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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 15 MARCH 2010 AT 7.00 P.M. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, EDINBURGH HOUSE, NEW 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
Graham Godfrey-White	Clive Parish Council
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)
Richard Bailey	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
Julian Hinds	West Mercia Constabulary – Wem

Officers:

Janet Graham	Lead Officer (Assistant Director – Children and Young People's Services)
Kate Garner	Community Working Manager (North) – Support Officer
Sue Thomas	Community Regeneration Officer
Ann Almond	Committee Officer

Also present:

Malcolm Price	Portfolio Holder for Housing
Jake Berriman	Head of Strategy and Policy
Joe White	Former Member of the Youth Parliament

There were approximately 19 members of the public at the meeting.

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34. Welcome and Introductions

- 34.1 The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting and all members of the Committee introduced themselves to those present.
- 34.2 The Chairman asked for any questions regarding local policing matters, as Julian Hinds was unable to stay for the duration of the meeting.
- 34.3 In response to a query raised regarding crime figures, Julian Hinds advised that the figures for burglary and violent crimes was lower than in 2009, and the figures for the detection rate of crime was static.
- 34.4 It was noted that West Mercia Police would be moving into the south wing of Edinburgh House, New Street, Wem from November 2010.

35 Apologies for absence (Agenda Item 1)

- 35.1 Apologies for absence were received from:

Simon Jones	Shropshire Council – Shawbury
Karen Calder	Shropshire Council – Hodnet
John Kennedy	Shawbury Parish Council
Malcolm Bell	Support Officer (Interim Manager Strategic Minerals and Waste)

36. Notes (Agenda Item 2)

- 36.1 **RESOLVED: that, subject to an amendment on page 2 to include Councillor Wycherley’s personal interest in Clive and Grinshill History Group grant application, the Notes of the meeting of the Wem and Shawbury Local Joint Committee held on 17 December 2009 be approved and signed as a correct record by the Chairman.**

Chris Mellings
Ann Almond

37. Declarations of Interest (Agenda Item 3)

- 37.1 None were disclosed.

38 Local Development Framework (Agenda Item 4)

- 38.1 The Chairman welcomed Jake Berriman, Head of Strategy and Policy and Councillor Malcolm Price, Portfolio Holder for Housing to the meeting who gave a presentation entitled Shropshire Rural Housing, giving information on planning and affordable housing matters.
- 38.2 Members noted that 1,585 affordable homes were required per annum in Shropshire. Shropshire Council had delivered approximately 360 in 2009, had delivered 270 so far in 2010 and planned to deliver 500 affordable homes each year for the next two years. As the Council would be unable to meet the requirement of 1,585 affordable homes, alternative methods were being considered, including private rented properties. There were currently 4,400 empty properties in private ownership.

- 38.3 Jake Berriman outlined the issues with integrating enabling within planning including the Housing Strategy, the Shropshire Core Strategy: Policy Directions document and the interim Planning Guidance on Affordable Housing.
- 38.4 It was noted that the Shropshire Core Strategy Final Plan Publication was being considered by Town and Parish Councils, representations and views were being sought for its soundness and whether or not it reflected the process adequately.
- 38.5 Jake Berriman advised that consultation events would commence on 2nd April 2010, over a twelve week period, throughout the County regarding the Site Allocations and Development Management Development Plan Document (DPD).
- 38.6 Questions were raised by members of the Committee and public on the following issues:
- Consideration needed to be given to bus service provision for new housing developments
 - Terminology of 'local connections' regarding those on the housing register
 - Provision of sheltered housing and extra care facilities
 - Incentive schemes
 - Section 106 Planning Obligations
 - Percentage of affordable houses on development sites.
- 38.7 Any questions, comments or request for further information could be emailed to:
jake.berriman@shropshire.gov.uk Tel: 01743 255666 or
lois.dale@shropshire.gov.uk Tel: 01743 255667

39. Former Member of the Youth Parliament (Agenda Item 5)

- 39.1 The Chairman welcomed Joe White, Former Member of the Youth Parliament (MYP) to the meeting who gave a presentation listing the activities and work undertaken by MYP's.
- 39.2 Joe had been selected to attend and speak in debate at the House of Commons on Friday 30th October 2009. Elected 12-18 year-olds from across the country debated issues of concern to young people.
- 39.3 The five issues debated were:
- Lowering tuition fees
 - Youth crime and how to tackle it
 - Free transport for over 60s, but not for young people
 - Job opportunities for young people
 - Lowering the voting age to 16

39.4 Members noted the recent voting results from the January 2010 MYP elections, with 14,915 young people voting which had increased considerably since the first election that took place in 2006, with only 100 young people voting.

39.5 In response to questions raised by Members of the Committee, Joe White advised that Shropshire Integrated Youth Support Service promoted diversity amongst its members, that travel and food was paid for, as agreed by the Council, and that the Youth Support Workers ensured that work for the Youth Parliament was undertaken at times when it did not interfere with their educational needs.

40. Budget setting criteria and priorities for 2010/11 (Agenda Item 6)

40.1 The Chairman referred to a copy of proposals distributed to those present and requested any comments or further suggestions.

40.2 **RESOLVED: that the Budget Setting Criteria and Priorities for 2010/11 be as follows:**

- **Setting £3,000 limit on the amount of each application**
- **Setting a limit of 10 applications to be considered at each meeting**
- **Not to split the budget, as this could be detrimental to the timing of a project**
- **Not to set criteria regarding match funding, as in some cases there were no other funding sources available**
- **Not to set criteria regarding repeat applications, as this should be at the members discretion, when considering each application on its own merits**

41. Local Bus Service Provision (Agenda Item 7)

41.1 Members were referred to a copy of a letter sent from Grinshill Parish Council to the Chairman of this Committee, Councillor Chris Mellings. The contents indicated the Parish Councils disappointment with Shropshire Council at not organising a meeting with Arriva to discuss the comments and suggestions from Grinshill Parish Council regarding the 511 Bus Service.

41.2 It was suggested that Grinshill Parish Council consider the production of a Parish Plan that would identify local issues and may support the need of the bus service. It was also suggested that the Parish Council look at introducing a community car share scheme.

41.3 **RESOLVED: that Councillor Mellings, on behalf of this Local Joint Committee continue to pursue a meeting at the earliest opportunity with representatives from the Transportation team at Shropshire Council, Grinshill Parish Council and Arriva, to enable the possibility of a service being reinstated to Grinshill to be explored.**

All

Chris Mellings

42. Evaluation Questionnaire (Agenda Item 8)

42.1 Members of the public were encouraged to complete the Local Joint Committee Questionnaire 2009/10 that was available throughout the meeting.

43. Lets Talk Time (Agenda Item 9)

43.1 The Chairman referred to information distributed to those present regarding the Shrewsbury North West Relief Road. A number of public consultation events and exhibitions would be taking place throughout the county between 22nd and 29th April 2010.

43.2 Any questions or comments could be emailed to:
nwrr.consultation@shropshire.gov.uk

For further information visit the website at:
www.shropshire.gov.uk
or Tel: 0345 678 9006

44. Future Agenda Items (Agenda Item 10)

44.1 None were identified.

45. Date, Time and Venue of Next Meetings (Agenda Item 11)

45.1 It was noted that the next meeting of the Committee would be held on Monday 10th May 2010 in the Council Chamber, Edinburgh House, New Street, Wem at 7.00 p.m.

The Chairman thanked those present for attending.

The meeting ended at 9.20 p.m.

Signed(Chairman)

Dated