



Committee and date:
The Severn Loop Local Joint
Committee

10 May 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 10 MARCH 2010 AT THE GUILDHALL, FRANKWELL QUAY, SHREWSBURY

Responsible Officer: Liz Sidaway
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Committee Members Present:

Shropshire Council:

Mansel Williams

Dr Maxwell Winchester

Shrewsbury Town Council:

Alan Townsend

Others Present:

West Mercia Police:

Acting Inspector Claire Greenaway; CSO Richards, Town Centre Policing Team

Shropshire Fire and Rescue Service:

Leading Firefighter Steve Cox (Green Watch)

There were approximately 25 members of the public present at the meeting.

35. CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME

The Chairman, Mansel Williams, welcomed everyone to the Severn Loop Local Joint Committee and thanked those present for attending.

ACTION

36. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillor Anne Chebsey and several local residents.

37. NOTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The notes of the meeting held on the 27 January 2010 were confirmed.

38. PROGRESS REPORT

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

Andy Goldsmith updated the meeting on discussions with the Environmental

Maintenance team following a suggestion for the temporary withdrawal of litter picking in the Quarry. He indicated that the withdrawal of litter picking at the Quarry was not supported by the team due to health and safety concerns but stated that the team would be interested in exploring such a trial at an alternative location.

He also reported on the street cleansing programme and reported on plans to increase the frequency of the present eight week cycle to allow more frequent cleansing. He stated that parked cars were problematic for the street cleansing team and the Environmental Maintenance Team were seeking ways to publicise the planned street sweeping. Members of the Committee asked the local residents to contact them with details of any specific problems.

Andy Goldsmith gave an update in respect of the number of on the spot fines issued for littering offences and indicated that 47 fixed penalty notices had been issued for littering and dog fouling; 44 of which had been paid and 3 were progressing through the court system. Local residents were advised to contact Shropshire Council to report instances of dog fouling giving as much information as possible.

Local residents expressed concern at the former Severn Apprentice Public House which had recently suffered arson attacks. Andy Goldsmith reported on the negotiations which had taken place with the owner to improve the state of the building.

39. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Mansel Williams declared a personal interest in item 41(1c) - Local Joint Committee Budget Report - Belle Vue Youth Club in that he knew the people who ran the facility.

Councillor Alan Townsend declared a personal interest in item number 41(1b) - Local Joint Committee Budget Report - Jigsaw Community Choir in that the Choir would be performing at a mayoral function; and a personal interest in item 41(1c) the Belle Vue Youth Club in that his wife had previously volunteered at the Youth Club and he had used the facility for community art based activities.

40. LOCAL POLICING UPDATE

Acting Inspector Claire Greenaway gave an update on issues affecting the Severn Loop locality. She indicated that the local policing team were concentrating on problems and issues such as antisocial behaviour and the inappropriate behaviour of young people, cycling on pavements, under age drinking and traffic congestion.

Acting Inspector Greenaway reported on the work undertaken by the litter pick volunteers and thanked the local residents who gave up their time to undertake the task.

Local residents expressed concerns over the inappropriate behaviour and congregation of young people in the Square. Acting Inspector Greenaway indicated that the issue was being actively pursued and that, if persistent

could be dealt with by a public order offence.

Local residents asked about the frequency of patrols around the Coton Hill area by the Community Support Officer; Acting Inspector Greenaway agreed to raise this with the local policing team.

Richard Goodchild gave an update on the Shop and Pubwatch Schemes and indicated that retail and violent crime had dropped in 2009.

Steve Cox, Crew Manager Green Watch reported on the number of call outs by the Fire Service in the area. He reminded those present of the importance of fitting smoke detectors and invited people to contact the Community Fire Safety Department at Brigade HQ., St Mary's Street, Shrewsbury for a free home safety assessment. The website was also a useful source of fire safety information www.shropshirefire.gov.uk.

The Chairman thanked Claire Greenaway, Richard Goodchild and Steve Cox for their input and attendance.

41. LOCAL JOINT COMMITTEE BUDGET REPORT

Andy Goldsmith presented the Budget Decision Report which set out details of the grant funding applications had been received.

RESOLVED:

1. That the following projects funded from the Severn Loop Local Joint Committee 2009/10 budget be approved:
 - a. Darwin Community Centre Security Upgrade - that £1,450 be approved to improve security of the Community Centre by the installation of an alarm system, window and fire door locks and heat sensitive automatic lighting
 - b. Jigsaw Sound Community Choir - Uniform Project - that £1,500 be approved to purchase black woollen wraps to complete the ladies' choir uniform.
 - c. Equipment for Belle Vue Youth Club - that £1,181 be approved (representing 50% of the total amount requested) to aid the running of the club and that the application is forwarded to other Shrewsbury Local Joint Committees for consideration.
 - d. The Shrewsbury Ark - request to purchase several items of equipment to ease and improve the running of the centre - that £5,600 be approved to fund some of the equipment required that will make the largest individual improvement, namely: combination oven, refrigerator, freezer, microwave oven, washing machine and dryer.
 - e. Listen to the Band - that £270 be approved to undertake a feasibility study of holding concerts on the bandstand in the Quarry and that the Local Joint Committee request Shrewsbury Town Council to waive the bandstand hire fee in support of this application.
 - f. Shrewsbury Childrens' Bookfest May Festival - that £2,525 be approved to support the running of the annual Bookfest; however the Severn Loop Local Joint Committee actively seek

Andy
Goldsmith

reimbursement of the grant award from the Central Shropshire Partnership.

2. That the following application be refused:

- a. Coton Hill Parade Improvements - Commission of Service - that the request for replacement of the benches and bins and refurbishment of the railings along the Coton Hill Parade be refused as the local residents did not consider the proposed improvement works to be necessary.

42. HAVE YOUR SAY / FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS / UPDATE

The Chairman encourage all present to complete the forms with any comments.

Future suggested agenda items included:

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- The possibility of the Severn Loop Local Joint Committee funding flashing speed signs;
- Update on the Smithfield Road improvements works.
- Update on youth consultation.

43. COMMUNITY WORKING UPDATE

Ruth Mansfield presented a powerpoint presentation on the work undertaken by the Community Working Team within the town.

Anyone seeking community funding was encouraged to contact Ruth Mansfield and she would be able to provide advice and / or direction to alternative sources of funds.

44. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on the 10 May 2010 at 7.00 pm in the Guildhall, Frankwell Quay, Shrewsbury.

7.00 pm to 9.30 pm

Signed:
Chairman

Date:

**SEVERN LOOP LOCAL JOINT COMMITTEE -
COMMENTS & QUESTIONS ARISING
FROM THE MEETING HELD ON THE 10 MARCH 2010**

0.	COMMENT / QUESTION / ISSUE	RESPONSIBLE OFFICER	RESPONSE
1.	Suggestion for economies / efficiencies that could be made by our authority.	Director of Resources	Comment noted. Issue examined in January 2010 meeting. Possible future agenda item.
2.	Consultation on Youth People	Community Regeneration Officer / Connexions	Future agenda item. Update will be provided at the May meeting.
3.	Update on Youth Consultation	Community Regeneration Officer / Connexions	Future agenda item. Update will be provided at the May meeting.
4.	Has Ruth had a good result regarding the youth service consultation and questionnaire.	Community Regeneration Officer / Connexions	Future agenda item. Update will be provided at the May meeting.