

COMMENTS, QUESTIONS AND SUGGESTIONS from 29 June 2009 meeting

Local Joint Committee for Whitchurch, Prees and Surrounding Area

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<p>The Whitchurch Hospital Chapel Healthy Living Centre has a rolling plan for the development of the centre. I assume that Whitchurch Town Council also has such an aspirational plan. Therefore at the time the agenda for the September 9th meeting is published could the Town Council supply a report on this plan for the development of Whitchurch be attached to that agenda, together with details of any current applications or concepts that may be applicable?</p>	<p>John Dodson</p>	<p>Whitchurch Town Council - Clerk</p>	<p>Peter Martin Town Clerk, responded by submitting a copy of the Whitchurch Town Council's Mission Statement and Aspirational Plan to the LJC Chairman, Mr Dakin and Lead Officer, Tom McCabe.</p> <p>This response has been duly copied and forwarded to John Dodson for his information.</p>
<p>An urgent review of the Calverhall to Ightfield bus service that was recently removed was requested. Can this be reinstated please?</p>	<p>Public</p>	<p>Jon Hayes</p>	<p>The Calverhall to Ightfield bus service was altered in November 2008 to be provided by ShropshireLink. This is a demand responsive local bus service available to all people living in rural areas to access local services and amenities. The aim of the service is provide all residents with a service on a minimum of two days each week.</p> <p>Residents of Calverhall and Ightfield have access to a ShropshireLink service on four days each week, Wednesday and Saturday to travel to Whitchurch and also on a Tuesday and Friday to travel to Market Drayton. Further information on these services is available by calling 0345 6789068.</p> <p>It is understood that there would be a preference to alter the days of operation for ShropshireLink to enable passengers to access Whitchurch on a Friday and Market Drayton on a Wednesday. The operation of ShropshireLink is currently being reviewed and this request will form part of this process.</p>

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			<p>However it should be considered that each zone is operated using a single vehicle. Each zone is split into three areas, with each area receiving a service on two days each week. Should the days of operation be altered to provide Calverhall and Ightfield with their requested services this will have an impact elsewhere.</p> <p>Consideration can be given to a fixed route service in this area but only within the existing resources and with no budget implications. Initial discussions have been undertaken with Arriva and this will be added to the current work programme for consideration in the Autumn.</p>
<p>Centre North East youngsters were looking at getting an allotment and were looking for funding to help towards the purchase of equipment and activities please.</p>	<p>Yvette Gratton</p>	<p>Julie Ruler (CRO)</p>	<p>The Group were advised to submit an application for funding after the meeting.</p> <p>Update: The Community Regeneration Officer (CRO) has now met with this group and the Chapel Centre group. A joint allotment plot has been obtained and a joint funding application is expected to be made to the December '09 meeting.</p>
<p>Road Maintenance Requests;</p> <p>Wrexham Road Resurfacing of the Fauls to Darliston Road Roads around Adderley Roads around Brown Moss A41 Longford and Longslow roads B road through Tilstock</p>	<p>Various members of the public present at the meeting</p>	<p>Bob Ellis</p>	<p>The main criticism from those present was that recent repairs to these roads were of poor quality and therefore did not last.</p> <p>Various requests were made to improve road surfaces.</p> <p>A report was requested to the next meeting in September '09.</p> <p>See the 'Highway Maintenance' report on the agenda.</p>
<p>The Car Park in Prees was increasingly covered in broken glass and rubbish.</p>	<p>Val Lewis</p>	<p>PC Anthony Jones</p>	<p>Local police undertook to visit /monitor/patrol.</p>

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<p>The start of The Sandstone Trail at Sherrymill Hill in Whitchurch was considered to be of substandard quality surface. Would it be possible to put hardcore down to improve the surface and make fit for disabled access?</p> <p>AI street light along the Trail was not working and needed repair. Ownership was queried.</p>	<p>Tom Biggins</p> <p>Tom Biggins</p>	<p>Neil Willcox</p> <p>Hugh Dannatt</p>	<p>This matter has now been brought to the attention of the Countryside Access Team, who will programme surface improvements to this section shortly, hopefully within the next two months.</p> <p>It was established that the street light in question was owned by Shropshire Council. This has now been repaired and is working order.</p>
<p>Will containers for plastic waste be provided in Higher Heath?</p>	<p>Public</p>	<p>Tom McCabe</p>	<p>A pilot plastics scheme will be trialled in Whittington, Oswestry shortly.</p> <p>If this is successful, it will be rolled out across Shropshire in the future.</p>
<p>The last public consultation about a new Rural Transport Scheme took place in Autumn 2007 and the scheme was put into practise in 2008. Since then critical questions have been asked about the workings of the scheme and the local Senior Citizens Forum awaits answers to some of those questions.</p> <p>On July 9th a review of the scheme will take place at the Lantern Centre and consultants have been charged with undertaking this review. Bearing in mind the expertise within the council, why are consultants needed and at what cost to the tax payer?</p>	<p>John Dodson Senior Citizens Forum</p>	<p>Jon Hayes</p>	<p>A locally based, specialist consultant has been sub contracted to undertake a number of focus groups, the results of which will feed into the review of the ShropshireLink service.</p> <p>The consultants were employed as we do not have the resources to undertake this aspect of the review within the allotted timescales. It was also felt that this element of the review should be undertaken by someone impartial and removed from Shropshire Council officers who had undertaken the planning and implementation of the service.</p> <p>The consultants being used have significant experience in demand responsive transport services and the requirements of transport users in rural areas.</p> <p>It is preferred not to release the cost of the consultants commissioned to undertake this part of the study due to the commercial sensitivities involved.</p>

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<p>Suggested items for 9 September meeting;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use of Portable Skatepark • Heritage Centre Customer Service Point • Adderley items? – tbc • Whitchurch Town Council- report requested from them on their rolling plan for the development of Whitchurch, including details of any current applications or concepts applicable. • Adopt an idea of success criteria <p>Suggested item for 2 December meeting;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Better Welcome Whitchurch - promotion 	<p>Julie Gallacher</p> <p>Gerald Dakin</p> <p>Roy Tydeman</p> <p>John Dodson</p> <p>Peter James</p> <p>Gerald Dakin</p>	<p>Neil Willcox</p> <p>Bobby Mulheir</p> <p>Parish Clerk/Member</p> <p>WTC Clerk</p> <p>Peggy Mullock Doris Ankers</p>	<p>A meeting has been arranged with stakeholders for 3 Sept. 09. A verbal update will be given to the meeting.</p> <p>Presentation confirmed. See agenda.</p> <p>Issue of lack of Broadband coverage raised. Looking to report back on this issue to the December '09 LJC meeting.</p> <p>Peter Martin Town Clerk, responded by submitting a copy of the Whitchurch Town Council's Mission Statement and Aspirational Plan to the LJC Chairman, Mr Dakin and Lead Officer, Tom McCabe. This response has been duly copied and forwarded to John Dodson for his information.</p> <p>Project evaluation checklist drafted. Projects will be invited to future meetings to report on outcomes.</p> <p>Confirmed</p>
<p>From earlier meetings;</p>			
<p>Wooden posts in Belton Road.</p>	<p>Phil Leigh & Peter James</p>	<p>Hugh Dannatt</p>	<p>Wooden bollards were put in following complaints that vehicles were parking half on the verge and half on the road opposite driveways causing problems for residents when accessing property. These vehicles were also considered likely to cause problems for any emergency service vehicles requiring access along Belton Road.</p> <p>See report on agenda re. background, update, consultations made responses to date and recommendations.</p>

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Return of the various public grant monies received by NGY now that a mobile skatepark has been purchased?	Julia Gallacher	NGY	Tom McCabe has contacted Mike Ralph (NGY) who has confirmed that the funds donated and received by way of grants for the project remain in an independent account. A copy of NGY's accounts are attached for information.
The Square at Prees		Colin Richards	A verbal update was given to the meeting by Phillip Belchere, Conservation and Design Team Manager (see minutes). The LJC was informed by local resident Paul Nash that a public meeting of Prees residents would be called and that they intended to lodge a formal complaint about this matter.