



Committee and date:  
The Severn Loop Local Joint  
Committee  
  
6<sup>th</sup> January 2010  
  
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 24<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2009 AT THE GUILDHALL, FRANKWELL QUAY, SHREWSBURY

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#### **Committee Members Present:**

##### **Shropshire Council:**

Mansel Williams  
Dr Maxwell Winchester

##### **Shrewsbury Town Council:**

Alan Townsend  
Andrew Wagner

##### **Shropshire Council / Shrewsbury Town Council:**

Anne Chebsey

##### **Others Present:**

##### **West Mercia Police:**

Sergeant Claire Greenaway, Town Centre Sergeant  
PC Mike Dulson and PC Ray Foster

##### **Shropshire Fire and Rescue Service:**

Leading Firefighter Steve Cox (Green Watch)

There were approximately 85 members of the public present at the meeting.

#### **10. CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME**

The Chairman, Mansel Williams, welcomed everyone to the second meeting of the Severn Loop Local Joint Committee. He briefly explained the purpose and powers of the Local Joint Committee which gave residents a voice in the decisions affecting their areas and opportunity to influence resources to improve the local area in a practical way.

#### **11. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Sophie Meldon, Support Officer and Sergeant Darren Smith. Apologies were also received from several local residents.

**ACTION**

## **12. NOTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

The notes of the meeting held on the 6<sup>th</sup> July 2009 were confirmed.

## **13. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

## **14. PROGRESS REPORT**

Andy Goldsmith presented the progress report highlighting issues which had been raised at the last meeting and answered questions.

Mr Goldsmith reported on the success of the partnership work undertaken at Burr's Field to combat the anti-social behaviour. PC Dulson indicated that measures had been put in place to continue monitoring of the area over the winter period.

Mr Goldsmith outlined to the preliminary proposals for the improvement works to the Berwick Road / Ellesmere Road junction which would include new pedestrian crossing facilities and a box junction. He stated that further exploratory work would be undertaken and encouraged local residents to present their views to Shropshire Council. He stressed that the proposals were currently at the design stage and that a full public consultation would be undertaken in due course.

## **15. LOCAL POLICING UPDATE**

Sergeant Claire Greenaway introduced her colleagues PCs Ray Foster and Mike Dulson. She indicated that the Local Joint Committee gave local residents an opportunity to raise any issues of concern within their area with their local police officer.

Issues of concern raised by local residents included:

- Cycling on pavements and lack of the use of lights by cyclists during the morning and evenings.
- The speed of disabled buggies on pavements.
- Cars parking on pavements and parked dangerously obstructing junctions. A suggestion was made to consider the introduction of a residents parking scheme in Coton Hill to alleviate the parking problems incurred by local residents.
- Speeding on Ellesmere Road and the introduction of a community Speedwatch scheme.

Sergeant Greenaway reported that a pilot Community Speedwatch project would shortly be launched and asked anyone who was interested in volunteering with the scheme to get in touch.

Sergeant Greenaway took note of the comments and concerns raised and encouraged members of the community to continue to report any issues to the local Policing Team to improve local neighbourhoods.

Sergeant Greenaway reported that total crime in the area had reduced over the last six months in comparison to the same period last year. She very

much hoped the trend would continue and gave an assurance that the local policing team would continue to work towards more improvements and paid tribute to the work of the Community Support Officers in the reduction of crime.

The Chairman thanked Sergeant Greenaway, PCs Dulson and Foster for their updates and attendance at the meeting.

## 16. **SHROPSHIRE FIRE AND RESCUE UPDATE**

Leading Fire Fighter Steve Cox from the Shropshire Fire & Rescue Service (Green Watch) gave an update in terms of fire issues. He was pleased to report that generally Shrewsbury had a low instance of arson and that it was a safe area to live. He also outlined the fire safety work undertaken by the Fire Service with young people.

Mr Cox highlighted the importance of smoke alarms in all households and reminded everyone that a free home fire safety check and a ten year smoke alarm was available to anyone on request by ringing Tel: 01743 260298 or contacting the Community Fire Safety Department at Brigade HQ, St Michael's Street, Shrewsbury, SY1 2BR.

The chairman thanked Mr Cox for his informative update and attendance.

## 17. **THE NEEDS OF YOUNG PEOPLE WITHIN THE SEVERN LOOP AREA**

The Chairman indicated that this issue had been identified at the Committee's inaugural meeting as requiring further investigation. He was pleased to welcome Mandy Hughes and Emma Hudspeth from Shropshire Youth Service.

Mrs Hughes and Ms Hudspeth gave an informative presentation on the work undertaken by Shropshire Youth Services. Those present were informed of the key priorities of the Youth Service and Mrs Hughes explained that the service worked closely with many partner agencies and organisations. Ms Hudspeth outlined the facilities and services offered by Shropshire Youth at Victoria House.

The Chairman opened up the debate to the floor and a number of points were discussed. A general consensus view highlighted the need to find out from young people exactly what facilities they wished to access and also to determine what could be done to improve existing services with an ultimate aim of providing services which were needed which will in turn reduce antisocial behaviour.

### **RESOLVED:**

That a sum of £500 be made available for a questionnaire to be commissioned by Shropshire Youth Service to identify the needs and gaps in service provision and facilities available for young people between the ages of 12 and 18 years within the Severn Loop area only

The Chairman thanked Mrs Hughes and Ms Hudspeth for the informative presentation.

Lead  
Officer /  
Shropshire  
Youth

## 18. **CHANGES TO ARRIVA BUS ROUTE NUMBER SEVEN**

Mr Goldsmith outlined the service changes recently introduced by Arriva.

Mr Daniel Kawczynski MP addressed the meeting and indicated that he had been contacted by many local residents who were extremely concerned in respect of the changes to bus route number seven. He called upon local members of Shropshire Council to press Shrewsbury's case very strongly to ensure public transport facilities continued to be supported within the urban area.

During the course of the discussion, local residents expressed concern over health and safety issues for young families and elderly people having to negotiate the busy Ellesmere Road and considered that the cut to the local bus route had made access to local services extremely difficult. Dissatisfaction was also expressed at the lack of prior warning and the lack of publicity given to the withdrawal of the services. Mr Goldsmith indicated that a consultation exercise had been undertaken by Arriva, but acknowledged the short timescale of the consultation period and apologised that residents had not been better informed of the proposals.

Mr Goldsmith reported on discussions with Arriva and other operators for the reinstatement of the number seven service but explained that additional subsidy was not available from Shropshire Council. He went on to say that an alternative service could be operated on a short term basis of an hourly bus provision run between Monday and Friday and operated by Shropshire Council. He anticipated that this could be operated at little cost and stressed that the bus service would be a temporary solution and that consideration could be given to the needs of local residents. The local residents present welcomed the suggestion to address the immediate problems encountered but sought a long term permanent solution.

### **RESOLVED:**

That a temporary bus service be introduced and operated by Shropshire Council between Mondays and Fridays to alleviate the mobility problems in the short term; and that detailed negotiations be undertaken by the local Ward Members and Officers to agree the timetable and route.

Lead  
Officer /  
Local  
Members

## 19. **FINANCIAL PRIORITIES / FUNDING REQUESTS**

The Chairman explained that a funding mechanism was required to be set to establish formal agreement how the Severn Loop's budget was to be spent within the locality.

It was noted that funding application forms and financial guidelines were available from Ruth Mansfield, Community Regeneration Officer Tel 01743 252 and via Shropshire Council's website [www.shropshire.gov.uk](http://www.shropshire.gov.uk). The Community Working Team would be able to provide guidance in the completion of application forms.

## 20. **UPDATE ON COUNCIL CONSULTATIONS**

The Chairman informed the meeting of the following items and explained that further information was available at the back of the room should anyone

wish to find out more about the current consultation papers.

- Local Development Framework Core Strategy Consultation;
- Sustainable Community Strategy Consultation.

**21. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on the 6<sup>th</sup> January 2010 at 7.00 pm in the Guildhall, Frankwell Quay, Shrewsbury.

**Signed:** .....  
**Chairman**

**Date:** .....