

THE SEVERN LOOP LOCAL JOINT COMMITTEE

NOTE OF DECISIONS AND ACTIONS ARISING FROM THE MEETING HELD ON 19 JUNE 2013 AT THE GUILDHALL, FRANKWELL QUAY, SHREWSBURY

Responsible Officer: Ken James
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Committee Members Present:

Shropshire Council:

Andrew Bannerman
Anne Chebsey
Mansel Williams

Shrewsbury Town Council:

Alan Townsend

Others Present:

West Mercia Police:

Sergeant Claire Greenaway

There were approximately 9 members of the public present at the meeting.

1. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

It was **RESOLVED** that Councillor Andrew Bannerman be elected Chairman for the ensuing municipal year.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

3. APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

It was **RESOLVED** that Councillor Mansel Williams be appointed Vice-Chairman for the ensuing municipal year.

4. CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME

The Chairman made an introductory statement welcoming everyone to the meeting and gave a brief explanation and background about the purpose and powers of the meeting.

ACTION:

5. DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS

Members were reminded that they must not participate in the discussion or voting on any matter in which they had a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest and should leave the room prior to the commencement of the debate.

6. NOTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Agreed - Notes of the meeting held on 27th March 2013 be approved and signed as a correct record by the Chairman.

7. UPDATES

The following updates on actions arising from the previous meeting were received:

- Wayfinder Project – Councillor Andrew Bannerman indicated that the consultant had produced some good ideas to offer visitors a clearer and brighter path through the town.
- Riverside Shopping Centre - Councillor Andrew Bannerman undertook to pursue the provision of signage to indicate that this was a site that was undergoing redevelopment.
- Scrutiny of the Planning Process - Councillor Andrew Bannerman indicated that he had made an approach to the Chairman of the Enterprise and Growth Scrutiny Committee requesting a review of the planning application process and was awaiting a response.
- West Mid Showground - Councillor Anne Chebsey reported that, to address the concerns of local residents and assist the successful operation of the site, the Council were working closely with the new trustees and committee managing the site to ensure that events were properly policed, finished on time and did not exceed noise limits.

**Andrew
Bannerman**

8. LOCAL POLICING UPDATE

Sergeant Claire Greenaway spoke on the priority matters and initiatives being pursued within the Severn Loop area as follows:

- Concentrated efforts to reduce burglary continued to be made as a key area of strategic policing and a number of successful prosecutions had been made.
- Violent crime and alcohol aggravated behaviour and anti-social behaviour continued to be addressed as a matter of priority and the efforts made had curbed the number of incidents.
- A patrol strategy was in place for the summer months to clear the town centre at the closure of the night-time establishments.
- Work had been undertaken with the Council to control the number of charity collections and regulate on-street entertainment in the town centre.
- The person graffitiing in passages and shuts had been apprehended and it was hoped that this would be removed during the tidying-up of the town centre with replacement bins and benches.

- Work to address incidents of cycling on pavements and footbridges and tackle offenders continued and good progress had been made in the Greyfriars area.
- The town centre police office was to be retained with the town centre to be policed by a mixture of safe neighbourhood police officers and community support officers with increased powers.

Sergeant Claire Greenaway indicated that she would be moving on from policing Shrewsbury town centre from 1st October and thanked everyone for their support during her time as the town centre sergeant.

The Committee and all those present thanked Sergeant Claire Greenaway for her valuable work and wished her well for the future.

9. FUNDING UPDATE

Gwyn Bevan, Community Action Officer, reported that one grant funding application had been received and this had been referred to the Shrewsbury Wide LJC for consideration.

He indicated that the grants funding budget for this LJC for 2013/14 was approximately £15,000 and assistance could also be provided with accessing lottery funding, grants for community groups and sports clubs.

10. COMMUNITY ACTION UPDATE

Gwyn Bevan referred to the progress being made with the Business Improvement District for the town centre and directed local residents to Shrewsbury Town Council's website and noticeboards for information on forthcoming events in the town. He indicated that the Council's Public Protection Team had two out of hours enforcement officers available for the County and they were picking-up on issues around the town centre.

11. HAVE YOUR SAY – QUESTION TIME

Councillor Andrew Bannerman asked all those present to complete and return the feedback forms circulated before leaving.

He then invited questions/comments from local residents and the following issues were raised:

- Meetings of the LJC
2 meetings a year were required and these were arranged at six month intervals to spread them out across the year. Members indicated that they were minded to hold a third meeting in the year in March 2014.
- Vandalism
Concern expressed about petty vandalism by youths causing damage to properties and business in the town and the need for assistance to be provided to enable them to channel their energy more positively. Gwyn Bevan indicated that the youth offending team ran a programme to address these issues and the court diversionary scheme provided the opportunity for those convicted of offences to work in the community and make more positive contributions.

**Gwyn
Bevan**

- Northern Gateway Enhancement Scheme
Councillor Andrew Bannerman indicated that he would pursue the replacement of damage trees. Traffic light phasing was being monitored and adjusted as the scheme was bedding down. The following observations from local residents and Members would be reported to Highways Officers - buses unnecessarily using the centre lane through Cross Street; the possibility of the left hand lane through Cross Street for traffic turning left being free flow; vehicles cutting round Raven Meadows to jump ahead of traffic congestion on Smithfield Road; and whether HGV collisions with Cross Street bridge had been reduced
Andrew Bannerman
- Youth Development Work
Councillor Andrew Bannerman undertook to check if a Council officer could attend the next meeting to speak on youth development.
Andrew Bannerman
- Metal Sculptures in Flower Bed on Smithfield Road
Councillor Andrew Bannerman indicated that the sculptures were part of the Sustrains Cycleway project from part of the funding for the provision of public art.
- Cricket Fixtures at The County Ground, Frankwell
Gwyn Bevan indicated that he would check whether the Town Council noticeboard could be used to display forthcoming fixtures.
- North West Relief Road
Councillor Mansell Williams indicated that the route was not a protected route but a preferred route and could not proceed without Central Government funding.
- Street Cleansing
Concern expressed about the amount of cigarette ends dropped around the town centre that were not being cleared by the cleansing machines. Councillor Andrew Bannerman undertook to check if the Council's Street Scene Officer for the area could attend the next meeting to speak on the matter.
Andrew Bannerman
- Part Night Lighting Initiative
Councillor Anne Chebsey indicated that she would be raising a question at the next Council meeting on 18th July asking the Portfolio Holder to review the policy.
Anne Chebsey

12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING AND DATES FOR MEETINGS IN 2013/14

Next meeting to be held on Wednesday 23rd October 2013 at 7.00 p.m. in the Council Chamber at The Guildhall, Frankwell Quay, Shrewsbury.

Ken James

7.00 pm to 8.50 pm

Signed:
Chairman

Date: