



Committee and date:  
The Severn Loop Local Joint  
Committee  
  
2 February 2011  
  
7.00 p.m.

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## THE SEVERN LOOP LOCAL JOINT COMMITTEE

### NOTE OF DECISIONS AND ACTIONS ARISING FROM THE MEETING HELD ON THE 13 OCTOBER 2010 AT THE GUILDHALL, FRANKWELL QUAY, SHREWSBURY

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

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

Dr Maxwell Winchester (Chairman)  
Mansel Williams

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

Anne Chebsey

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

Alan Townsend

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

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

Ian Rouse  
Cheryl Hare  
David Walton  
Jo Winter

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

Guy Williams

There were approximately 30 members of the public present at the meeting.

#### **ACTION:**

#### **23. CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME**

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the Severn Loop Local Joint Committee.

#### **24. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from several local residents.

#### **25. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

The following declarations of interest were made:

All members of the Committee:

**Minute 29: Darwin Community Centre** - personal interest in that the applicant was known to them.

Councillor Alan Townsend:

**Minute 29: Visual Arts Network** - Personal interest in that he was actively involved in Shropshire Arts Society and the applicant may be known to him. He had not been approached to discuss the funding application.

Councillor Mansel Williams:

**Minute 29: Visual Arts Network** - Personal interest in that members of the Visual Arts Network were known to him but he had not been approached to discuss the funding application.

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

The notes of the meeting held on the 12 July 2010 were confirmed.

## **27. LOCAL POLICING / FIRE SERVICE UPDATE**

PC David Walton, PC Cheryl Hare and PC Jo Winter updated everyone on policing activities within the Severn Loop area and answered questions. Inspector Ian Rouse introduced himself to the meeting and encouraged local residents to contact their local policing teams with any concerns and also to get involved with the PACT (Police and Communities Together) process either by completing a PACT survey either online, by visiting the Riverside Police Station or by attending any of the PACT surgeries held throughout the Severn Loop area.

Guy Williams, Station Manager, Shrewsbury Fire and Rescue introduced himself and briefed the local residents on the work undertaken by the Shropshire Fire and Rescue Service. An invitation was extended to those present to contact the Fire and Rescue Service with any concerns and reminded people to use the 999 number for emergencies.

The Chairman thanked the representatives of West Mercia Police and Shropshire Fire and Rescue for their attendance and updates.

## **28. LOCAL JOINT COMMITTEE / COMMUNITY WORKING UPDATE**

The Chairman welcomed Councillor Gwilym Butler, Portfolio Holder and Cabinet Member to the meeting who gave an update on the proposed future arrangements for the Local Joint Committees. He stated that proposals would be considered by Cabinet in October/November 2010 with consideration by Council in December 2010. He stated that if the proposals were approved they would come into effect on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2011.

The proposals recommended that the number of formal Local Joint Committee meetings be reduced from 4 meetings per year to 2. He advised that the proposals encouraged local Councillors to hold their own informal meetings with members of the community and that support would be forthcoming to assist Members, but stressed that the informal meetings would not be supported or attended by Council Officers.

In respect of Shrewsbury Local Joint Committees, it was proposed that each area Local Joint Committee would hold 2 formal meetings per year and a further 2 Shrewsbury wide meetings would be held primarily to consider

issues affecting Shrewsbury as a whole together with town wide funding applications.

The following issues were raised during the discussion:

The constitutional make up of the Local Joint Committees was raised as an issue. The Portfolio Holder confirmed that the Local Joint Committees were constitutional meetings, however, the constitution permitted the Shropshire Councillors to decide how the meetings should be run in accordance how best suited the local community and in consultation with the local town council members. The members of the Committee confirmed that much work was undertaken in preparation for the formal meetings and that councillors regularly engaged with their local communities in encouraging groups to apply for funding and encouraging residents to attend the meetings.

The Chairman thanked Councillor Butler for his informative update.

Ruth Mansfield, Community Regeneration Officer outlined the work and projects undertaken within the Severn Loop area and gave an update on some of the successful funding applicants and organisations.

## **29. BUDGET REPORT**

Andy Goldsmith presented the Budget Decision report in respect of matters requiring a decision by the Committee on grant funding applications.

### **RESOLVED:**

1. That the following applications for funding by the Severn Loop Local Joint Committee 2010/2011 budget be approved:

**Darwin Community Centre Marketing Campaign:** that **£575.75 be funded** to develop and produce a marketing campaign for the Darwin Community Centre to make it more commercially viable and raise the profile.

**Shropshire Army Cadet Force Band and Bugles IT Upgrade:** that **£185.71 be funded** to purchase IT equipment to be used to enhance the musical education and training of cadets ages between 12 and 18 years and to enable presentations to be given.

**Shrewsbury Amateur Operatic Society Production of 'Oliver' at Theatre Severn:** that **£1,000 be funded** to assist the Society to perform the musical 'Oliver' at Theatre Severn.

**Shrewsbury Handbells - Refurbishment of Handbells:** that **£1,806.48 be funded** to refurbish the existing handbells **subject to** the Shrewsbury Handbells performing on three separate occasions per annum over the next five years within the Severn Loop LJC area at venues and events to be agreed with the Chairman.

**Visual Arts Network Galleries Live Project at the Market Hall (Stage 1) -** that **£4,500 be funded** to raise the profile of the Visual Arts Network by running free workshops and delivering outreach work

to local community groups **subject to a revised business case being submitted to the Community Regeneration Officer.**

The Committee agreed that the cost of the 6 artist run workshops be reduced from £4,000 to £2,000 and that the funding for website development be deleted from the application.

**DASH - Disability Arts in Shropshire Digital Hotdesk** - that **£833.33 be funded** towards the setting up of a 'Digital Hotdesk' within the DASH space at Monkmoor subject to the project receiving support from the Eastern Shrewsbury Local Joint Committee.

**Coton Hill Community Allotment Association - Site Development** - that **£10,550 be funded** towards the creation of an allotment site and community garden on a current discussed field on the Berwick Estate **subject to** the agreement of a suitable minimum five year lease period. The Committee agreed that the cost of the shed demolition /clearance (£200) and the labour for the installation of tanks, taps and pipeworks (£200) be deleted from the application; further, that officers be asked to investigate the availability of other land for allotments in the area.

**Coton Hill Residents Improvements to Round Hill Green** - that a **contribution of £500 be funded** to undertake local community consultation and for the plans to be drawn up and necessary consents applied for; and with the support of the local community and Town Council the application be reconsidered by the Severn Loop LJC.

**Coton Hill Parade Improvements - Commission of Service** - that **£4,600 be funded** to replace the current utilitarian benches, to provide two litter bins and the installation of an information display board together with the repair and repainting of railings.

2. That the following application be refused:

**Car Park Extension - St Winefride's RC Church** - that the request for a funding contribution of £1,000 towards the refurbishment of existing and new extension to the car park **be refused** as the church itself is not located with the LJC area and there is no evidence of local community benefit for the Severn Loop LJC.

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

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

- Lack of seating at the St Mary's Church bus stop - a bid could be submitted to the LJC for seating. It was noted that the Town Council were responsible for bus stops and it may be helpful to contact them directly.
- Could the Town Council do something about the Butcher Row Public Toilets - Councillor Anne Chebsey updated the meeting on the Town Council's public conveniences refurbishment programme and agreed to raise the concerns with Shrewsbury Town Council.

- Shrewsbury Town Vision - concern raised about the apparent lack of conservation within the submission - the local resident was advised to make contact with Shrewsbury Vision to raise his concerns.
- Arriva Bus Passes - how do we know the correct fares are being charged? Andy Goldsmith indicated that following the deregulation of public transport bus companies are able to set their own prices and as a result pricing is out of the Council's control. He confirmed that on board audits were undertaken.

The Chairman encouraged everyone to complete the feedback forms with any specific comments or to contact their local councillor with any specific concerns.

### **31. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on the 2 February 2011 at 7.00 pm in the Guildhall, Frankwell Quay, Shrewsbury.

**7.00 pm to 9.30 pm**

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

**Date:** .....