



<b>Committee and Date</b> The Severn Loop Local Joint Committee  18 May 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 2 FEBRUARY 2011 AT THE GUILDHALL, FRANKWELL QUAY, SHREWSBURY

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

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

Mansel Williams

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

Miles Kenny (as substitute for Anne Chebsey)

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

Alan Townsend

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

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

Cheryl Hare

Claire Greenaway

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

Phil Davies

There were approximately 20 members of the public present at the meeting.

#### **ACTION:**

#### **1. CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME**

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the Severn Loop Local Joint Committee. It was noted that Max Winchester had resigned from Shropshire Council and a bi-election for the Quarry and Coton Hill Ward would be held on the 17 February 2011.

#### **2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Anne Chebsey and several local residents. It was noted Miles Kenny was in attendance as a substitute for her.

#### **3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

The following declarations of interest were made:

Councillor Alan Townsend:

**Minute 7: Belle Vue Community Arts Group** - in that he and his wife were founder members of the Group although were no longer actively involved. He left the room and took no part in the consideration of the item.

**4. NOTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

The notes of the meeting held on the 13 October 2010 were confirmed.

**5. LOCAL POLICING UPDATE**

PC Cheryl Hare and Sergeant Claire Greenaway updated everyone on policing activities within the Severn Loop area and answered questions from members of the public present at the meeting.

Items of concern raised by local residents during the PACT meetings had been cycling on pavements, dog fouling, antisocial behaviour, boy racers at Raven Meadows and begging at Greyfriars. The actions undertaken by both Shropshire Council and West Mercia Police were outlined which would hopefully help alleviate the problems.

The Chairman thanked Sergeant Claire Greenaway and PC Cheryl Hare for their updates, he recorded his thanks to the local policing teams throughout the locality.

**6. SHROPSHIRE FIRE AND RESCUE UPDATE**

Phil Davies of Shrewsbury Fire and Rescue introduced himself and briefed the local residents on the work undertaken by the Shropshire Fire and Rescue Service.

He made reference to the changes to the Fire Service's budget following the comprehensive spending review. Further details about the funding changes could be found at:

[www.shropshirefire.gov.uk/about-sfrs/business-consultation-2011](http://www.shropshirefire.gov.uk/about-sfrs/business-consultation-2011)

He indicated that Shropshire Fire and Rescue Service would no longer be able to provide smoke detectors as a matter of course but stressed that home fire safety visits would continue and that the Brigade would fit be able to fit smoke detectors which had been privately purchased. Mr Davies also reported that the Fire and Rescue Service would continue to undertake as much community work as possible.

The Chairman thanked Mr Davies for his update.

**7. SHROPSHIRE COUNCIL BUDGET BRIEFING**

Andy Goldsmith outlined the Council's Budget proposals for 2011/12 and outlined the impact on Shropshire of the Comprehensive Spending Review and Draft Settlement. It was noted that £30 million savings was required to be made in the next financial year and a projected saving of £66 million was required to be found over a four year period. It was acknowledged that the savings were being achieved through efficiency saving measures and that the Council's intention was to protect frontline services as far as possible.

The Chairman thanked Mr Goldsmith for the presentation.

## 8. SEVERN LOOP 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:

**Patchwork Community Choir:** that **£1322.00 be funded** to purchase a variety of sound amplification equipment to enhance the performance of the choir during productions at a greater variety of venues.

**Belle Vue Community Arts Group:** that **£1500.00 be funded** to encourage participation in community life to involve active and passive participation in the various events and workshops offered by the Belle Vue Arts Festival.

**Jigsaw Sound Choral Group:** that **£500 be funded** to assist the Group in the purchase of a full set of legally sourced music for each member of the choir.

**Barnabus Community Church - Purchase of Cage Football:** that **£500.00 be funded** to purchase a cage football system to be housed at the Barnabus Community Church

**Shrewsbury Dialaride** - that **£1,000 be funded** to assist in the purchase of new computer equipment and software in order to develop the service offered and increase capacity in the service provision.

**West Mercia Police on behalf of Street Pastors:** that **£2,600 be funded** towards the setting up of a street pastors scheme (provision of pastoral care to vulnerable persons) to operate during the nighttime economy within the river loop.

**St Chad's Festival** - that **£1,250.00 be funded** towards St Chad's Annual Festival of Music **subject to** the funding not being used to meet any the fees of any professional artists.

2. That the following applications be refused:

**Future Roots Free Live Music Event** - that the request for a funding contribution of £2,985 towards the delivery of a free live music event **be refused**; whilst local residents may enjoy the event and the event may increase footfall within the town centre and add to the economic vitality of the town, the event has not been initiated the local community and the artists are professional touring artists thus there is little evidence of local community benefit for the Severn Loop LJC.

**Wellspring Apostolic Church:** that the request for funding of £14,550 for the repair and reinstatement of a boundary wall **be refused** as members of the Committee determined that the application was for reinstatement of the wall rather than the subsequent community

activities and as such, the community benefit to the residents arising from the work is very limited.

**9. COMMUNITY ACTION UPDATE**

Ruth Mansfield gave an update on the work undertaken by the Community Action Team within the locality.

She also briefed those present on the future arrangements for the Local Joint Committees within the Shrewsbury area. A new Shrewsbury wide Local Joint Committee had been established and would meet on the 28<sup>th</sup> April 2011. The new Shrewsbury LJC would offer an opportunity to examine Shrewsbury wide issues and those present were encouraged to attend the inaugural meeting and get involved.

A number of changes had taken place within the Community Regeneration Team and as a result a reshuffle of officers had been undertaken. Ruth Mansfield indicated that Gwyn Bevan would be taking over as lead Community Action Officer with support from Lucy Roberts for the Severn Loop area.

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

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

**11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The inaugural meeting of the Shrewsbury Town Local Joint Committee will be held on the 28 April 2011 at the conclusion of the Shrewsbury Town Council Annual Meeting and will be held in the Guildhall, Frankwell Quay, Shrewsbury.

The next meeting of the Severn Loop Local Joint Committee will be held on Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> May 2011 at 7.00 pm in the Guildhall.

**7.00 pm to 9.30 pm**

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

**Date:** .....