



Committee and Date

Wem and Shawbury
Local Joint Committee

17 December 2009
7.00 pm

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WEM AND SHAWBURY LOCAL JOINT COMMITTEE

**NOTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 23 SEPTEMBER 2009 AT 7.00 P.M.
IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, EDINBURGH HOUSE, NEW STREET, WEM**

Responsible Officer: Ann Almond

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Present:

Members of the Committee:

Pauline Dee	Shropshire Council – Wem
Chris Mellings	Shropshire Council – Wem (Chairman)
Simon Jones	Shropshire Council – Shawbury
Tom Wycherley	Grinshill Parish Council
Bryan Thomas	Hadnall Parish Council
Bob Parker	Loppington Parish Council (Substitute)
John James	Moreton Corbet and Lee Brockhurst Parish Council
Russell Purslow	Myddle and Broughton Parish Council (Vice-Chairman)
Sue Dove	Shawbury Parish Council (Substitute)
Jo Humphreys	Stanton upon Hine Heath Parish Council
Len Staines	Wem Rural Parish Council
Edward Towers	Wem Town Council
John Edwards	Weston under Redcastle Parish Council

Officers:

Janet Graham	Lead Officer (Assistant Director – Children and Young People’s Services)
Malcolm Bell	Support Officer (Interim Manager Strategic Minerals and Waste)
Kate Garner	Team Leader Community Regeneration (North)
David Carpenter	Local Police Officer
Ann Almond	Committee Officer

Also present:

Edwina Smart	Northern Area Manager, Development Management
Matt Johnson	Senior Public Transport Officer
Martin Withington	Head of Transportation

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

11. Welcome and Introductions

- 11.1 The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting and all members of the Committee introduced themselves to those present.
- 11.2 The Chairman welcomed any questions or comments for future consideration and encouraged completion of the feedback forms that were available throughout the meeting.

12. Apologies for absence (Agenda Item 1)

- 12.1 Apologies for absence were received from:

Brian Williams	Shropshire Council – Wem
Karen Calder	Shropshire Council – Hodnet
Julie Bone	Loppington Parish Council
John Kennedy	Shawbury Parish Council
Graham Murphy	Whixall Parish Council

13. Notes (Agenda Item 2)

- 13.1 **RESOLVED: that the Notes of the meeting of the Wem and Shawbury Local Joint Committee held on 6 July 2009 be approved and signed as a correct record by the Chairman.**

14. Declarations of Interest (Agenda Item 3)

- 14.1 The following declarations of interest were made:

Councillor	Item	Interest
Chris Mellings	Item 8 – Grant Applications Wem Christmas Lights	Personal
	Item 8 – Grant Applications Wem Cricket Club	Personal
John Edwards	Item 8 – Grant Applications Weston Under Redcastle Village Hall	Personal
John James	Item 8 – Grant Applications Lee Brockhurst Village Hall	Personal
Russell Purslow	Item 8 – Grant Applications Harmer Hill Bowling Club	Personal
Len Staines	Item 8 – Grant Applications Newtown Community Park	Personal

15. Planning issues and Local Development Framework (LDF) Core Strategy (Agenda Item 4)

- 15.1 Edwina Smart, Northern Area Manager for Development Management, described to those present the role of Parish Plans, the work involved with the preparation of this document and of a Village Design Statement. These documents would set out the aspirations and desires for a town/parish and once approved by that town/parish

council, could be submitted to the local authority as material consideration of planning applications. She advised that any town/parish council wishing to create either document should contact the Development Management team for advice, ensuring that relevant information would be included.

15.2 Edwina Smart then explained the Local Development Framework (LDF) Core Strategy advising that the executive summary was currently out for consultation ending on 2nd October; copies of the document had been sent to all town/parish councils for comment. The LDF would replace the Local Plan and Structure Plan and would comprise of a suite of documents that would be regularly reviewed.

15.3 The following questions were raised, the responses are stated thereafter:

Question 1 – How much consideration was given to National, Regional and Local Strategies?

Answer – The Local Plan was the most useful element and had been compiled following consideration of and in accordance with government guidance.

Question 2 – Preparation of a Village Design Statements (VDS)

Answer – Development Management would work with parishes on the development of the document.

Question 3 – Significance of Parish Plans

Answer – Development Management would refer to a Village Design Statement, if provided with an approved copy, when considering a planning application. It was noted that Parish Councils were consulted on planning applications in their area and could refer to the VDS and/or the Parish Plan as part of their representation.

15.4 Any questions or comments could be emailed to:
edwina.smart@shropshire.gov.uk

For further information visit the website at:
www.shropshire.gov.uk

16. Community Transport and Shropshire Link (Agenda Item 5)

16.1 Matt Johnson, Senior Public Transport Officer gave a presentation to those present. A copy of the presentation is attached.

16.2 The following questions were raised, the responses are stated thereafter:

Question 1 – Utilisation of vehicles on roads

Answer – Nine vehicles, carrying a maximum of 16 people, were used during Mondays – Saturdays, commencing journeys at approximately 7.00 a.m. finishing at approximately 6.30 p.m. It was noted that travel times varied from area to area. Suggestions were welcomed for new

pick up and drop off points throughout the county.

Question 2 – Community Car Scheme

Answer – Those present were advised that this scheme supported local volunteer drivers who use their own vehicles; further information could be sought from the Public and Passenger Transport Team.

Question 3 – More local trips were required

Answer – the services provided at present were the most equitable way to operate essential services.

- 16.3 Any questions or comments could be emailed to:
matt.johnson@shropshire.gov.uk

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17. Speed Management Strategy (Agenda Item 6)

- 17.1 Martin Withington, Head of Transportation gave a presentation to those present. A copy of the presentation is attached.

- 17.2 The following questions were raised, the responses are stated thereafter:

Question 1 – How was speed measured in areas prior to implementing vehicle activated signs

Answer – covert operations were followed by utilising hand held devices at specific times of day. It was suggested and noted that during the pilot scheme consideration should be given the effectiveness of the covert operations. Measurements need to be taken in a way that did not influence speeds. Black boxes with strips across the road should be considered.

Question 2 – Speeding traffic on the A49

Answer – There was a rural speed limit policy being prepared by Shropshire Council which covered the main inter-urban A and B roads.

Question 3 – What was the best approach to implement speed limits on single track roads.

Answer – Dependant on the need identified by the town/parish council.

Question 4 – Quina Brook speed limit

Answer – If a new speed limit did not appear to be having the desired effect, then it may be possible for Shropshire Council to fund the provision of vehicle activated signs. Vehicle Activated Signs were part of the Village Speed Limit policy.

Question 5 – Amount of signage

Answer – research had been undertaken, there needed to be the correct amount of signage to be most effective, this would vary for each site.

17.3 Any questions or comments could be emailed to:
transport@shropshire.gov.uk

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18. Public Question Time (Agenda Item 7)

18.1 Those present were encouraged to complete of the question sheets that were available throughout the meeting.

19. Grant Applications (Agenda Item 8)

19.1 The Chairman welcomed applicants to present their funding bids to those present.

19.2 The Committee discussed each application and it was:

RESOLVED: that the following applications be approved:

<u>Application</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Wem Christmas Lights and Late Night	£4,000
Wem Cricket Club	£5,000
Wem Angling Club	£2,200
Newtown Community Park	£1,636
Coton Cricket Club Development Plan	£5,000
Lee Brockhurst Village Hall	£3,500
Weston Under Redcastle Village Hall	£2,254
Harmer Hill Bowling Club	£420
Total	£24,010
Remaining Budget	£6003

RESOLVED: that the following applications be deferred to the next meeting to allow the applicants to present their funding bids:

Wem Youth Centre Refurbishment (£5,000)
Youth Activities in Wem (£1,700)

RESOLVED: that the following applications be refused:

Shropshire Youth (£10,000)
Wem Pub Watch (£100) as funding could be sought elsewhere.

20. Future Agenda Items

20.1 None were identified.

21 Date, Time and Venue of Next Meetings

21.1 It was noted that the next meeting of the Committee would be held on Thursday 17th December 2009 in the Council Chamber, Edinburgh House, New Street, Wem at 7.00 p.m.

The meeting ended at 9.40 p.m.

Signed.....(Chairman)

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