



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 MAY 2010 AT THE GUILDHALL, FRANKWELL QUAY, SHREWSBURY

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

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

Mansel Williams

Dr Maxwell Winchester

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

Anne Chebsey

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

Alan Townsend

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

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

Sergeant Claire Greenaway, Sergeant Julie Shephard, PC Cheryl Hare, PC Mike Dulson, CSO Robert Taylor.

There were approximately 55 members of the public present at the meeting.

	<b>ACTION</b>
<b>1. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN</b> <b>RESOLVED:</b> That Councillor Dr Maxwell Winchester be elected Chairman for the ensuing municipal year.	
<b>2. CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME</b> The Chairman, Maxwell Winchester, welcomed everyone to the Severn Loop Local Joint Committee.	
<b>3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</b> Apologies were received from Town Councillor Andrew Wagner and several local residents.	
<b>4. APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHAIRMAN</b> <b>RESOLVED:</b> That Councillor Mansel Williams be appointed Vice Chairman for the	

ensuing municipal year.

5. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None.

6. **NOTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

The notes of the meeting held on the 10 March 2010 were confirmed.

7. **LOCAL POLICING UPDATE**

Sergeant Claire Greenaway gave an update on issues affecting the town centre. She indicated that the local policing team were targeting issues such as cycling on pavements and antisocial behaviour in the bus station and thanked local residents for their assistance in identifying the PACT priorities.

Sergeant Julie Shephard gave an update on policing matters within the Coton Hill area. She reported that work had started to establish a local Coton Hill PACT panel and outlined the arrangements for a street briefing to be held on the 25 June 2010 at 6.30 pm in Round Hill Green, Coton Hill.

Police Officer Mike Dulson reported on policing matters in Porthill and Belle Vue. He indicated that the current PACT priority was fear of crime and the local policing team had been advising on crime prevention measures and issuing crime prevention packs to householders.

Local residents raised several items of concern with the local policing teams, primary issues identified included reckless cycling on pavements, litter and street cleansing and dog fouling across the Severn Loop geographical area. A discussion also took place about the littering and dog fouling and the best way of keeping the town tidy and dealing with the perpetrators. Sergeant Greenaway outlined the ability to issue fixed penalty notices to perpetrators. The local policing teams urged residents to report instances and keep a record of dates and times which could be dealt with retrospectively by the police.

The Chairman requested that figures in respect of the number of people fined for littering and dog fouling be submitted to the next meeting.

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8. **BUDGET REPORT**

Andy Goldsmith presented the Budget Decision Report which set out details of the grant funding applications had been received. He indicated that the allocated budget for 2010/2011 was £37,000 and confirmed that the underspend carried forward from 2009/10 of £19,304 gave a total budget £56,304 for the new financial year.

**RESOLVED:**

1. That the following projects funded from the Severn Loop Local Joint Committee 2009/10 budget be approved:
  - a. **Shrewsbury Canoe Club - purchase of new equipment for use by current and future members (amended application)** - that the grant awarded on 27 January 2010 of £2,170 be confirmed for

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the purchase of the following equipment: purchase of 2 x large pool boats, 2 x small pool boats for river use, 2 x adult boats for river use, 1 x sea boat, 6 x junior paddles, 10 x airbags and 2 x pairs of thigh grips.

- b. **Tidy Shrewsbury Group - Tidy Shrewsbury Group Campaigns** - that £1,771.31 be approved to provide two new pedestal cigarette and chewing gum bins and five wall mounted bins to reduce the cigarette and chewing gum problem in the town centre and to also run educational campaigns.
- c. **Shrewsbury Town Centre Residents' Association - It's 20 for a reason: Promoting Speed Management Strategy** - that £8,000 be approved to fund two vehicle activated signs; one to be used at specified locations within the town centre, the other to rotate across the Severn Loop area and that the signs be set at the appropriate speed limit according to the specific stretch of road.
- d. **Shrewsbury Pubwatch / Ward Councillors - Belle Vue and Coleham Pubwatch** - that £750 be approved to establish Pubwatch in the Belle Vue and Coleham area in time for the world cup. West Mercia Police Constabulary fully supported the application.
- e. **Coton Hill Residents - Community Bus Coton Hill** - that £10,000 be approved to operate the Community Bus Coton Hill for up to a further six months. It was also agreed that the application would be considered further once the results of the tender negotiations were known. Councillor Alan Townsend (as Mayor of Shrewsbury) abstained from voting on the application as he deemed the application to be of a controversial nature.

2. That the following application be refused:

- a. **Shrewsbury Tourism Association - Shrewsbury - Do you know?** - a request to fund the production and distribution of information sheets for tourism key service providers - that the application be refused by the Severn Loop Local Joint Committee and that it be referred to Destination Shrewsbury for consideration.

## 9. **UPDATE ON YOUTH CONSULTATION**

Ruth Mansfield, Community Regeneration Officer gave powerpoint presentation on the results of the youth consultation undertaken earlier in the year by the Shropshire Connexions on behalf of the Severn Loop LJC. She invited local residents to contact her for further details.

## 10. **HAVE YOUR SAY / FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS / UPDATE**

Each member of the Severn Loop Local Joint Committee gave a brief update on matters within their respective wards.

Local residents were encouraged to have their say and the following points / questions raised:

LJC

- Problems with the traffic lights / traffic flow at junction of Bridge Street / Smithfield Road / Claremont Bank - Maxwell Winchester confirmed he had raised this with the Highways Engineers and remedial work was in hand.
- No Left Turn signage at Victoria Quay - the recent roadworks at Bridge Street / Victoria Quay now prevent vehicles from making left turns on to the Welsh Bridge but no road sign is in place and road markings say 'Ahead Only'. **Action:** the issue would be forwarded to the Traffic Management and Highway Engineering Team for attention.
- Claremont Bank / Bridge Street - could the yellow box junction be reinstated? Maxwell Winchester indicated that the box junction had not been reinstated following the improvement works due to the area being located in a conservation area but added that the traffic flow in the vicinity was being monitored.
- Have the planning laws changed for the use of 'A' Boards in the town centre? Maxwell Winchester stated that a town centre inspection tour with the Planning Enforcement Officers had already been arranged to look at this.
- Quantum Leap - the original planning application was for railings; the white barrier is out of keeping, can it be removed? Maxwell Winchester indicated that the barrier was a temporary measure and expected it to be replaced by railings as per the planning permission.

The Chairman encouraged those present to complete the update forms with any specific comments.

#### 11. **CONSULTATION UPDATE: SITE ALLOCATIONS AND MANAGEMENT OF DEVELOPMENT**

The Chairman referred to the Planning for a Flourishing Shropshire (Site Allocations and Management of Development) consultation and urged everyone to get involved to have their say on future planning issues which would affect the local area. He urged all interested parties to attend the consultation event on the 19 May 2010 between 4.30 pm and 8.00 pm in the Guildhall to get actively involved.

#### 12. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on the 12 July 2010 at 7.00 pm in the Guildhall, Frankwell Quay, Shrewsbury.

**7.00 pm to 9.45 pm**

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

**Date:** .....

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

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1.	Several comments made in respect of littering around the town. A request was made for an update to be provided respect of environmental enforcement.	<p data-bbox="810 412 1495 1106">Environmental Enforcement are using Intelligence to task resources to address one of the most common concerns and issued that are highlighted from community meetings, which is littering (including fly tipping) and dog fouling. To address these concerns over 30 council officers have successfully achieved the appropriate qualification to be delegated further powers to address environmental crime, by issuing fixed penalty notices (FPN's) for littering and dog fouling. The Officers will work with communities by gathering intelligence from local elected members, residents, partnership agencies and evidence gathered from recorded data, rather than simply responding to just individual incidents. From the Intelligence gained they will carry out Enforcement and educational operations to address public concerns.</p> <p data-bbox="810 1151 1495 1397">The Environmental Enforcement team works within the Development Services Directorate and is made up from Parking Civil Enforcement Officers (CEO's), Public Space Surveillance CCTV monitors, Dog wardens and Bylaw inspector and links into the five Street Scene Teams for Environmental Maintenance.</p> <p data-bbox="810 1442 1495 1980">The Environmental Enforcement officers provide a flexible service, working at the grass roots level and responding to the needs of the community across Shropshire. Environmental officers have been specially trained and uniformed to provide an approachable responsive to community needs. By providing a highly visible, reassuring presence and tackle problems that matter to most local people. The role covers a wide range of issues including; litter, graffiti, fly-posting, nuisance parking, leaflet distribution, dog fouling and bins on streets. The team also observe and report any other issues relating to crime and disorder.</p> <p data-bbox="810 2024 1495 2056">The Team has developed links with</p>

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		<p>communities and other local services and officers are briefed daily to ensure they patrol specific areas and problems. We work towards providing an excellent, customer focused, visible and accessible service to help ensure safety, cleanliness and a free flow of traffic in our communities.</p> <p><b>Update:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Forty Seven (47) fixed penalty notices (FPN's) have been issued for littering and dog fouling. With the exception of three (3) that have been sent to legal service for non payment and request court proceedings – <b>From April 2009 –March 2010 – total 13 issued 10 litter and 3 dog fouling.</b></li> <li>Public space Surveillance CCTV (central area) between April 2009 and November 2009 over 4304 pro active monitoring incidents and 1070 real time monitoring incidents were recorded for example incidents of criminal activity (assaults, burglary, drugs, criminal damage) , missing people and public disorder.</li> <li>Parking Charge notices (PCN's) although the service has evolved into a more ambassadorial role that has resulted in a more lenient approach to parking and reduced the staff by 50% Over 20,000 PCN's have been issued and demand from the public for more officers has increased.</li> <li>It is noted that the team can only respond to intelligence received from communities and other operational council officer. Therefore it is planned to give Local Policing Teams the delegated powers to issue fixed penalty notices for littering and dog fouling.</li> </ul> <p>Following concerns raised during the meeting of litter specifically at Smithfield Road and Victoria Road, an inspection had been made by the Town Centre Policing Team to both locations who reported at the time of</p>

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		inspection, there were some pockets of rubbish, neither appeared to be a great issue at that time.
2.	Is it possible to have interim updated / meetings with councillors / officers regarding pertinent issues to allow more info to be dealt with to prevent large parts of LJC meetings being on any one issue. That makes it easier to have 'rational' rather than 'heated' discussions and people can be canvassed and opinions expressed!	Members often meet with residents outside of the LJC process to discuss specific constituency issues. The LJC should not replace these arrangements and where necessary residents should contact their local councillor prior to raising issues at the LJC.
3.	Can local member, Community Regeneration Officer, some residents from Coton Hill / Herongate and Council members / officers from Herongate meet to see about amenities similar to those at Sundorne for this side of town.	Comments noted. Local area issue for local member and Community Regeneration Officer.
4.	Round Hill Green, Coton Hill - residents bothered by youths late evenings drinking, foul language, bongs - they have to clear up regularly on mornings before they go to work. Where are the Police / CSOs - they don't want any amenities put there.	Matter referred to the Local Policing Team to contact the local resident directly. The Local Police have confirmed that the local resident is working with the police in identifying PACT priorities for the area.
5.	Suggest looking at the bus service throughout the Severn Loop LJC area.	Comments noted.
6.	Local Litter Black spot: Kingsland Bridge, rubbish tossed over the fences, on the Quarry side and also on the town side. It's never cleared. Does the land belong to the Kingsland Bridge company?	Matter referred to the Environment Maintenance Team for action.
7.	A proper discussion on how better to involve people between meetings, including operating the provision of co-opting (as non-voting) members to the Committee.	Comments noted.