

NOTES OF THE LUDLOW & CLEE AREA LOCAL JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT 7.00PM ON THURSDAY 27 February 2014 AT THE ROCKSPRING COMMUNITY CENTRE, LUDLOW

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Committee Members Present:

Councillor H Chance	Bitterley Parish Council
Councillor Mrs T Huffer	Shropshire Council – Ludlow East Ward
Councillor Mrs E Marrs	Ashford Carbonel Parish Council
Councillor Mrs V Parry	Shropshire Council – Ludlow South Ward
Councillor J Smithers	Ludlow Town Council
Councillor R Huffer (Chair)	Shropshire Council – Clee
Councillor J Whittall	Richards Castle Parish Council
Councillor I Liddle	Ludford Parish Council
Councillor G Williams	Caynham Parish Council

Officers Present:

Vicky Turner	Community Action Officer
Richard Parkes	Positive Activities Manager

Also in attendance:

Jessica Taylor	Shropshire Council Revenues & Benefits
Daphne Simmonds	Community Council of Shropshire
Rob Thomas	Neighbourhood Police Inspector, West Mercia Police
Charles Naylor	West Mercia Police
Jamie Guest	PCSO, West Mercia Police
Mike Cotton	South Shropshire Housing

There were approximately 24 members of the public at the meeting.

ACTION

LC/25 Welcome and apologies

The Vice Chairman welcomed all to the meeting. Apologies were received from Councillor J Whittall (Richards Castle Parish Council)

The Chair paid tribute to Rosanna Taylor-Smith and her work with the Local Joint Committee and wished her well in her retirement.

The Chair also informed that it is up to the public to shape the future of

the Local Joint Committees and suggested that it is on the agenda for all Parish Councils

LC/26 Declarations of Interest

Councillor Henry Chance (Bitterley Parish Council) – application C3 (WW1 Memorial), Councillor Jim Smithers (Ludlow Town Council) - application C3 (WW1 Memorial), Councillor Vivienne Parry (Shropshire Council) – application C2 Ludlow in Bloom declared interests in grant applications relating to their respective Parishes / Wards and would not be voting on these matters.

LC/27 Notes of the meeting held on 20 June 2013

RESOLVED:

that the Notes of the meeting of the Ludlow & Clee Area Local Joint Committee held 17 October 2013 be approved as a correct record of the meeting and signed by the Chairman.

The Chair thanked Vice Chair, George Williams for chairing the last meeting at short notice

LC/28 Report from the local Policing Team

Inspector Thomas was present at the meeting and provided crime statistics for the area together with an update on current issues including:

- ASB in the Ludlow Town Centre
- The Safer Neighbourhood Team can call on other officers as necessary
- The work that the Ludlow Community Alcohol Partnership (LCAP) does helps with reducing the incidents of young people and alcohol in the town.
- The Ludlow Police Station is still open
- Patrol Officers are working from Leominster, using mobile devices to do their paperwork – this is working well

Inspector Thomas then answered questions from residents on:

- The fear of crime – not going out at night.
- Cars racing in Parys Road
- Eco park being used 'as a race track'
- Community Speed Watch

LC/29 Crime Prevention Advice from Charles Naylor, West Mercia Police

Mr Naylor agreed with Inspector Thomas that perception of crime is a big issue as the statistics prove that South Shropshire is a low crime area. On

average there is one burglary reported a day in Shropshire.
Mr Naylor's role is to support the local police, look at emerging trends and to support vulnerable people, with advice and product advice.

LC/30 Presentation on Benefits System Advice – Jessica Taylor, Shropshire Council

Jessica Taylor gave an in depth presentation (will be circulated with the minutes) giving details on benefits available and the process needed. She also explained that with the imminent closure of Stone House that the Benefits and Revenues team will be based in Ludlow Library.

Jessica answered questions on:

- Food / Gas social fund taking a long time to release the support available
- The appointment booking system

LC/31 Housing update – Mike Cotton, South Shropshire Housing Association

South Shropshire Housing Association had an incentive for tenants to downsize their property and by doing so now have 3 bedroom properties that they are unable to let.

Following a restructure there are now two dedicated Housing Officers in Ludlow (Mike Cotton and Sue Perry)

Mike reminded everyone about drop in sessions at the Foyer on Tuesdays

LC/32 Good Neighbours Scheme – Daphne Simmonds, Shropshire Rural Council

Daphne left leaflets introducing a new initiative for Ludlow that works successfully in 9 other areas of the county to support vulnerable adults and to help them to remain within their community.

This is done through exercise classes, information and senior safety days. Working with the Rockspring Community Centre to develop a volunteer lead project – looking for volunteers who will form a committee and become their own scheme, harnesses what is already happening in Ludlow and bringing it all together

More information can be found at Rockspring Community Centre.

LC/33 Parish / Town Council and Shropshire Council Updates

Shropshire Council and Parish/Town Council representatives provided an update on local issues/news:

Ashford Carbonel – Councillor Emma Marrs

- Now have a defibrillator outside the village hall, provided by the ambulance service for free.
- SamDEV – concerns that Shropshire Council have only, today, adopted the 5 year plan and the loop holes this could mean

Ludlow Town Council – Councillor Jim Smithers

- There is no official date for the opening of the Boxing Club
- The Royal Regiment of Wales have been granted the Freedom of Ludlow and there will be a parade through the town, hopefully in September.
- Ludlow Town Council give £35, 000 of core grants and have £2,000 to allocate grants up to £200
- There is an election in the Whitcliffe Ward
- The recent tribunal – is reported on the Town Council website

Bitterley Parish Council – Councillor Henry Chance

- Nothing to report at this time

Ludford Parish Council – Councillor Imogen Liddle

- The next Parish Council meeting is March 17th, 10am at the Bishops Mascall Centre

Caynham Parish Council – Councillor George Williams

- Road works for 3 weeks from 24th March at the Caynham Road – it will be a full road closure

Tracey Huffer – Shropshire Council

- Reminded everyone of the two current consultations on the Youth Service

Richard Huffer – Shropshire Council

- Nothing to report at this time

Vivienne Parry – Shropshire Council

- Reported that there is now a better town bus service and that from next week will go up Old Street and buses will have disability access

LC/34 2013/14 Finance report, including update on funding requests

It was noted that the LJC had a funding budget of £27,435 for the current financial year including specific funding for arts and just under £1,000 that had been rolled over from the previous year and set aside specifically for youth projects.

RESOLVED:

- i) That the balance for the grant to South Shropshire Youth Forum is paid following the receipt of the progress report
- ii) That following advice from Shropshire Council, Local Joint Committee budget officer – the money allocated during 2013/14 as loans to be repaid in 2014/15 can be allocated with this final

rounds of grants

iii) That the following grant applications be approved:

C1 Ludlow Women's Centre, new chairs **£595**

C2 Ludlow in Bloom, new planters **£360**

C3 Ludlow Town Council, WW1 Memorial Board Role of Honour **£2,040**

C4 South Shropshire Furniture Scheme, community development projects **£2,000**

C5 St Laurence's Church, Kitchen equipment **£670**

C6 Pentabus Theatre Company, Young Writers Festival **£2,000**

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action
payments

Thanks for grants were received from: Ludlow in Bloom, St Laurence's Church, Pentabus Theatre Company and Ludlow Women's Centre

LC/35 Market Towns Revitalisation Project and Community Action Update

Update on the Market Towns Revitalisation Programme (MTRP):

Just two projects remain from the original £400,000 allocated by Shropshire Council to be spent in Ludlow. They are: Dinham Weir and The Buttercross. Dinham Weir scheme is now completed and The Buttercross project is ongoing

Community Action officer Update

The Community Action Officer reminded those present of the diversity of the grants the LJC has given including:

- Many of the village Halls and other community spaces have been refurbished, had new windows, floors, chairs, tables, cookers etc.
- New Toddler and Mother groups have started
- Defibrillators have been provided around the LJC area
- Speed safety signs are shared and move around the area
- Have brought uniforms for local bands and groups
- Have provided holiday activities and after school activities for lots of children
- Have rebuilt walls
- Have celebrated the Queens Diamond Jubilee and the arrival of the Olympic Torch to Ludlow and Clee Hill
- And have helped numerous events to attract more people to Ludlow and its surrounding areas and also given local residents the opportunity to see Art Events and displays locally

To mention just a few things

The Ludlow and Clee Local Joint Committee will be continuing – it will continue to include items on its agenda that are important locally.

LC/36 Public Question Time

There were no further questions

LC/24 Date/time of next meeting

It was noted that the next meeting of the Ludlow & Clee Area Local Joint Committee would be held at 7.00pm on Tuesday 17 July 2014 at Clee Hill Village Hall

The meeting closed at 9.00 p.m.

Chairman:.....

Date:.....