



Committee and date:  
Whitchurch and Prees Local  
Joint Committee  
9 September 2009  
7.00 p.m.

Item  
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**NOTE OF DECISIONS AND ACTIONS ARISING FROM THE LOCAL JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING  
HELD ON 29 JUNE 2009 AT 7.00 P.M. AT THE CIVIC HALL, WHITCHURCH**

**Responsible Officer:** Karen Nixon

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**Committee Members Present:**

- Councillor Doris Ankers (Whitchurch Town Council)
- Councillor Tom Biggins (Shropshire Council, Whitchurch North ward)
- Councillor Susan Bower (Ightfield Parish Council)
- Councillor Gerald Dakin (Shropshire Council, Whitchurch South ward)
- Councillor John Patrick (Prees Parish Council)
- Councillor Peter Thompson (Whitchurch Rural Town Council)
- Councillor Roy Tydeman (Adderley Parish Council)
- Councillor Paul Wynn (Shropshire Council, Prees ward))

**Shropshire Council Officers Present:**

- Hugh Dannatt, Group Manager Traffic Highway Engineering Manager
- Jonathan Hayes, Team Leader Public Transport
- Tom McCabe, Director of Community Services and LJC Lead Officer
- Neil Willcox, Head of Leisure and Outdoor Recreation and LJC Support Lead Officer
- Julie Ruler, Community Regeneration Officer

Karen Nixon, Committee Officer (notes)

**West Mercia Police:**

- PC Antony Jones
- PC Chris Peel

*There were approximately 50 members of the public in attendance.*

**1. Election of Chairman**

1.1 It was proposed by Tom Biggins, seconded by Peter Thompson and duly

**RESOLVED:**

That Councillor Gerald Dakin be elected Chairman of the Local Joint Committee for the ensuing year. There were no other nominations.

**2. Apologies**

2.1 Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Christopher Dutton, Councillor Peggy Mullock, Mr Anthony Smith and Mr Phil Leigh.

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**3. Appointment of Vice-Chairman**

3.1 It was proposed by Gerald Dakin, seconded by Peter Thompson and duly

**RESOLVED:**

That Councillor John Patrick be appointed as Vice Chairman of the Local Joint Committee for the ensuing year. There were no other nominations.

**KN**

**4. Declarations of Interest**

4.1 No declarations of interest were made.

**5. Chairman's Welcome**

5.1 The Chairman introduced the Committee and gave a brief explanation and background about the purpose and powers of the meeting, which now included the parishes of Adderley, Moreton Saye and Ightfield. He explained that the meeting would be held on a quarterly basis and gave local residents an opportunity to have their say about local issues and service provision.

The Chairman reported that the new Local Joint Committee had a budget of £50,000 allocated to it for the first year, 2009/2010. The application form and financial guidelines had been standardised for all 28 Local Joint Committees across the county and were available from Julie Ruler, Community Regeneration Officer Tel 01929 237429 or 0783 700065 or via Shropshire Council's website [www.shropshire.gov.uk](http://www.shropshire.gov.uk). The Community Working Team would be able to provide guidance in the completion of application forms.

**6. Minutes**

6.1 The minutes of the previous meeting held on 24 March 2009 were approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

Arising thereon;

Posts in Belton Road (minute 8.1). It was noted that consultations were ongoing. It was agreed that a report on this should be made to the next LJC meeting in September – see *agenda*.

Repairs to wall in Prees Conservation Area (minute 10) – it was confirmed that the school wall had not been insured.

The Action Sheet attached to the minutes, entitled Comments, Questions and Suggestions was also verbally updated

The Square at Prees – Philip Belchere, Conservation Officer and Design Team Manager gave a verbal update. Further to the issue of repair notices, the owner was now undertaking internal works to the property. To audit work, bi-monthly meetings were to be held and he assured they would monitor the tidiness of the site and were working towards a resolution.

The owner intended to rent out the property on the completion of internal works. After that, officers assured they would look to improving the outside appearance of the property.

**7. Public Question Time**

7.1 See Action Sheet attached.

**8. PACT, Partners and Community Together**

8.1 The Chairman handed over to PC Antony Jones who explained the format of the PACT meeting. Local residents were asked to raise any issues of concern. The main issues to emerge were as follows;

1. Claypit Street, Whitchurch – parking issue on Sundays by the Church.
2. Boy racers in the town centre (Whitchurch)/Pepper Street. Problems between 10 – 11pm in Iceland Car Park.
3. Prees – S59 – patrol by officers?
4. Castle Hill, Whitchurch – car parking on the pavement; problems.

PC Jones undertook to look at these issues over the next three months and update the local community at the next meeting in September.

Finally, straw poll of those present with regard preferred core times for the Police Station in Whitchurch was undertaken. Either 8.00 am to 4.00 pm was offered or 10.00 am to 6.00 pm. The meeting overwhelmingly preferred the core time of 10.00 am to 6.00 pm and this was duly noted.

PC Jones also confirmed that officers were currently looking at setting up a Speedwatch scheme in Higher Heath and possibly one in Prees.

**9. Community Working**

9.1 Julie Ruler, Community Regeneration Officer, for the LJC introduced herself and amplified the report on Community Working. In doing so, she stressed that her primary role was to act as a facilitator in the local community, enabling local people and groups to develop and manage their own futures.

Contact details for Julie who is based at Edinburgh House, Wem, are:

Tel: 01929 237429 or 07837 00065 or via Shropshire Council's website [www.shropshire.gov.uk](http://www.shropshire.gov.uk), community and living, community working.

The report was noted.

Public present at the meeting commented that they felt that publicity for LJC meetings needed improvement. It was suggested to use 'Whitchurch Gossip' and other Parish Council magazines and to make publicity chatty and not so formal.

**Julie Ruler****10. Queensway Playing Field Allotments - update**

10.1 Julie Ruler, Community Regeneration Officer, gave a verbal update on progress to date with this project. There had been some complaints that the site was unkempt, but on visiting the Community Regeneration Officer commented that it appeared set out well and she had established that there was a waiting list for plots.

It was noted that further funding applications might be forthcoming for such things as erecting fencing, compost bins and sheds with water collection etc.,

**Julie Ruler**

**ACTION**

**11. Community Transport and ShropshireLink**

11.1 Jonathan Hayes, Team Leader Public Transport introduced this item and in doing so explained the transport links that existed in the LJC area. ShropshireLink had been launched in November 2008 and was a key element of the Council's Rural Transport Strategy. It provided a flexible, demand responsive Local Bus Service that was available on a pre-booked basis to all rural residents in the County. The service aimed to take rural residents to their closest market town in order to be able to access "essential services" including health and medical appointments, shopping and banking.

A verbal report was given by John Harrison, Community Transport volunteer about the success of this initiative to date and the local demand that continued to grow, especially in Whitchurch on Fridays.

It was noted that there would be a six month review on ShropshireLink shortly and the LJC and general public were urged to comment on the effectiveness of this within their local areas and give their opinions and suggestions

A Joint presentation was requested back to the LJC in 6 months time.

**Jon  
Hayes**

**12. Temporary Signs for use by Whitchurch Waterway Trust**

12.1 The Local Joint Committee agreed to allocate £1,500 to the Whitchurch Waterways Trust for the purchase and erection of six temporary traffic signs to direct traffic to the Whitchurch Canal and Countryside Park during forthcoming community events.

**Peter  
Bailey**

**13. Future Agenda Items**

13.1 See Action Sheet attached.

**14. Date of Next Meeting**

14.1 It was confirmed that the next meeting of the Whitchurch and Prees Local Joint Committee would be held on;

**Wednesday 9 September 2009 at 7.00 p.m. at Adderley Village Hall.**

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The meeting finished at 9.10 p.m.

**CHAIRMAN:** .....

**DATE:** .....