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Wem and Shawbury Local Joint Committee
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WEM AND SHAWBURY LOCAL JOINT COMMITTEE

NOTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 17 DECEMBER 2009 AT 7.00 P.M. IN THE TOWN HALL, HIGH STREET, WEM

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Present:

Members of the Committee:

Pauline Dee	Shropshire Council – Wem
Chris Mellings	Shropshire Council – Wem (Chairman)
Brian Williams	Shropshire Council – The Meres
Karen Calder	Shropshire Council – Hodnet
Tom Wycherley	Grinshill Parish Council
Bryan Thomas	Hadnall Parish Council
Julie Bone	Loppington Parish Council
John James	Moreton Corbet and Lee Brockhurst Parish Council
Russell Purslow	Myddle and Broughton Parish Council (Vice-Chairman)
Jo Humphreys	Stanton upon Hine Heath Parish Council
Len Staines	Wem Rural Parish Council
Edward Towers	Wem Town Council
Graham Murphy	Whixall Parish Council
Lesley Mitchell	Local Police
Gail Moore	RAF Shawbury, Community Development Officer

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)
Tom Brettell	Senior Community Regeneration Officer
Sue Thomas	Community Working
Ann Almond	Committee Officer

Also present:

Keith Barrow	Leader of the Council
Laura Rowley	Director of Resources
Sharron Stubbs	Accountant
Martin Withington	Head of Transportation
Johnathan Hayes	Team Leader Public Transport
Sue Gainsborough	Wem Town Hall
Miriam Turner	Shropshire Youth

There were approximately 40 members of the public at the meeting.

22. Welcome and Introductions

- 22.1 The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting and all members of the Committee introduced themselves to those present. He pointed out the display board that contained pictures and details of previous applicants' progress following funding from this Committee.
- 22.2 The Chairman welcomed any questions or comments for future consideration and encouraged completion of the feedback forms that were available throughout the meeting.
- 22.3 The Chairman advised that to ensure Wem Girls Group had the opportunity to present their application, the Agenda would be amended to consider item 8 after item 4.

23. Apologies for absence (Agenda Item 1)

23.1 Apologies for absence were received from:

Simon Jones	Shropshire Council – Shawbury
John Edwards	Weston under Redcastle Parish Council

24. Notes (Agenda Item 2)

24.1 **RESOLVED: that the Notes of the meeting of the Wem and Shawbury Local Joint Committee held on 23 September 2009 be approved and signed as a correct record by the Chairman.**

25. Declarations of Interest (Agenda Item 3)

25.1 The following declarations of interest were made:

Councillor	Item	Interest
Russell Purslow	Item 9 – Grant Applications St Peters Church Myddle	Personal
Tom Wycherley	Item 9 – Grant Applications Friends of Clive School	Personal

26. Wem Town Hall (Agenda Item 4)

- 26.1 The Chairman welcomed Sue Gainsborough to the meeting. She then gave a brief presentation about the Town Hall which had recently re-opened following three years of refurbishment works and had already been used for a number of functions and events.
- 26.2 The building was being operated by the Town Hall Trust and Thomas Adams School, and was owned by Shropshire Council who had recently agreed to a 30 year lease with very low rent.
- 26.3 It was noted that the Town Hall were planning to have an open day each month to encourage people to visit the building and make suggestions for future use. It was also noted that the cinema would commence in January 2010.

27. Deferred Applications (Agenda Item 8)

27.1 The Chairman welcomed Enid Smith, Chairman of Wem Youth Centre Management Committee, Miriam Turner, Shropshire Youth and the Wem Girls Group to the meeting and to present their funding bids to those present.

27.2 It was recognised that there was insufficient funding available for both applications, as the remaining budget was £6003.00, the deferred applications totalled £6,700.00.

27.3 The Leader of the Council advised and confirmed that the overspend could be funded via the Repairs and Maintenance budget.

27.4 **RESOLVED: that the following applications be approved:**

<u>Application</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Wem Youth Centre Refurbishment	£5,000
Youth Activities in Wem	£1,700
Total	£6,700
Remaining Budget	-£697

That the budget overspend of £697.00 be funded via the repairs and maintenance budget, as agreed by the Leader of the Council.

28. Budget Consultation (Agenda Item 5)

28.1 The Leader of the Council, Councillor Keith Barrow and the Director of Resources for Shropshire Council, Laura Rowley gave a presentation regarding the budget consultation for 2010/11.

28.2 The headlines for the 2010/11 budget were:

- To protect key services, consolidate the revenue budget and minimise pressure on Council Tax
- To save £7.1m
- To set aside £2m to prepare for an assumed grant loss of £4m in 2011/12
- To improve services through capital investment.

28.3 A practical consultation exercise was then conducted with a series of questions posed to the audience with voting using electronic keypads to determine the response.

28.4 It was noted that the results of the exercise, copy attached, would be taken into account by the Council in determining its 2010/11 budget.

29. Local Bus Service Provision (Agenda Item 6)

29.1 The Chairman welcomed Johnathan Hayes and Martin Withington to the meeting. It was noted that Arriva had been invited to this meeting, had advised that a representative would attend, however they were not present.

29.2 Johnathan Hayes advised those present of the 511 service which had been reviewed by Arriva and subsequently changed to increase number of passengers, was streamlined to reduce travel time and frequency of journeys, and ensured compliance with EU regulations on driving hours. The changes were required to ensure a viable service for the future. It was noted that there had been 34% increase in passengers since the introduction of the changes.

29.3 A number of concerns were raised regarding the lack of consultation undertaken prior to changing the route and the missed opportunity to consult non-users. It was noted that a review would be undertaken in January/February 2010, those present were keen to be involved with discussions.

29.4 **RESOLVED: that Councillor Chris Mellings, as Chairman of this Committee, write to Shropshire Council advising of the concerns raised regarding the changes in bus service, and to request a meeting with representatives from the Transportation team and Arriva early in the New Year, preferably before, or during Arriva's bus service review.**

Chris Mellings

29.5 Following discussions, some suggestions were made, Johnathan Hayes agreed to pass these on to Arriva.

Johnathan Hayes

30. Public Question Time (Agenda Item 7)

30.1 In response to a question raised regarding the introduction of the 20mph speed limit in Wem Town Centre, Chris Mellings advised that he had been involved with the project and confirmed that Noble Street would be included within the speed limit area.

31. Grant Applications (Agenda Item 9)

31.1 **RESOLVED: that the following applications be deferred to the March meeting of this Committee, for consideration following the Committees decisions in relation to the budget setting criteria and priorities for 2010/11:**

**Clive and Grinshill History Group
Friends of Clive School
St Peters Church Myddle**

32. Future Agenda Items (Agenda Item 10)

32.1 The following suggestions were noted:

- Setting budget criteria/priorities
- Housing and Homeless
- Broadband connectivity
- Young Member of Parliament

33. Date, Time and Venue of Next Meeting (Agenda Item 11)

33.1 It was noted that the next meeting of the Committee would be held on Monday 15th March 2010 in the Council Chamber, Edinburgh House, New Street, Wem at 7.00 p.m.

The Chairman thanked those present for attending and wished all a great Christmas and Happy New Year.

The meeting ended at 9.30 p.m.

Signed(Chairman)

Dated