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Date: 11 April 2016  
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**Committee:**  
**Albrighton Area Local Joint Committee**

**Date:** Wednesday, 20 April 2016  
**Time:** 7.00 pm  
**Venue:** The Red House, Albrighton

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 Albrighton Area Local Joint Committee**

Malcolm Pate	Peter Mycroft
Stuart West	Hugh Kirton
David Thomas	Sylvia Pledger

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# **AGENDA**

## **1 Election of Chair**

To elect a Chair for the forthcoming year. Members are reminded that the Chair must be a member of Shropshire Council.

## **2 Appointment of Vice-Chair**

To appoint a Vice Chair for the forthcoming year.

## **3 Apologies for Absence and Substitutions**

To receive apologies for absence from members of the committee and notice of any substitute members.

## **4 Welcome and Introductions**

## **5 Disclosable Pecuniary Interests**

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.

## **6 Notes of the last meeting (Pages 1 - 4)**

To confirm the notes of the meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> November 2015.

## **7 PACT Partners and Communities Together (including West Mercia Police and Shropshire Fire and Rescue Service representatives)**

A member of the Local Policing team and a representative of Shropshire Fire and Rescue Service will update the meeting on local issues.

## **8 Local Commissioning - Albrighton Library**

To note that the refurbishment of the library was now complete and the Parish Council had recently relocated to their new office. Albrighton is one of 6 libraries (Albrighton, Bishops Castle, Broseley, Cleobury Mortimer, Craven Arms and Shifnal) that have either moved into new community management arrangements or are about to do so. Sessions have been held with Locality who were

commissioned using part of the DCLG's Transformation Challenge Award to support this process and to help build confidence and capacity and further work is planned to look at the role of libraries as Community Connectors.

## **9 Healthwatch - Presentation from Jane Randall-Smith**

Jane Randall-Smith will do a presentation on how Healthwatch works locally to help people get the best out of their local health and social care services.

## **10 Southern Shropshire LEADER Programme**

Peter Banford, Programme Manager, Shropshire Council, will give a presentation on the new LEADER Programme which will bring £2.54 million into southern Shropshire. The overall purpose of the funding is to improve the economic wellbeing of the area through sustainable development. Peter will highlight more about the programme and how applications can be made.

## **11 Updates**

### **Swimming Pool**

Discussions have been ongoing with the school and the existing committee to look at viable ways forward for the swimming pool following the reduction of funding from Shropshire Council. An open day event to highlight the need for additional committee members was also held on 27<sup>th</sup> February. The AGM will be held on 19<sup>th</sup> April 2016 at 7pm at Albrighton Library – all are welcome. An update on progress should be available at the LJC meeting.

### **Albrighton Railway Ramp Project**

Shropshire Council recently agreed to commission their independent consulting engineers, Mouchel to carry out a Risk/Safety assessment on the ramp. The report will be shared with Albrighton Parish Council once it is available for consideration by their insurance company. Mouchel are an independent company who provide professional advice and guidance to Shropshire Council on all bridges and structures across the County.

A Structural Engineer from Mouchel has assessed the site on the suitability of the ramp to be used as an access to the station and also to highlight any health and safety issues that may exist. As part of this assessment discussions will also be held with Network Rail on some agreed lighting and repair issues, highlighted by the Ramp Team.

There are also some planned major works to be undertaken to replace the bridge which will be taking place this summer and it is hoped that any

changes/improvements to the road layout would be done at the same time in order to limit disruption to users.

## **12 Albrighton Post Office**

The Post Office are currently consulting on the relocation of the Post Office from its current premises to the Spar on the High Street in Albrighton. The consultation runs until 29<sup>th</sup> April 2016. Your views can be made by one of the following:

postofficeviews.co.uk

[comments@postoffice.co.uk](mailto:comments@postoffice.co.uk)

Customer Helpline: 03457 223344 or textphone 03457 223355

Freepost your comments (this is the full address)

## **13 Public Question Time/Identification of future agenda items**

Members of the public will be able to ask questions and make suggestions for future agenda items.

## **14 Date of Next Meeting**

To note that the next meeting will be held on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2016 at 7.00pm at The Red House, Albrighton.

**NOTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 11 NOVEMBER 2015  
IN THE RED HOUSE, HIGH STREET, ALBRIGHTON, WV7 3LU**

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**Committee Members Present**

Malcolm Pate	– Shropshire Council
Phil Harrison	– Albrighton Parish Council
David Beechey	- Donington with Boscobel Parish Council

**Officers present:**

Andrea McWilliams, Community Enablement Officer

Chris Edwards, Shropshire Council

**Also in attendance:**

Sgt Richard Bailey	- West Mercia Police
PC Matt Picken	- West Mercia Police

**1. Welcome and Introduction**

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**2. Apologies for absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Hugh Kirton, Sylvia Pledger and Stuart West.

**3. Disclosable Pecuniary Interests**

None were disclosed.

**4. Confirmation of Notes**

The notes of the meeting held on 8 July 2015 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

**5. Partners and Communities Together (PACT) – West Mercia Police**

Sgt Richard Bailey and PC Matt Picken were introduced and welcomed to the meeting. They updated the meeting on the latest crime statistics for the area and directed anyone who was interested in looking at specific statistics to view the West Mercia Police webpage on [www.police.uk](http://www.police.uk).

The local Rural Watch Co-ordinator was praised for circulating a vast amount of community safety information that covered a wide geographic area.

In response to a question, Sgt Bailey also reassured the public that there were no plans within the West Mercia constabulary to reduce the number of CSO posts at present.

Sgt Bailey urged the public to use the 101 number to report non-urgent incidents and reminded everyone that the Safer Neighbourhood Team could also be contacted on that number. However, 999 should still be used for emergencies.

## **6. Local Commissioning – Future Options for Albrighton Library**

Chris Edwards, Shropshire Council gave a presentation on the progress made in relation to the future of the library and proposals currently being considered. He advised that negotiations on terms of the lease, plan layout, staffing options etc were ongoing and formal consideration of the proposals would be taking place at Albrighton Parish Council's meeting on 17<sup>th</sup> December and Shropshire Council's cabinet meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> January 2016.

One of the plan drawings currently being circulated had given the wrong impression on the proposals so it was agreed that a clearer plan would be circulated. Members of the public thought that there may be opportunities to utilise the garden space at the back of the library more effectively in the future.

There was some discussion about a new internal wall not being fixed but being more of a moveable partition, however, this had been discounted due to financial constraints.

Chris Edwards confirmed that there was no guarantee about the level of funding from Shropshire Council after the initial 3 year period and Councillor Malcolm Pate reminded the meeting that Shropshire Council were having to change their way of working to address the cuts.

## **7. Albrighton Swimming Pool – update**

Councillor Malcolm Pate advised the meeting that there had been a significant reduction in the funding for the pool. As a result of this the Head Teacher was now looking at how the deficit could be addressed. To date, there had been a meeting called between the school, civic society, Shropshire Council and the Parish Council where it was decided to attempt to keep the pool going.

At a recent meeting of the Civic Society a straw poll of members attending had felt that an increase in the parish council's precept could possibly support the deficit and Albrighton Parish Council had since decided to fund the shortfall for the forthcoming financial year.

He advised that the Parish Council funding was on the understanding that work would now go ahead locally to look at how to move forward with operating the facility into the future. It had been agreed that there was a need to clarify the costs involved in running the pool and to ensure that these costs were kept separate to the running costs of the school.

Members of the public raised the possibility of looking at solar funding possibilities to help to reduce the revenue costs in the future.

Councillor David Beechey felt that it was important to re-establish a good committee to run the community element of the pool as the membership had currently reduced to 2 and clearly this was not acceptable. Chris Edwards confirmed that discussions were on-going with the existing committee to support members on how to move forward.

The Head Teacher had agreed to get volunteers together to reinvigorate the club via the weekly school newsletter. It was also noted that efforts should be made to get St Mary's Primary school to commit to using their local pool.

The LJC would report updates on progress at future meetings.

## **8. Albrighton Railway Ramp Project and proposed alterations to Station Road**

It was noted that Alice Dilly had forwarded a position statement in relation to progress on the railway ramp project. She advised that a plan showing preliminary proposals was being finalised in preparation for public consultation. It was anticipated that this would take place in late November / early December during which time plans would be displayed and response forms would be made available to capture residents and users views.

## **9. Other issues raised at the meeting.**

CIL Funding from local development - Councillor Pate confirmed that there would only be S106 that applied to the first phase of building of 85 homes in Albrighton and not CIL, however, CIL would apply to the second phase of the development. CIL would be used to address Place Plan priorities for the area.

### **Footpath at Elm Road**

Some concern was raised about footpath safety at Elm Road and whether there was any progress with plans to move the pathway. Further information would be sought and fed back.

### **40mph speed limit along Cross Road**

A member of the public asked whether any decision had been taken on extending the 40mph speed limit to the Albrighton Feeds junction. Further information would be sought and fed back.

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