



Committee and Date The Severn Loop Local Joint Committee Wednesday 5.3.14 Darwin Community Centre.

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THE SEVERN LOOP LOCAL JOINT COMMITTEE

NOTE OF DECISIONS AND ACTIONS ARISING FROM THE MEETING HELD ON 23 OCTOBER 2013 AT THE GUILDHALL, FRANKWELL QUAY, SHREWSBURY

Responsible Officer: Gwyn Bevan
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Committee Members Present:

Shropshire Council:

Andrew Bannerman
Anne Chebsey
Mansel Williams

Shrewsbury Town Council:

Alan Townsend

There were approximately 26 members of the public present at the meeting.

ACTION:

13. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Mr Alan Townsend (Shrewsbury Town Council).

14. 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.

15. 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.

16. NOTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Agreed - Notes of the meeting held on 19 June 2013 be approved and signed as a correct record by the Chairman.

17. UPDATES

The Chairman updated the meeting.

Clive Wright who was the Area Commissioner is now the Chief Executive. His role as area commissioner for Central Shropshire is now being shared

**Andrew
Bannerman**

by Tim Smith (North) and Chris Edwards (South)

There have been changes within planning, with Central Government issuing guidelines to local authorities encouraging them to decide in favour of local development.

The Council has to make £80 million of savings over the coming three years and much of this will have to be achieved in 2014/15 and may involve the loss of up to 50% of staff.

18. Business Improvement District for Shrewsbury.

Kirsten Henly, Shrewsbury BID Project Manager, handed out the BID Business Plan 2014-19, and explained the background of the BID and the process and dates that would be undertaken. The results of the vote would be known on 20.11.13.

19. FUNDING UPDATE AND COMMUNITY ACTION UPDATE

Gwyn Bevan, Community Action Officer, reported that three grant applications had been received as outlined in the enclosed report. The Committee has £18,226 of funds to allocate. The Committee agreed the grants below.

- A. Coton Hill Allotments. For materials to build a composting toilet and wildlife habitat plus tools for maintaining the site.

£722

- B. Shropshire Agricultural Society: For developing electrical hook-up points to improve camping/caravanning facilities.

£2000

- C. Shop in the Loop. For workshops and materials to develop the Lantern Parade for the Christmas Lights switch on.

£1320

Gwyn Bevan reported that his work with partners in the town continued, particularly with the Town Council and the local policing team. There were still funds available and he asked prospective applicants to contact him directly.

20. POLICING UPDATE.

Sergeant Ben Tanfield introduced the members of the new Town Centre Policing Team who were present: PC Karena Evans, PCSO Richard Walters and PCSO Robert Taylor. He stated that the Sergeant for the Town Centre is Sergeant Steve Fitzpatrick. Sergeant Tanfield updated the meeting on the arrangements for Bonfire Night and Halloween. He stated that crime and anti-social behaviour in the town were continuing to reduce.

Questions were then taken. Several concerns were expressed about dangerous and inconsiderate cycling around the town. Sergeant Tanfield stated that his team would continue to educate and prosecute where appropriate, and that the Chair, Andrew Bannerman, advised that this topic would be made an agenda item at the next meeting with input from the Shrewsbury Cycling Forum.

Questions were raised as to whether the 20mph speed limits were enforceable around the town. Sergeant Tanfield responded that the Association of Chief Police Officers (ACPO) policy is that they do not enforce the speed limits, although incidents of dangerous or careless driving would be investigated.

21.PUBLIC 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 those attending.

Northern Gateway

Although significant work has been carried out in the area, it still looks dirty, with poor signage. Councillor Andrew Bannerman stated that the bridges were the property of Network Rail and that he would speak with them.

Traffic issues

Concerns were raised about pedestrian lights and traffic flow at Howard Street, Coton Hill and Frankwell by the Welsh Bridge. Councillor Andrew Bannerman stated that he was aware of the issues and in ongoing consultation with the Highways Department.

North West Relief Road

Was this likely to happen to relieve congestion in the town? Councillor Mansel Williams stated that in the current financial environment it was extremely unlikely due to the cost. He stated that there were to be improvements to A5 junctions around the town, which would help traffic flow.

Previous funding

Funding had previously been provided for interactive maps, which were not linked to Shrewsbury Tourism. Councillor Andrew Bannerman stated that the situation would be resolved.

Coton Hill allotments had asked for £700 to create a composting toilet whilst Monkmoor allotments had previously spent £14,000 on two toilets. A member of the Coton Hill allotment committee stated that this was probably because they had only asked for funding for materials and were going to build the toilet themselves.

Riverside Shopping Centre

Was this likely to happen? Councillor Andrew Bannerman stated that the scheme was under review due to the current financial circumstances. The costs for the project had increased considerably.

The meeting felt that more could be done with the area to clean it up, including putting art work in empty shops and providing signage to inform people on what was planned.

22. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be at 7pm on Wednesday 5.3.14 at the Darwin Community Centre, Fellmongers Hall, Frankwell, Shrewsbury SY3 8YJ.

Councillor Andrew Bannerman.

Signed:
Chairman

Date: