

WEM AND SHAWBURY LOCAL JOINT COMMITTEE

**NOTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 5 JULY 2010 AT 7.00 P.M.
IN THE SHAWBURY VILLAGE HALL, CHURCH STREET, SHAWBURY.**

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Present:

Members of the Committee:

Pauline Dee	Shropshire Council – Wem (Chairman)
Chris Mellings	Shropshire Council – Wem
Brian Williams	Shropshire Council – The Meres
Simon Jones	Shropshire Council – Shawbury
Graham Godfrey-White	Clive Parish Council
Tom Wycherley	Grinshill Parish Council
Bryan Thomas	Hadnall Parish Council
Bob Parker	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
John Edwards	Weston under Redcastle Parish Council

Co-opted Members of the Committee:

None were present.

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:

Laura Rowley	Director of Resources, Shropshire Council
Bob Ellis	Head of Environmental Maintenance (North), Shropshire Council
John Harrison	North District Group Manager, Shropshire Fire and Rescue Service

There were approximately 35 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.

12. Apologies for absence (Agenda Item 1)

- 12.1 Apologies for absence were received from:

John Kennedy	Shawbury Parish Council
Sim Beer	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 10 May 2010 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:

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Pauline
Dee
Ann
Almond

Councillor	Item	Interest	Reason
Russell Purslow	Item 9 – Grant Applications Myddle Table Tennis Club	Personal	Chairman of Myddle Parish Council
Jo Humphreys	Item 9 – Grant Applications Stanton upon Hine Heath Play Area	Personal	Part of the working group taking this development forward
Simon Jones	Item 9 – Grant Applications Improvement to cycle dirt track, Shawbury	Personal and Prejudicial	Shawbury Parish Councillor

15. Partners and Communities Working Together (Agenda Item 4)

- 15.1 The Chairman welcomed John Harrison to the meeting, who gave a presentation to those present summarising the activities of Shropshire Fire and Rescue Service and what can be expected from the Service. A copy of the presentation can be found at www.shropshire.gov.uk follow the link for Local Joint Committees.

- 15.2 Further information about Shropshire Fire and Rescue Service can be found at: www.shropshirefire.gov.uk

16. Revenue Budget 2011/12 (Additional Agenda Item)

- 16.1 The Cabinet Member and Portfolio Holder, Councillor Simon Jones and the Director of Resources for Shropshire Council, Laura Rowley gave a presentation regarding the Revenue Budget 2011/12 consultation. A copy of the presentation can be found at www.shropshire.gov.uk follow the link for Local Joint Committees.

- 16.2 Those present were advised that the scale of the Public Sector “funding crunch” in the UK would be unprecedented compared to changes in the past 30 years. Local councils were planning for cuts in Government funding in the region of 25% over the next 3-4 years.
- 16.3 For Shropshire, it was estimated that the Council would need to cut its costs by around £47 million in this period. Cuts of over £8 million already had to be found in the current financial year, as a result of the recent funding announcements of the new Coalition Government.
- 16.4 In response to these pressures, the Council had started to put in place an ambitious programme of transformation in the way it delivers public services, over the next 3 years. It was likely to mean that the scope or standard of some services would be scaled back and some services may cease, at least in their current form.
- 16.5 Also, the Council might commission other organisations (such as those in the voluntary and community sector in Shropshire) to do more on its behalf.
- 16.6 Over the next 6 months, the Council would be looking at all the options available to reduce its spending. At this stage, nothing would be ruled out. As part of its decision making, the Council was consulting widely on its proposals and the feedback would influence the Council’s approach to its financial plan.
- 16.7 Those present were advised that a public meeting would be held during September at Theatre Severn in Shrewsbury. The meeting would seek opinions on future savings and how best to make them, and would require an independent Chair person. It was noted that Shropshire Council had approached Eric Smith from Radio Shropshire.
- 16.8 In response to a question raised regarding last years voting by electronic key pads, the Director of Resources advised that it was not the intention to use that system again this year. The budget setting process needed to be quicker than last years, as certain elements would need to be developed and implemented before 1st April 2011.
- 16.9 Those present were advised that there would be a web based consultation, the on-line consultation would commence following discussion and approval by Cabinet on 21st July.
- 16.10 The following areas for improvement were mentioned:
- Street Lighting, reducing or upgrading to be more energy efficient
 - Introduction of a Carbon Management Plan
- 16.11 The following areas for local need were mentioned:
- Parking Charges, to keep free parking in Wem
 - Public Toilets, need two blocks in Wem

17. Rural Highways (Agenda Item 5)

17.1 The Chairman welcomed Bob Ellis to the meeting, who presented his report that was considered by the Development Services Scrutiny Committee on 3rd June 2010. A copy of the report can be found at www.shropshire.gov.uk follow the link for Local Joint Committees.

17.2 In response to questions raised, the Head of Environmental Maintenance advised the following:

- Un-adopted roadways were not Shropshire Council's responsibility to maintain. It was noted that there were procedures available to request an un-adopted road become adopted.
- Filling in pot holes was a temporary measure, patching was a structural repair to the highway and would be covered by surface dressing that would last approximately 12 years.
- As the budget for bridge maintenance was under pressure, it was being reviewed, by checking bridges throughout Shropshire, and whether appropriate weight limits were upon those bridges.
- Agreed to investigate whether any plans were in place to improve the highway near the High Street/Wem Road junction in Clive that had been damaged due to heavy traffic involved with the new housing development.

Bob Ellis

18. Grant Applications (Agenda Item 6)

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

18.2 Having declared a personal and prejudicial interest, Councillor Jones left the room and took no part in the consideration of or voting on the Shawbury Parish Council application.

18.3 Having declared personal interests, Councillors Purslow and Humphreys abstained from voting on the Myddle Table Tennis Club and Stanton upon Hine Heath Play area applications respectively.

18.4 The Committee discussed each application and it was:

RESOLVED: that the following applications be approved:

<u>Application</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Wem Christmas Festival Committee	£3,000
ARIES (Adventure Training) Shawbury Air Training	£2,500
Shawbury Parish Council	£500
Clive Village Hall Management Committee	£1,716
Stanton upon Hine Heath Parish Council	£3,000
Preston Brockhurst Bowling Club	£3,000
Myddle Village Hall	£800
Shropshire Youth (Summer Fun)	£2,500
Wem Carnival	£2,500

Total £19,516.00
 Remaining Budget £15,695.75

- 18.5 From the applications approved above who did not gain the full amount of funding requested, the applicants were advised to seek the remainder of their funding from the Shropshire Youth pot:

<u>Application</u>	<u>Amount</u>
ARIES (Adventure Training) Shawbury Air Training	£500
Shawbury Parish Council	£500
Shropshire Youth (Summer Fun)	£500

- 18.6 **RESOLVED: that the following application be deferred until a decision had been made regarding their application for funding from the Community Fund.**

Wem Amateur Dramatic and Operatic Society (3,000)

- 18.7 Councillor Williams requested that it be recorded that he voted against the Wem Christmas Festival Committee and the Wem Carnival applications, as he pointed out that they were repeat applicants that appeared to be relying upon LJC funding, and felt that their requests were not in accordance with the objectives of LJC funding monies.

19. Lets Talk Time (Agenda Item 7)

- 19.1 In response to a request for an update regarding the 511 Bus Service that was discussed at the previous meeting, Councillor Wycherley advised that Gordon Frost from Arriva had met with Shropshire Council and Grinshill Parish Council in May.

20. Future Agenda Items (Agenda Item 8)

- 20.1 Possible Agenda Items:

- Broadband
- Waste and Recycling
- Abolition of the Regional and Spatial Strategy

21. Date, Time and Venue of Next Meetings (Agenda Item 19)

- 21.1 It was noted that the next meeting of the Committee would be held on Monday 18th October 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 9.30 p.m.

Signed(Chairman)

Dated