

WEM AND SHAWBURY LOCAL JOINT COMMITTEE

**NOTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 13 JUNE 2011 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
Brian Williams	Shropshire Council – The Meres
Jon Jinks	Clive Parish Council
Tom Wycherley	Grinshill Parish Council
Don Wild	Hadnall Parish Council
Jeff Lester	Moreton Corbet and Lee Brockhurst Parish Council (Substitute)
Julie Bone	Loppington Parish Council (Substitute)
Russell Purslow	Myddle and Broughton Parish Council
John Kennedy	Shawbury Parish Council
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
Sim Beer	Whixall Parish Council

Co-opted Members of the Committee:

Julian Hinds	West Mercia Constabulary – Wem
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Officers:

Ruth Mansfield	Community Action Officer
Ann Almond	Committee Officer

Also present:

George Candler	Area Director Culture and Leisure
Craig Richmond	Fire Service

There were approximately 11 members of the public at the meeting.

1. Election of Chairman (Agenda Item 1)

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1.1 The Community Action Officer welcomed all to the meeting and requested nominations for Chairman of this Committee for the ensuing year.

1.2 **RESOLVED:**
That Councillor Pauline Dee be elected as Chairman of the Wem and Shawbury Local Joint Committee for the ensuing municipal year.

2. Apologies for absence (Agenda Item 2)

2.1 Apologies for absence were received from:

Simon Jones	Shropshire Council – Shawbury
Karen Calder	Shropshire Council – Hodnet
Bob Parker	Loppington Parish Council
John James	Moreton Corbet and Lee Brockhurst Parish Council
Gail Moore	RAF Shawbury

3. Appointment of Vice-Chairman (Agenda Item 3)

3.1 **RESOLVED:**
That Councillor Russell Purslow be appointed as Vice-Chairman of the Wem and Shawbury Local Joint Committee for the ensuing municipal year.

4. Notes (Agenda Item 4)

4.1 **RESOLVED:**
That the Notes of the meeting of the Wem and Shawbury Local Joint Committee held on 25th January 2011 be approved and signed as a correct record by the Chairman.

Pauline
Dee
Ann
Almond

5. Declarations of Interest (Agenda Item 5)

5.1 The following declarations of interest were made:

Councillor	Item	Interest	Reason
Sim Beer	Item 8 Grant Applications North Salop Wheelers	Personal	Member of Whixall Parish Council
Pauline Dee	Item 8 – Grant Applications Wem Town Council	Personal and Prejudicial	Member of Wem Town Council
Chris Mellings	Item 8 – Grant Applications Wem Town Council	Personal and Prejudicial	Member of Wem Town Council
Edward Towers	Item 8 – Grant Applications Wem Town Council	Personal and Prejudicial	Member of Wem Town Council

6. Partners and Communities Working Together (Agenda Item 6)

6.1 To receive an update from the Community Action Officer

The Community Action Officer advised those present of the following:

- Myddle and Broughton were looking at producing a Parish Plan
- Had worked with Wem Swimming Pool to locate funding to improve the premises
- Shawbury would be holding a fun day in the near future

For further information and / or advice, contact Ruth Mansfield.

6.2 To receive an update from West Mercia Police

Julian Hinds reminded those present that Wem Police Station was now based at Edinburgh House, which was working well during Shropshire Council office hours; however there were access issues out of office hours. Provisions had been made by providing signage, a contact button, and utilising the rear access.

6.3 To receive an update report on the Bus Strategy consultation response

Those present noted the report, a copy of the draft bus strategy could be viewed at www.shropshire.gov.uk/transportconsultation

6.4 To receive an update briefing regarding Broadband

The Area Director advised that Shropshire Council had submitted a bid to Broadband Deliver UK (BDUK), to bring in superfast broadband to Shropshire. BDUK had announced the selection of three bids, but unfortunately Shropshire was not one of them, however the Council would continue work to improve broadband in Shropshire and hoped there would be more positive news to report at the end of the summer.

6.5 To receive an update briefing regarding Community Games

The Community Action Officer advised that the Community Games programme was being advertised via Energize Shropshire and was encouraging local people and groups to become involved in the Community Games to support the 2012 Olympic Games.

Those present noted that funding, to a maximum of £250, was available for local community groups wishing to become involved in the Community Games Programme. Contact Ruth Mansfield for any advice or further information.

7. Lets Talk Time (Agenda Item 7)

- 7.1 In response to concerns raised regarding car parking charges, Councillor Dee advised that Wem Town Council had indicated that it was strongly against the implementation of car parking charges, particularly in Wem. She reminded those present that Shropshire Council needed to make large savings and also needed to look at ways to increase profit, therefore Shropshire Council had decided to implement car parking charging, however Wem had managed to gain the concession of having free parking for the first hour.
- 7.2 Those present noted that the car parking charges, in Wem, applied between the hours of 8.00 a.m. and 6.00 p.m., and that a resident permit was being looked into.

8. Funding Applications Summary (Agenda Item 8)

- 8.1 The Chairman welcomed applicants to present their funding bids to those present.
- 8.2 The Committee discussed each application and it was:

RESOLVED: that the following applications be approved:

<u>Application</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Wem Civic Society	£193.00
North Salop Wheelers	£2,000.00
Shropshire Libraries	£1,950.00
Wem Christmas Festival and Carnival Committees	£2,000.00
Preston Brockhurst Village Hall*	£2,000.00
Wem Town Council	£2,000.00
Total	£10,143.00
Remaining Budget	£20,549.00

***subject to match funding being secured.**

- 8.3 **RESOLVED: that the following application be deferred to allow the applicants to attend and present their bid:**

West Mercia Police and RELATE (£500)

9. Future Agenda Items (Agenda Item 9)

- 9.1 Suggested Agenda items:
- Review of Car Parking Charges – financial information and enforcement details to be available, the relevant Portfolio Holder and appropriate officer to be present to answer any questions
 - Shropshire Council Budget update

- Feedback from funded projects

9.2 Those present were advised to contact Ruth Mansfield, Community Action Officer, or Ann Almond, Committee Officer with any other suggestions for potential agenda items for consideration at future meetings of this Committee.

10. Date, Time and Venue of Next Meeting (Agenda Item 10)

10.1 It was noted that the next meeting of the Committee would be held on Monday 10th October 2011 in the Loppington Village Hall at 7.00 p.m.

The Chairman thanked those present for attending.

The meeting ended at 8.50 p.m.

Signed(Chairman)

Dated