pant Parish Council
Councillor Bob Thomas	Llanyblodwel Parish Council
Councillor Miranda Lawson	Knockin Parish Council

Officers:

Corrie Davies	Community Action Officer
Emily Marshall	Committee Officer (Notes)

There were approximately 21 members of the public at the meeting.

1. Election of Chairman

Resolved: That Councillor Walpole be elected Chairman for the ensuing 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 members of the public to the meeting and asked members of the Committee and officers to introduce themselves.

4. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Robert Macey (Shropshire Council) and Pam Broomby, Councillor Vivien Byrne substitute (Oswestry Rural Parish Council).

5. 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.

6. Notes of the Previous Meeting

AGREED: That the notes of the meeting held on 19th February 2013 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record of the meeting.

7. Partners and Communities Together Meeting (PACT)

The Chairman explained that Inspector Rik Klair had sent his apologies and welcomed Sergeant Scott Barnes and CSO Mabe of West Mercia Police to the meeting. Sergeant Barnes provided an update on crime figures within the area, and was pleased to report that the area had a low crime rate. Over the last three month period there had been 11 shed break ins, 3 dwelling burglaries and 2 diesel thefts. Sergeant Barnes also provided information on fraud prevention and general safety advice.

Sergeant Barnes informed the meeting that Oswestry Police Station would stay open.

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

8. Shropshire Fire and Rescue Service

A representative of Shropshire Fire and Rescue was not in attendance.

9. North Area Commissioner

The Chairman introduced Tim Smith, Shropshire Council's North Area Commissioner.

Tim Smith introduced himself and provided background to his role within Shropshire Council, explaining that he covered the whole of the North Shropshire area and provided information on Commissioning and how Shropshire Council were working to identify the key services within towns and parishes as well as working with other partners to see how the Council could deliver faster, better and cheaper as well as identifying any overlaps or gaps within services that were already being delivered.

Tim Smith invited questions, comments and suggestions from members of the public and members of the Committee and explained that he would be noting the comments/suggestions made.

A member of the public questioned why he had recently seen three vans from Bridgnorth working in the Llynclys area which was very uneconomic and wasteful. Tim Smith explained that sometimes some organisations might contract work out to other businesses and this may be what happened in the case referred to but he would take the comment away and investigate further.

Val Smout, suggested that hedge cutting should be coordinated with litter picking, to save time and money.

Councillor Dilys Gaskill highlighted an issue with hedge cutting along the A483,

through Llanymynech and Pant, she explained that the Highways Agency would only do one cut a year along the sections of hedgerow that it was responsible for, whereas the Parish Council who were responsible for maintaining other sections of the hedge row cut their sections more often. Councillor Gaskill suggested that it might be more economical for the Parish Council to cut and maintain the whole stretch of hedge row with the Highways Agency providing the Parish Council with funding to do this, for example in the form of a dowry.

The Chairman thanked Tim Smith for his attendance and informative update.

10. Local Planning and Site Allocations

The Chairman introduced Adrian Cooper, Shropshire Council's Team Leader, Environment & Economic Policy, to the meeting.

Adrian Cooper provided an update on the consultation on the SamDev document, Parish Planning and Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL).

A question and answer session followed.

The Chairman thanked Adrian Cooper for his attendance and informative update.

11. Update on National Grid Consultation

The Chairman welcomed Martin Clare, representing Carreghofa Community Council to the meeting. Mr Clare explained that the opening session of the Public Inquiry had taken place and provided a brief overview of the timetable for future sessions. Issues relating to access onto private land were highlighted.

The Chairman thanked Martin Clare for the update.

12. Countywide Broadband Project

A written update on the Connecting Shropshire Rural Broadband Project was circulated and the Chairman introduced Ben Walker. The suggestion was put forward that it would be very useful for Ben Walker to attend the next meeting of Meverley Parish Council as Rural Broadband was a very important issue in this area. Ben Walker agreed and stated that he would welcome the opportunity to attend their next meeting.

13. Feedback on Issues Raised at Previous Meetings

It was highlighted that there was a new Zebra crossing in Pant, which was awaiting a power and telephone line connection before it would be brought into service.

A member of the public raised the issue of traffic congestion that was building up down Weston Lane, and suggested that the road should be widened.

13. Public Question Time

Mr Rick Chilvers highlighted concerns about Shropshire Council's Website and asked if Tim Smith could take the issues back to the appropriate officer.

14. 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.

8.38 Llanymynech Folk Festival Weekend £800

8.39 Llanymynech and Pant Good Companions £1000

8.40 Oswestry Heritage Open Days (cluster application) £500

8.41 Kinnerley Rounders Club £1500

8.42 Llanymynech Limeworks Heritage Area Leaflets £800 (Councillor Dilys Gaskil abstained from voting)

8.43 Llanymynech Football Club £500

Delegation to Oswestry and District Arts Association £1150

Delegation to Oswestry and District Sports Association £775

Total: £7025

15. 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 6th September 2013.

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

16. Date of Next Meeting

It was noted that the next meeting would be held on Tuesday, 8th October 2013 at Morda Village Hall.

The meeting ended at 9.08 p.m.

Chairman: _____

Date: _____