



<u>Committee and Date</u>	<u>Item/Paper</u>
Wem and Shawbury Local Joint Committee	2
23 September 2009 7.00 pm	Public

WEM AND SHAWBURY LOCAL JOINT COMMITTEE

**MINUTES NOTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 6 JULY 2009 AT 7.00PM,
HADNALL VILLAGE HALL, HADNALL.**

PRESENT:

Members of the Committee:

Councillor P. A. Dee	Shropshire Council – Wem
Councillor C. J. Mellings	Shropshire Council – Wem
Councillor B. B. Williams	Shropshire Council – The Meres
Councillor S. P. A. Jones	Shropshire Council – Shawbury
Councillor K. D. Calder	Shropshire Council – Hodnet
Councillor Graham Godfrey-White	Clive Parish Council
Councillor Tom Wycherley	Grinshill Parish Council
Councillor Bryan Thomas	Hadnall Parish Council
Councillor Julie Bone	Loppington Parish Council
Councillor J. T. James	Moreton Corbet and Lee Brockhurst Parish Council
Councillor Russell Purslow	Myddle and Broughton Parish Council
Councillor John Kennedy	Shawbury Parish Council
Councillor Jo Humphreys	Stanton upon Hine Heath Parish Council
Councillor Len Staines	Wem Rural Parish Council
Councillor Edward Towers	Wem Town Council
Councillor John Edwards	Weston under Redcastle Parish Council
Councillor Graham Murphy	Whixall Parish Council

Officers:

Janet Graham	Assistant Director Multi-Agency and Prevention (Lead Officer)
Malcolm Bell	Interim Manager Strategic Minerals and Waste (Support Officer)
Tom Brettell	Senior Community Regeneration Officer
Sgt Julian Hinds	West Mercia Police
Shelley Davies	Committee Officer, Legal & Democratic Services (Notes)

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

ACTION

Welcome by the Lead Officer

The Lead Officer welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced the support officers.

1. Election of Chairman

- 1.1 The Lead Officer requested nominations for Chairman. It was proposed by Councillor Mrs Pauline Dee and

AGREED: That Councillor Chris Mellings be elected Chairman for the ensuing year.

2. Appointment of Vice-Chairman

- 2.1 The Chairman requested nominations for Vice-Chairman. It was proposed by Councillor Brian Williams, seconded by Councillor Chris Mellings and

AGREED: That Councillor Russell Purslow be appointed Vice-Chairman for the ensuing year.

3. Apologies for Absence

- 3.1 None received

4. Declarations of Interest

- 4.1 The following Councillors declared personal interests in relation to Agenda Item 9.

- Councillor Brian Williams (Member of Loppington Parish Council)
- Councillor Mrs Pauline Dee (Member of the Friends of Whitchurch Road Cemetery)
- Councillor Chris Mellings (Auditor of Wem Christmas Lights Festival Committee, Vice-president of Wem Cricket Club)
- Councillor Simon Jones (Chairman of Shawbury Parish Council)
- Councillor John Kennedy (Member of Shawbury Parish Council)
- Councillor Miss/Mrs Julie Bone (Member of Loppington Parish Council)
- Councillor Graham Godfrey-White (Chairman of Clive Parish Council)

**5. Chairman's Statement
Purpose and Powers of the Meeting**

- 5.1 The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and set out the purpose and powers of the meeting noting that both Wem and Shawbury had been involved in pilot Local Joint Committees (LJC).

The Chairman stressed the importance of working with local people to ensure the efficiency of services provided by Shropshire Council. The Chairman went on to state that the Committee would attempt to resolve any local issues of concern raised by members of the public.

6. Constitution

- 6.1 The Lead Officer referred to the copy of the LJC Constitution and noted that the standard format is necessary as the Constitution covers all 28 LJsCs in Shropshire.

In response to a question the Lead Officer detailed the procedure in relation to Parish Council substitutes and agreed to refer back the issue raised concerning quorum of the Committee.

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AGREED: That the LJC Constitution be adopted.

7. Presentation

- 7.1 The Committee Received a presentation on from the Lead Officer and Senior Community Regeneration Officer.

8. Co-opted Members

- 8.1 The Committee **AGREED** to co-opt:

- Gail Moore, Community Development Officer, RAF Shawbury.
- A Member of Local Policing Team

9. Annual Budget and Application Process

- 9.1 The Committee received the funding applications summary report of the Lead Officer. The annual budget and application process was detailed by the Chairman.

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Each Application was discussed in turn and it was **AGREED** that:

- **Wem Christmas Festival (Christmas Lights and Late Night Shopping) – Deferred to September Meeting.**
- **Wem Cricket Club (Junior Practice Facilities and Clubroom) - Deferred to September Meeting.**
- **Friends of Whitchurch Road Cemetery (Chapel repair Project - £5000 granted.**
- **Wem Civic Society (Wem War Memorial Handrail) - £1000 granted.**
- **Clive Hand Bells – Up to a maximum of £1000 granted for refurbishment of bells (Estimate to be sent to Committee when received by the group).**
- **St Peter and St Paul’s Church Social Committee (New Tables for Church Hall) - £2000 Granted.**
- **Loppington Parish Council (St Michael and All Angels Church – foul water connection) - £4986.50 granted. Councillor Brian Williams abstained from voting.**

- **Shawbury Parish Council (Recreation Ground – Provision of Footpaths) - £3000 granted.**
- **St Mary’s Church, Shawbury (St Mary’s Church Tower Project) - £5000 granted (Estimate to be sent to Committee by group). *Councillor Simon Jones abstained from voting.***
- **Wem Carnival Committee (not included on summary report) - £2000 granted.**

10. Public Question Time

10.1 In response to a question from David Edge, the Chairman confirmed that free swimming initiatives for the area were being provided by Wem Swimming Centre, funded by Shropshire Council.

11. Future Agenda Items

11.1 The following issues were **AGREED** as future agenda items

- Planning issues – Northern Area Manager present at September meeting.
- Community Transport (Link) – Transport Officer to present at September meeting.
- Leisure Services – The issue concessions to be discussed at a future planning meeting.
- Highways Issues – Officer to attend a future meeting.

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10. Date of Next Meeting

10.1 The next meeting will be held on 23rd September 2009 (Venue to be confirmed)

Dates of planning meeting to be re-circulated to Members.

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The meeting ended at 9.40pm.

Chairman: _____

Date: _____