



Committee and date:
The Severn Loop Local Joint
Committee

24th September 2009

7.00 p.m.

Item

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THE SEVERN LOOP LOCAL JOINT COMMITTEE

NOTE OF DECISIONS AND ACTIONS ARISING FROM THE MEETING HELD ON THE 6TH JULY 2009 AT THE GUILDHALL, FRANKWELL QUAY, SHREWSBURY

Responsible Officer: Liz Sidaway
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Committee Members Present:

Shropshire Council:
Mansel Williams

Shrewsbury Town Council:
Alan Townsend

Shropshire Council / Shrewsbury Town Council:
Anne Chebsey

Shropshire Council Officers present:

Andy Goldsmith, Lead Officer
Gill Jones, Community Working Manager - Central Area
Sophie Meldon, Support Officer
Liz Sidaway, Committee Officer (Notes)

West Mercia Police:

Sergeant Claire Greenaway, Town Centre Sergeant
CSO Chris Jones

There were approximately 23 members of the public present at the meeting.

1. **ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN**

RESOLVED:

That Councillor Mansel Williams be elected Chairman for the ensuing municipal year.

2. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Councillor Dr Maxwell Winchester, Shropshire Council and Ruth Mansfield, Community Regeneration Officer.

3. **APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRMAN**

RESOLVED:

That Councillor Dr Maxwell Winchester be appointed Vice Chairman for the ensuing municipal year.

ACTION

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

5. CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME AND EXPLANATION OF THE REMIT OF THE LOCAL JOINT COMMITTEE

The Chairman welcomed and thanked everyone for attending the meeting. He explained that the meeting would be held on a quarterly basis which gave members of the local area an opportunity to have a say about local issues and service provision.

The Chairman then introduced the other members of the Committee who were all Councillors from Shropshire Council and Shrewsbury Town Council. He indicated that a key aim of the Severn Loop Local Joint Committee was to engage with and listen to all members of the community in each of the three electoral divisions covered by the Severn Loop area.

Andy Goldsmith gave a presentation which outlined the purpose and powers of the Local Joint Committee, he also explained what the Local Joint Committee was hoping to achieve.

Gill Jones outlined the work of the Community Working Team and detailed the process by which organisations could apply for funding from the £37,000 budget available. She stated that application forms were available from the Community Regeneration Officer, Ruth Mansfield and via the Council's website www.shropshire.gov.uk

In response to concern raised in respect of the amount of publicity for the meeting, the Chairman gave an assurance that the meetings would be publicised in local ward newsletters in future. He reassured those present that one of the main aims of the meeting was to get to the heart of the local community and acknowledged the importance of good communication.

All
Members
/ Ruth
Mansfield

6. LOCAL POLICING UPDATE

Sergeant Claire Greenaway introduced this item and gave a brief explanation of the PACT process. She stated that the local Police worked closely with Shropshire Council and meetings such as this gave people the opportunity to meet the Local Policing Team and raise any issues of concern. She encouraged members of the community to continue to report any issues to ensure constant communication to improve the local neighbourhoods. Sergeant Greenaway explained that the Local Policing Team were forging good relationships with many groups within the local community and were more than happy to help in completing grant funding application forms.

CSO Chris Jones reported on matters that had been recently brought to the attention of the local Policing Team and Community Support Officers which included the inappropriate gathering and antisocial behaviour of young people at Burrs Field. He indicated that this was being jointly dealt with by the Local Policing Team together with the Council's Community Working Team and Community Drug Action Team and efforts were continuing to tackle and alleviate the problem. A number of representations were made during the meeting and a local resident detailed the ongoing problems experienced by local residents and visitors to the area. A discussion took place in respect of the impact the No Alcohol Zone (Designated Public Places Order) in the Quarry had in transferring the problems to the Porthill side of the river, and suggested that the Designated Public Places Order be

extended. Andy Goldsmith undertook to look into this matter.

Andy
Goldsmith

The Chairman thanked Sergeant Greenaway and CSO Jones for their update reports and attendance at the meeting.

7. THE DEVELOPMENT OF A NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

The Chairman welcomed Hayley Aston from the Community Council of Shropshire to the meeting. Hayley addressed those present and explained that a parish / neighbourhood plan was a comprehensive document produced by the local community. She indicated that an Action Plan would be prepared which sought to identify any actions the local community would like to happen, indicating their priorities and would also identify any potential partners and timescales. She stated that the action plan could be used to influence future decisions affecting the locality. She also stated that the formulation of a Neighbourhood Plan was a community led initiative which helped diverse communities pull together and should involve the whole community including local businesses, schools, community groups and organisations together with support from the local Council and also the Community Council of Shropshire.

The Chairman thanked Hayley Aston for the informative presentation and welcomed the opportunity to seek to take forward the formulation of a neighbourhood plan.

8. TOPICS AND KEY ISSUES FOR THE SEVERN LOOP LOCAL JOINT COMMITTEE

The Chairman indicated that in planning topics for consideration at future meetings, it was important to ask the members of the public present at the meeting to identify assets within the local community area. Many assets were identified which included educational facilities such as the Gateway, schools, The Hive, the Library and Museums. Other assets included community pubs, Theatre Severn, The Guildhall, the Barnabas Centre, the Pump House, the town's twinning links, the River Severn, The Quarry and other public open spaces, Belle Vue Youth Club, the close proximity of Coton Hill to open countryside and the West Midlands Showground.

Consideration was then given to the identification of any perceived gaps in amenity / service provision; items included the lack of meeting places, out of date library books, the lack of a science & industry museum, a lack of facilities for community exhibitions, poor quality public conveniences. Further issues raised by members of the public included the limited local amenities and facilities for young people and also the use and abuse of the Quarry. A member of the public also suggested future consideration be given to the expansion of the Pride in Shrewsbury scheme to include the Severn Loop locality.

Future agenda items agreed were:

- Facilities and amenities for young people in the locality (secondary age)
- The use of Open Spaces
- Community ownership of our neighbourhoods and streets

The Chairman undertook to pursue these matters further with relevant Shropshire Council officers.

Mansel
Williams

7. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on the 24th September 2009 at 7.00 pm in the Guildhall.

Signed:
Chairman

Date: