



<u>Committee and Date</u>
Much Wenlock and Shipton Local Joint Committee
29 January 2014

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**NOTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MUCH WENLOCK AND SHIPTON LOCAL  
JOINT COMMITTEE HELD AT 7.00PM ON WEDNESDAY 29 JANUARY 2014  
AT PRIORY HALL, MUCH WENLOCK.**

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**Committee Members Present:**

**Shropshire Council**

Jean Jones  
David Turner

**Much Wenlock Town Council**

Mary Hill  
Yvonne Holyoak

**Easthope, Shipton and Stanton Long Parish Council**

Simon Brown  
Bob Seaward

**Also Present**

CSO Michael Watkins, West Mercia Police  
Kerry Rogers, Community Action Officer, Shropshire Council

There were approximately 31 members of the public present at the meeting.

**ACTION**

**1 Introductions and Welcomes**

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced the members of the committee

**2 Apologies for Absence and Substitutions**

2.1 There were no apologies as all members were present

**3 Disclosable Pecuniary Interests**

There were no disclosable pecuniary interests.

**4 Note of Last Meeting**

- 4.1 It was resolved that the notes of the meeting held on 17 July 2013 be signed by the Chairman as a true record

**5 Current Policing Issues – Partners and Communities Together (PACT)**

- 5.1 CSO Watkins informed the meeting that crime figures for the area were down into single figures and there was nothing significant to report at present.
- 5.2 CSO Watkins informed the meeting that there will shortly be a shop watch scheme operating within the town. All 35 businesses will have the opportunity to take part and information leaflets will be delivered shortly.

**6 Project Updates**

- 6.1 The following previous successful funding applicants gave a brief update on the progress of their project.

Dick Bailey for Walkers are Welcome  
 Rosemary Corke for Wenlock Poetry Festival  
 Yvonne Holyoak for Much Wenlock Town Council Christmas Lights  
 Robert Toft for Chamber of Trade Town Map  
 Andrew Smith for Much Wenlock Windmill Trust  
 Lalage Hampson for Much Wenlock Priory Hall

**7 Community First Responders**

Councillor Robin Bennett, a First Responder, gave a presentation about how they can help in medical emergencies before the ambulance arrives. Robin and his colleague, Colin Marlow, cover a five-mile radius around the town and need a second defibrillator in order to be more effective. These machines can make a vital difference to the survival of heart failure victims. They are also appealing for more volunteers to join them.

- 7.1 The Chair thanked Mr Bennett for his presentation.

**8 Much Wenlock Flood Group**

Paul Weeden, who leads the Much Wenlock Flood Action Group spoke of the need for a data logging device which will monitor the local river level in order to alert householders at risk of surface water flooding at times of heavy rainfall. He paid tribute to the diligence of longstanding campaigner John Yeats in watching water levels.

- 8.1 The Chair thanked Mr Weeden for his presentation.

**9 Applications for Funding from the LJC Budget**

9.1 The Chairman made reference to the Summary of Applications and representatives from organisations applying for grants were given the opportunity to address the committee regarding their application.

**9.2 RESOLVED:**

That the Committee: -

- a) Note the decision to award a grant of £90.00 under delegated powers to the Friends of Much Wenlock Cemetary.
- b) Note the decision to award a grant of £500.00 under delegated powers for Much Wenlock Town Council Christmas Lights.
- c) Note the decision to reject an application from the Perry Riding Centre on the grounds that not enough community benefit could be demonstrated.

d) That the following grants be approved

£300.00 to the Walkers are Welcome towards ongoing costs for leaflets etc.

£408.00 to the High Causeway Community Group for extend exercise classes

£2000 to Much Wenlock Flood Group towards the cost of a data logging system

£1600 to Community First Responders towards the cost of a new defibrillator

£400 to Wenlock Live Arts Festival towards associated costs

e) That the following grants be refused

Much Wenlock Tree Forum - other projects have demonstrated a wider community benefit, therefore taking priority.

Much Wenlock Town Council, Revitalisation of the Buttermarket – no match funding was identified and other projects have demonstrated a wider community benefit, therefore taking priority.

Much Wenlock Cricket Club – other projects have demonstrated a wider community benefit, therefore taking priority.

Much Wenlock U3A – no match funding was identified and other projects have demonstrated a wider community benefit, therefore taking priority.

Much Wenlock Brownies – benefit to the wider community has not been demonstrated.

**10 Public Question Time/Identification of Future Agenda Items**

10.1 There were two questions from members of the public.

10.2 A local resident challenged the Town Council's apparently exclusive stance on its approach to the Neighbourhood Plan in recent months. The Committee agreed the matter should be referred to the Town Council for a public response to the issues raised.

10.3 Another resident asked about the certainty of Environment Agency funding for Much Wenlock's flood defences. Councillor Turner said he will raise this with the appropriate officer at Shirehall.

10.4 Councillor Turner said "It was pleasing to see such interest in local projects represented in a good attendance at the meeting."

KR to forward to Town Clerk for a public response  
DT to provide a response in the next couple of weeks.

**11 Date of Next Meeting**

The Chair advised those present that the next meeting of the LJC would be held on 16 July 2014 at Shipton Village Hall.

There being no further business the Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting at 8.30pm

**Signed:** .....  
**Chairman**

**Date:**