



<u>Committee and Date</u>
The Five Perry Parishes Local Joint Committee
12 th July 2012
7.00 p.m.

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**NOTE OF DECISIONS AND ACTIONS ARISING FROM THE FIVE PERRY
PARISHES LOCAL JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 9TH NOVEMBER
2011 AT WEST FELTON VILLAGE HALL, HOLYHEAD ROAD, WEST FELTON,
OSWESTRY**

7.00 P.M. – 9.10 P.M.

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PRESENT:

Members of the Committee:

Steve Charmley	Shropshire Council (Whittington Division)
Roy Roberts	Baschurch Parish Council
Jean Duncan	Hordley Parish Council
Simon Gittins	Ruyton-XI-Towns Parish Council
David Curtis	West Felton Parish Council
Greg Hickman	Whittington Parish Council

Officers:

PC Peter Dale	West Mercia Police
Ian Binks	Regional Partnership Director, BT plc
Alison Brock	ICT Client Support Manager, Shropshire Council
Ann Johnson	Sports Development Manager, Shropshire Council
Corrie Davies	Community Action Officer, Shropshire Council
Sarah Townsend	Committee Officer, Shropshire Council (Notes)

There were approximately 24 members of the public at the meeting.

1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS FROM THE CHAIRMAN

- 1.1 The Chairman welcomed those present to the meeting and asked members of the Committee to introduce themselves.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

- 2.1 Apologies were received from Councillor Aggie Caesar-Homden (Shropshire Council, Ruyton and Baschurch Division).

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

- 3.1 Councillor Steve Charmley declared a personal interest in the funding application from Whittington Cricket Club, as he was the Vice-Chairman. He also declared a personal interest in the application regarding delegation of funding to Oswestry and District

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Sports Association, as he was a member of Oswestry and District Sports Council.

4. NOTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

- 4.1 It was **Resolved** that the notes of the meeting of The Five Perry Parishes Local Joint Committee held on 14th July 2011 be approved and signed as a correct record by the Chairman.

5. PARTNERS AND COMMUNITIES TOGETHER (PACT)

- 5.1 PC Peter Dale informed everyone of the new 101 non-emergency phone number that went live yesterday. This number is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and should be used to report less urgent crime and disorder or to speak to a local police officer. It was reported that this number had been introduced as part of the Government's wider work to improve access to the police, ease pressure on the 999 number and help to efficiently and effectively tackle crime and disorder. Further information regarding the new number could be found at www.westmercia.police.uk/101.
- 5.2 Those living in West Felton were asked to remain vigilant to shed burglaries following the recent release of a shed burglar from prison. Everyone was reminded to not leave side gates open or unlocked.
- 5.3 It was noted that the latest "Rural Watch" Quarterly Newsletter was available to be taken away.

6. COUNTYWIDE BROADBAND PROJECT

- 6.1 The Chairman welcomed Alison Brock, ICT Client Support Manager for Shropshire Council, and Ian Binks, Regional Partnership Director BT plc, to the meeting.
- 6.2 Mr Binks began by giving a short presentation during which, he set the scene from an industry perspective, provided information on how people could increase their broadband speed and detailed current and future broadband projects within the United Kingdom.
- 6.3 Ms Brock also gave a presentation detailing the future of broadband in Shropshire. She explained that the Government had pledged to make funding available to enable as many people as possible access to a minimum of 2mbps. Shropshire Council had therefore submitted a bid to BDUK and had been awarded £8.2 million, together with Telford and Wrekin Council, to help improve broadband speeds and coverage within Shropshire. In addition, Shropshire Council had also agreed capital funding of £2 million to enable 100% of Shropshire access to a minimum of 2mbps and to deliver superfast broadband to as much of the county as possible.
- 6.4 It was noted that the BT Openreach roll out would be able to cover 35% of Shropshire's population leaving the Council to deliver 65% through the support of BDUK.
- 6.5 Ms Brock went on to explain what was being done within Shropshire to improve broadband. She touched on the social inclusion and economic benefits of broadband in the area, which

was crucial for doing business and for attracting investment. The current broadband speed in Shropshire had been mapped and those areas with a speed of less than 2mbps had been highlighted.

6.6 Questions were invited and a representative from ABP (Hordley) explained that the company currently had a very poor broadband speed. In response, Mr Binks explained that the Government had pledged to make funding available to guarantee that everyone would receive a minimum of 2mbps by December 2015 and that demonstrating there was a demand for the service in areas was critical. People who had concerns were urged to contact Ms Brock in order to work closely with her to put their areas forward as a priority.

6.7 It was requested that people complete the questionnaires that had been circulated indicating why access to broadband was important to them. Further information on the countywide broadband project was available at www.connectingshropshire.co.uk.

7. UPDATE FROM THE SPORTS DEVELOPMENT TEAM

7.1 The Chairman welcomed Ann Johnson, Sports Development Manager for Shropshire Council, to the meeting in order to raise awareness of leisure development within the county.

7.2 It was noted that the Oswestry Community Games were being held on 7th – 15th July 2012 and that this provided a fantastic opportunity for the local community to get together.

7.3 In response to a question, it was noted that it was not unusual for sports funding to also require match funding.

7.4 A member of the public asked whether there were any plans to replace the old squash courts that were previously located at the old leisure centre in Oswestry. Councillor Charmley replied that there were currently no plans and that the old leisure centre site was currently on the market.

8. HEALTH ISSUES

8.1 An information sheet on the Oswestry Cluster Local Joint Committee public meeting held on 27th September 2011 was available to be taken away. The meeting had a focus on health issues and in particular, the proposed changes to Shrewsbury and Telford Hospital NHS Trust, the new medical centre in Oswestry and the West Midlands Ambulance Service 'Make Ready' project were discussed.

9 (A). THE FIVE PERRY PARISHES LOCAL JOINT COMMITTEE BUDGET AND FUNDING APPLICATIONS

9.1 The report of the Community Action Officer advising members of twelve applications received for funding from the Local Joint Committee budget was circulated. It was noted that the following applications had been received:

- West Felton Gardening Club: £1,200 towards the establishment of a new gardening club for the residents of

West Felton and surrounding area.

- Ruyton-XI-Towns Pre-School: £694 towards a project providing an enriched outdoor environment, encouraging language, literacy and numeracy skills within the early year's foundation stage (age 2-5 years).
- Whittington Cricket Club: £1,424 towards providing a suitable kitchen that conforms to health and safety regulations.
- The Oswestry Drama (OD) Project: £600 towards the cost of a community based production of "The Tempest".
- Ruyton-XI-Towns Local History Society: £1,625 towards the purchase of a portable hearing loop and projector.
- Millington Close Residents' Association: £2,205.92 towards updating the facilities of the sheltered housing community centre.
- Whittington Senior Citizens Club: £1,300 towards enhancing the community hall by giving the interior a facelift.
- West Felton Pre-School: £670 towards enhancing the pre-school's outdoor area.
- Shropshire Playbus Association: £1,500 towards bringing the fully equipped playbus with two qualified professional play workers to each of the Five Perry Parish areas during February 2012 half term.
- Walford and North Shropshire College: £1,000 towards the Oswestry Learndirect facility at Qube to avoid its closure and loss to the town.
- Oswestry Dial-a-Ride: £585.75 towards the installation of a new routing software package.
- South Staffordshire and Shropshire Healthcare NHS: £ Contribution towards Arts for Health and the enhancement of the new build of Shelton Hospital.

9.2 The Chairman invited those applicants in attendance to present their funding applications to everyone present. The Committee and members of the public were asked if they had any further comments to make prior to the Committee voting on each application.

9.3 It was **Resolved** that The Five Perry Parishes Local Joint Committee allocate funding from their 2011/12 budget as follows:

- West Felton Gardening Club: £500 towards the purchase of a projector and screen and the hire of the venue.
- Ruyton -XI-Towns Pre-School: £694 for the project as stated in paragraph 9.1.
- Whittington Cricket Club: £1,105 towards the cost of the kitchen / sink units.
- The Oswestry Drama (OD) Project: £600 for the project as stated in paragraph 9.1. The Committee also agreed that the following clauses be included:
 - a) That the project must be promoted in local schools and

parish magazines / newsletters.

- b) Publicity should state that The Five Perry Parishes Local Joint Committee had provided sponsorship.
- c) Attendance at the project workshops should be free for all people from The Five Perry Parishes Local Joint Committee area.
- d) The project be funded from the community arts funding budget.

- Ruyton-XI-Towns Local History Society: £303.60 towards the purchase of a projector only.
- Millington Close Residents' Association: £500 towards equipment for the project as stated in paragraph 9.1. (It was noted that Shropshire Housing Group would also be purchasing items for the sheltered housing community centre).
- Whittington Senior Citizens Club: £500 towards the cost of paint for the interior community hall.
- West Felton Pre-School: £670 for the project as stated in paragraph 9.1.

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9.4 It was **Resolved** that The Five Perry Parishes Local Joint Committee do not fund the following applications:

- Shropshire Playbus Association: £1,500 towards bringing the fully equipped playbus with two qualified professional play workers to each of the Five Perry Parish areas during February 2012 half term.
In making their decision, the Committee stated that they had granted funding to several pre-schools in this round of funding.
- Walford and North Shropshire College: £1,000 towards the Oswestry Learndirect facility at Qube to avoid its closure and loss to the town.
In making their decision, the Committee took into account new details of secured funding that had been received by the Community Action Officer.
- Oswestry Dial-a-Ride: £585.75 towards the installation of a new routing software package.
In making their decision, the Committee stated that the ShropshireLink bus service provided more flexibility for its users.
- South Staffordshire and Shropshire Healthcare NHS: £ Contribution towards Arts for Health and the enhancement of the new build of Shelton Hospital.
In making their decision, the Committee stated that the proposals were more relevant to the whole of Shropshire rather than specifically to The Five Perry Parishes.

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9 (B). DELEGATION OF FUNDING TO OSWESTRY AND DISTRICT SPORTS ASSOCIATION

9.5 The Committee received the report of the Community Action Officer, which outlined the rationale for delegating 5% of The Five Perry Parishes 2011/12 budget to Oswestry and District Sports Council. This would enable them to run a sports funding

	programme on behalf of the Local Joint Committee.	
9.6	It was Resolved that The Five Perry Parishes Local Joint Committee delegate £700 (5% of the 2011/12 budget) to Oswestry and District Sports Council who would utilise it to run a small grants programme supporting sport development on behalf of the Local Joint Committee.	CD to arrange payment
10.	PUBLIC QUESTION TIME	
10.1	Q) The Committee did not approve the full amount of funding requested in several of the submitted applications despite, having plenty of money still available in the 2011/12 funding budget. Why was this the case? A) The Chairman replied that the Committee were not under any pressure or obligation to spend all of the 2011/12 funding budget.	
10.2	Q) If not all of the money allocated to The Five Perry Parishes for funding in the 2011/12 financial year is spent, can any of it be carried over to the following year? A) The Chairman replied that this was still up for debate.	
11.	LOCAL NEWS AND INFORMATION	
11.1	The Chairman reminded everyone that from the 28 th November 2011, Shropshire Council would no longer be collecting cardboard with garden waste due to revised composting quality standards. Instead, cardboard could be recycled at the local cardboard recycling banks or, at each of the five main household recycling centres in Shropshire.	
11.2	The Chairman read out a letter of thanks that had been received from the Perry Riding and Driving Group following the granting of funding supporting the Hippotherapy project at the last Local Joint Committee meeting.	
11.3	Corrie Davies, Community Action Officer, provided an update on the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Various funding streams available that were currently accepting applications. • Details of help required / consultations that were currently being undertaken by Shropshire Council and other bodies. • Forthcoming community events in Shropshire. Further information regarding all of the above, was available to be taken away at the end of the meeting.	
11.4	It was noted that The Five Perry Parishes were hoping to hold a Local Joint Committee community event in 2012. Anyone interested in helping with this, was asked to contact Corrie Davies, Community Action Officer.	ALL
11.5	It was noted that the deadline for applications to be received for the next round of Local Joint Committee funding was Friday, 10 th February 2012.	ALL

12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

- 12.1 It was noted that the next meeting of The Five Perry Parishes Local Joint Committee would be held on Wednesday, 21st March 2012 at St John the Baptist Primary School, Ruyton-XI-Towns (venue to be confirmed) commencing at 7.00 p.m.

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Chairman: _____

Date: _____