

SHREWSBURY-WIDE LOCAL JOINT COMMITTEE
Meeting held at the Guildhall, Frankwell Quay, Shrewsbury
At 7.00pm on Monday 27th November 2017

PRESENT – Councillors: I Jones, , N Laurens, P Moseley, A Moseley, P Nutting, K Pardy, , D Vasmer, J Brownlie, N Green, J Dean, A Phillips, D Carroll, K Pardy, H Taylor

IN ATTENDANCE – Helen Ball (Town Clerk), Matt Johnson– Shropshire Council, Pete Banford – Shropshire Council, Jeremy Cragg – Civic society, Mike Carter – Civic Society, James Wilson – Civic Society, Byron Granger-Jones P Gilbert – Sustainable Transport Shropshire, Seb Slater – The Bid, Eddie West – Shropshire Council, David Peters – Canal Trust, Dereck Taylor - Canal Trust 14 members of the public

1. Election of Chairman

Pete Banford (Shropshire Council Community Enablement Team) welcomed everyone to the meeting. He asked for nominations for position of Shrewsbury wide LJC Chairperson for the next twelve months.

Cllr K Pardy nominated Cllr A Mosley.
Cllr P Moseley seconded the nomination.

No further nominations were received, Cllr A Mosley was duly appointed as Chairman.

2. Apologies for Absence

Cllr K Roberts, Cllr H Fraser, Cllr J Mackenzie, Cllr B Wall, Cllr H Taylor

3. Appointment of Vice-Chairman

Cllr A Mosley asked for nominations for position of Shrewsbury wide LJC Vice Chairperson for the next twelve months.

Cllr A Mosley nominated Cllr P Moseley.
Cllr K Pardy seconded the nomination.

No further nominations were received, Cllr P Moseley was duly appointed as Vice Chairman

4. Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

Members were 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.

No disclosable pecuniary interests were declared.

5. Police Update

Chief Inspector Sarah Chaloner provided an update on issues relating to local policing in the Central area.

Homelessness

The Police have a homeless outreach support team. The police are working with the Arc. Figures show a downward trend in numbers of homeless incidents. In

2015 48 rough sleepers were reported, as of 23/11/2017 there has only been 6 recorded.

Cllr Dean Carroll Portfolio holder for Housing and a member of the Rough Sleeper forum stated:

- Rough sleeping incidents have fallen
- Emergency provision is provided if the temperature drops below 0 three nights in a row.

Night time economy

Police continue to work with Team Shrewsbury, local businesses and Pub Watch. The Policing teams have a zero tolerance to violent crime around the town centre.

The Town centre Residents Association representative stated that foot patrols have been noticed after midnight. This was very much supported by the Residents Association.

River safety

Remains a priority for Team Shrewsbury.

- Installation of life buoys and safety equipment.
- Checks of toe paths are being carried out by Shrewsbury Town Council.
- An early warning flood system will alert the town to potential increased risk.
- CCTV helps manage river safety.
- Additional signage is required.
- Shrewsbury Town Council has improved lighting along the river.
- Street Pastors engage and warn late night drinkers about the risks of the river. The Street pastors have been trained in throw line techniques.
- Police carry water safety equipment's and work with RNLI.
- Presentations have been carried out to local schools and the University.
- Samaritans have provided extra support and signage regarding river safety.
- Shropshire Sanctuary now offer 7 day a week 8pm until 3am support for lower level mental health cases.

Chief Inspector Sarah Chaloner explained that the Police force is experiencing budget cuts.

Cllr Moseley asked about the impact of the cuts in a service that is coming under increased public demand.

Chief Inspector Sarah Chaloner advised that the Police are looking at new models of policing to deal with the impact of the cuts. An agile and mobile approach to maintain local policing will be adopted.

6. Shrewsbury Integrated Transport Package (SITP) -Update

Matt Johnson, Strategic transport and contracts Manager Shropshire Council explained:

- A series of transport measures designed to improve the transport system in Shrewsbury and stimulate a new period of sustainable economic growth have been put in place.
- The measures include improvements to walking and cycling routes, enhancements to the town centre, junction upgrades and town centre wayfinding.
- It is a priority project for Shropshire because of the important role transport plays in a successful economy.
- It is an integral part of supporting the planned future growth of Shrewsbury (sustainable urban extensions).

A total funding pot of £12.2m comprising of:

- The Marches LTB (49%) £6m
- Shropshire Council Contribution (51%) **£6.2m** (developer contributions)

The Core Objectives are to:

- Contribute to economic growth.
- Alleviate congestion on the inner relief road
- Reduce the volume of traffic flows through the historic and commercial town centre.
- Improve the reliability of journey times.
- Improve air quality in the town centre.
- Encourage sustainable modes of transport.
- Enhance the built environment.
- Improve safety for all road users.

7. North West Relief Road – Information on recent consultation activity for the NWRR business case.

Matt Johnson, Strategic transport and contracts Manager Shropshire Council gave a presentation.

The main objectives of the North West Relief road are:

- To improve connectivity and accessibility between the north and west of Shrewsbury for all modes of transport.
- To reduce traffic congestion in Shrewsbury town centre.
- To reduce traffic congestion on the north and west approaches to the town.
- To improve the reliability of journey times and reduce unforeseen delays.
- To improve the efficiency of Shrewsbury's transport network for all modes of transport.
- To improve the resilience of Shrewsbury's transport network.
- To enhance the benefits of the Oxon Link Road and Integrated Transport Package.
- To reduce the number of people killed or seriously injured on roads in Shrewsbury.
- To improve air quality, especially in the built-up areas of Shrewsbury
- To reduce net emissions of CO2 and other greenhouse gases.

The potential programme is as follows:

- Stakeholder Engagement – Ongoing
- Public Consultation closes – 8th November
- DfT submission - 23rd December
- DfT Decision – Spring 2018
- Planning submission – Winter 2018
- Public Inquiry – Spring 2019
- Construction Start – Winter 2020
- Road Opening – Spring 2022

8. Shrewsbury Big Town Plan – Information on next steps

Seb Slater, Executive Director, Shrewsbury BID gave a presentation.

Seb explained that The Big Town Plan will guide the development and priorities of the town, ensuring we are creating and making the most of opportunities, and are well positioned to manage current and future challenges.

The Big Town Plan is a new way of working in the town - diverse stakeholders from across the public and private sector are coming together - and putting the needs of people at the heart of our plan-making and place-shaping.

The Aims and Priority Areas of the Big Town plan:

- Creating a Place for Enterprise.
- Improving Movement and Place.
- Enabling Vitality, Life and Mix.
- Nurturing Natural Shrewsbury.

The Big Town Plan will ensure that Shrewsbury develops in a way that is complimentary of, and sensitive to, the place that it is today. It is vital that the identity of Shrewsbury – the place in which our businesses and residents trade and live, and visitors spend their precious free time – is curated and managed.

Over fifty individuals and organisations participated in a series of workshops about the future of our town. The conversations and ideas which flowed from these sessions have formed the basis of the Big Town Plan.

9. Local Plan review – Information on the consultation for preferred scale and distribution of development.

Edward West, Principle Policy Officer, Shropshire Council gave a presentation.

He explained that an up to date Local Plan is a statutory requirement; Shropshire Councils review must conform with national policy and aims to:

- to reflect contemporary information on needs;
- to significantly boost the supply of housing;
- to build a strong and competitive economy;
- to be updated on a now standard 5 year cycle;
- Review will maintain local control over planning decisions to 2036;
- 'Inquisitorial' examination by an independent Planning Inspector will test 'soundness'.

Scope of Review

- Sets preferred scale of housing & employment growth for 2016-36;
- Adopts methodology that identifies the settlement hierarchy;
- Distributes housing & employment growth using guidelines for Strategic, Principal & Key centres with an allowance for rural growth;
- Identifies named Community Hubs – guidelines yet to be determined;
- Identifies existing Community Clusters and the opportunity to 'opt-in' – with an allowance for this growth yet to be determined;
- 'Criteria' Policies will manage development in Hubs & Clusters;
- **No site allocations have been made at this stage.**

10. Shrewsbury Town Council

Officer update on activities and initiatives relating to Shrewsbury.

Helen Ball (Shrewsbury Town Council Town Clerk) gave an overview of the work of the Town Council, focusing on the responsibilities of the Town Council, the work of the Town Councillors, the work of the Mayor, major projects and activities, its partnership working with other bodies including Team Shrewsbury and the Business Improvement District, its relationship with Shropshire Council and its plans for the future.

The main areas covered included:

- Open Space provision and amenities negotiations with developers.
- English cricket Board lawn tennis development and bid.
- Big Town Plan consultation and development.
- Shrewsbury Tourism
- Christmas lights turn on – had a good turnout and a successful event.
- Carols in the square.
- Britain in bloom.
- Youth services provision.
- Reporting of road safety concerns to Shropshire Council.

11. Any other business

There was no other business

12. Date and time of next meeting

Shrewsbury Annual Town Meeting - Monday 14th May 2018