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Date: 24 November 2014

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Committee:
Shifnal and Sheriffhales Local Joint Committee

Date: Tuesday, 2 December 2014
Time: 7.00 pm
Venue: Shifnal Village Hall, Aston Street, Shifnal, Shropshire, TF11 8DW

You are requested to attend the above meeting.
The Agenda is attached

Claire Porter
Corporate Head of Legal and Democratic Services (Monitoring Officer)

Members of Shifnal and Sheriffhales Local Joint Committee

Stuart West (Chairman)	Janet Jones
Kevin Turley (Vice Chairman)	Gordon Tonkinson
John Horne	Peter Young

Your Committee Officer is:

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AGENDA

1 Election of Chairman

2 Appointment of Vice-Chairman

3 Welcome, Introductions and Apologies for Absence

4 Declarations of Interest

Members are reminded that they must not participate in the discussion or voting on any matter in which they have a disclosable pecuniary interest and should leave the room prior to the commencement of the debate.

5 Notes of the meeting held on 4th March 2014 (Pages 1 - 2)

To confirm the notes of the meeting held on 4th March 2014, attached marked 5.

6 PACT - Partners and Communities Together (including Police and Shropshire Fire and Rescue Service)

To receive feedback from recent PACT meetings and updates from the local policing team and fire service as appropriate.

7 Broadband (Pages 3 - 4)

To note the Connecting Shropshire Newsletter and update attached, marked 7.

8 Shifnal Neighbourhood Plan - Introduction and Progress on consultation - Bob Vincent

Questionnaires have been distributed to all households and an on-line version is available by following this link www.surveymonkey.com/s/shifnalnpsurvey

9 Youth Commissioning - update on youth service provision - Kate Garner

10 Public Question Time/Future Agenda Items

To identify potential issues of local concern for future meetings. Members of the

public can make suggestions and ask questions using the forms provided at the meeting.

11 Date of Next Meeting - Yet to be confirmed

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Councillor Stuart West updated the meeting to say that recent lobbying had resulted in a slightly better deal for Shropshire and confirmed that they were no longer looking at the closure of 4 stations or the removal of an engine.

5. Grant Award Recipient Updates

Representatives of the groups listed below, gave short updates on progress on their respective projects. In turn they all thanked the LJC and Community Action Officer for their input which had proved invaluable for the success of their projects.

Shifnal Bowling Club	- Graham McCarthy
The Walled Garden Project	- Rozz Crockford
Shifnal Local History Group	- Bob Vincent
Shifnal Millennium Sensory Garden	- Angela Hoare
Shifnal Scouts	- Shelly Gough

6. Announcement by Councillor Peter Young in relation to Sheriffhales Playing Fields

Councillor Peter Young made the following announcement:

“For something like the last 50 years Sheriffhales has had its own play and sports field, for the community, set in a lovely rural setting. We as a small parish are very fortunate to have this facility; and thus it is imperative that it is retained for now and for future generations and needs to remain free from future building developments. A lot of work, time and money has been spent over the last few years, to improve on play and sport standards and pending committee decisions, it could be updated further. We have now got community right to purchase up to July. At this point I refrain from any further comments pending forthcoming developments with our agent.”

7. Funding Applications Summary 2013/14

The Community Action Officer presented the report and provided a brief update on each application. **RESOLVED:** that the following applications be approved:

Shifnal Europeans Junior Football Club	1000.00
Sheriffhales PCC – St Marys Church	830.40
Shifnal Bowling Club	900.00
Shifnal & District Live at Home Scheme	1000.00
Shifnal Primary School PTA	1000.00
Say Yes, Shifnal & Albrighton Christian Youth Project	850.00
Shifnal Farmers' market CIC	905.00
Getting Crafty Youth Arts Group	325.00
Len's Shifnal Shuttle	1528.00
Shifnal Business Forum	1000.00
Shifnal & District Chorale	940.00
Shifnal Townswomen's Guild	241.00
Shifnal (St Andrews) Youth Club	600.00
Shifnal Crime Prevention Panel CIC	302.40

Update from Connecting Shropshire for Shifnal and Sheriffhales LJC

Connecting Shropshire is a £26m programme to bring fibre broadband to the more rural parts of the Shropshire Council area, where private companies are not going to provide it as part of their commercial plans. The programme has already started to provide people with access to fibre broadband with download speeds of up to 80mbps, about 10x faster than the average for the county as a whole. More than 23,000 homes and businesses across a range of exchange areas, from Albrighton to Alberbury and St Martins to Clungunford, are now within reach of the new fibre broadband network that we're building.

It's a huge engineering challenge and we can't do everywhere at the same time, as we have to build the network out from existing points of presence. In total, we expect to put in around about 13,000kms of the new fibre optic cable, with completion due in 2016.

The parishes in the LJC are mainly covered by the Shifnal exchange area, which has been partially upgraded to fibre broadband by Connecting Shropshire. Most of the work to upgrade the roadside cabinets in the exchange area has been done so over 900 premises in the LJC are now within reach of the new fibre optic network. There is still work ongoing to connect two remaining cabinets; one located in Sheriffhales and the other to the south of Shifnal (near the junction of Park Street and Park Lane). The work to upgrade these cabinets should be completed soon, with fibre broadband being available by the end of March 2015.

Also not all premises in an exchange area will get access to fibre based broadband and not all premises served by a fibre enabled cabinet will necessarily get a speed enhancement. Not all cabinets in an exchange area will necessarily be fibre enabled.

To connect to fibre broadband, people will need to contact their chosen internet service provider to upgrade their broadband package, the broadband speeds won't increase automatically.



Openreach engineer Dave Bant working on a fibre cabinet

Visit our website: <http://connectingshropshire.co.uk/when-and-where/> to check which exchange area and cabinet serves your premises and to check availability of fibre broadband. Also on the website, there is lots of information including FAQs and why faster fibre broadband is important for homes and businesses.

Any assistance that you can provide in spreading the word to your contacts about the availability of this fibre broadband network would be fantastic. The more people that switch to the new network, the more likely that we'll have more resources to provide fibre broadband to more parts of the Council area. On request, Connecting Shropshire staff can provide posters and flyers as well as attending local events and other assistance.

If any Parish would like a member of the Connecting Shropshire team to attend a Parish Council meeting to provide a more detailed update, please let us know on connecting.shropshire@shropshire.gov.uk

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