NOTES OF THE LUDLOW & CLEE AREA LOCAL JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT 7.00PM ON TUESDAY 17 JUNE 2014 AT CLEE HILL VILLAGE HALL, CLEE HILL

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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 P Draper Ludlow Town Council
Councillor R Huffer (Chair) Shropshire Council – Clee
Councillor I Liddle Ludford Parish Council
Councillor G Williams Caynham Parish Council

Officers Present:
Linda Monteith Community Action Officer
Chris Edwards Shropshire Council
Kate Adams Street Scene

Also in attendance:
Sue Perry SSHA and Ludlow Youth Partnership
John Taylor Fire and Rescue
Ann Sutcliff SSHA
Jenny Marsh Ludlow College

There were approximately 27 members of the public at the meeting.

ACTION

1.0 Welcome and apologies

1.1 The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting. Apologies were received from Mr Clint, Jean Jarvis and Councillor J Whittall, Richards Castle Parish Council.
2.0 **Election of Chair and Vice Chair**

2.1 Richard Huffer was elected Chair, George Williams nominated and Viv Parry Seconded. George Williams was elected Vice Chair, Tracey Huffer nominated and Henry Chance seconded it. The decisions were voted on at the meeting.

3.0 **Volunteers Week**

3.1 George Cummings and the Mayor of Ludlow, Paul Draper awarded volunteer certificates to members of the community who have volunteered.

4.0 **Notes of the meeting held on 27 February 2014**

4.1 **RESOLVED:**
that the Notes of the meeting of the Ludlow & Clee Area Local Joint Committee held 27 February 2014 be approved as a correct record of the meeting and signed by the Chairman.

5.0 **Report from the local Policing Team**

5.1 Unfortunately no police officers could be present.

6.0 **John Taylor, Shropshire Fire and Rescue**

6.1 Common fires have almost stopped. Working together seems to have helped the situation.

Fire alarms that were free to vulnerable people now have to fit criteria on age, income and disability. People should call 01743 260 260.

If people have any community fire safety concerns please call and give your concerns and people's names and a free visit and advice will be arranged.

**Questions from the floor**

**What is situation at Tenbury?** - Tenbury is not going to lose an engine at present. Tenbury works 2 engines with 5 plus 4 people. Ludlow runs 1 engine with 9 people. If Ludlow is out the area is covered by another station. If Tenbury were to lose an engine it would affect the whole area.

**A fire alarm would not stop beeping** - All alarms that are changed have 10 year warranty. Central heating in cold weather will make them go off in the night. If anyone lives on their own and are vulnerable the Fire Service will send someone round to sort this out.

Again if someone is vulnerable they can have help fitting them.

7.0 **Local Joint Committee name change**

7.1 There was some thinking that the name Local Joint Committee may be putting people off getting involved and the word forum may be more
Chris Edwards spoke about a few other LJC’s and what they were doing. Bishops Castle is looking forward as a large LJC area and looking at engaging with businesses to help provide a funding pot for small grants. Shifnal and Craven Arms are holding workshop type meetings. Because the LJC funding has stopped, the meetings need to look at local needs and connecting with local resources like the police, fire, housing and start working together in partnership to make a difference.

Sue Perry, housing officer, spoke about the Ludlow firework displays where the Police, SSHA and Youth work together to put something special on. The LJC committee needs to consider new ways of working and co-opting partners onto the committee. This will depend on what the local issues are and what pots of funding the committee would like to connect with. The co-opted people could then just stay on the LJC while their issue is topical in the area.

The LJC needs to connect with more of the public.

8.0 Coder Road

8.1 Richard Huffer explained his disappointment that Larry Wolfe had not come along to the meeting. Richard then explained that Councillor Andy Boddington and Councillor Viv Parry had met with Larry the week before and Andy would update the meeting.

8.2 Andy explained that some awkward negotiations were going ahead. The Bio digester was closed down a few years ago and needs to be decommissioned. Cwmharry have shown an interest in it and are trying to get it set up again but quite a lot still needs doing. The battle was lost to keep the old recycling centre open and the site will now go to Cwmharry for the Bio digester.

The Road department will be moving to Craven Arms. Andy would like to see the old office block and hard standing turned into some sort of recycling centre, employment/training centre with a green focus and Phillip Dunne has been informed of this. Andy has spoken with Shropshire Council about the viability of green enterprise. The site may be sold but Andy is hoping that it could be rented.

Richard Huffer added that a lot of Clee Hill people look to Tenbury to recycle, this site is moving to the Bromyard road.

The meeting spoke about Freecycle and Freecycle websites. Fly tipping is considered to have increased and fridges have been dumped in Squirrel Lane.

Battlefield will be having an incinerator so all the rubbish from Craven Arms will go there and it will create electricity; the contract with Shropshire Council and Veolia has been signed.

Tenbury recycling centre is open two days a week.

When Coder Road was to shut 2,000 signed a petition to try and save it. Sue Perry has seen increased fly tipping, if people haven’t got transport going to Craven Arms is impossible. People on low budgets need help moving bulky items.

Viv Parry spoke of the Welfare Fund at Shropshire Council which may be of help.

Craven Arms closes at 5pm but is open on Saturday and Sunday.
Henry Chance felt that Larry Wolfe should attend the LJC to answer these questions and felt the LJC should have the power to insist he does attend. Kate Adams thought the fly tipping would have been much worse and did increase for a few weeks after Coder Road closed but since April the figures have returned to normal. Milton Road in Ludlow still has fly tipping on a weekly basis. Kate is not receiving information about this. She needs to be informed about Milton Road so it can be fed into her figures.

8.3 The Clee Hill litter pickers do a litter pick on the first Sunday of each month. They are applying for funding to help them continue. South Shropshire Housing have done three Skip days. The first saw 3 families use them, the second saw 20 families and the third saw 30 families. Veolia provided bins for recycling free of charge so it may be worth Clee Hill litter pickers contacting them for their litter picks. Sue Perry stressed that it is not the Housing Association’s job to these Skip days.

It was suggested that it was down to education and what can be recycled so people could do more.

9.0 **Ludlow Youth Partnership**

9.1 Sue Perry Treasurer for Ludlow Youth Partnership updated the meeting on the Youth Partnership.

The Youth Partnership was created by a group of agencies/groups to look at Youth in Ludlow and the surrounding area.

The Youth Partnership has put on the Youth Festival in Ludlow which has attracted over 300 people plus the Community Firework event that has attracted over 400 people.

The Partnership has obtained funding from SSHA and the police to help fund events. Clee Hill could have a partnership but linked into the Ludlow and area partnership.

Tracey Huffer explained that the Youth Partnership would now link in with LCAP.

The South Shropshire Youth Forum has started working in Clee Hill and work is going on with young people clearing bridle ways and Church flower beds. The community is providing the equipment for the young people to use.

In Ludlow the young people who worked on the garden project were rewarded with a karting trip.

George Cummings has applied to the Community Development Fund for work in Clee Hill.

10. **Market Towns update – Chris Edwards**

10.1 Chris explained that Shropshire Council withdrew the funding in February but a new bidding process is now taking place. This has however stalled the process.

Funding in South Shropshire has been agreed and offer letters should be out soon. The Buttercross work is now going ahead. The deadline set is December 2014 but the TC are in talks to move this to March 2015 as there is still a lot to be done with 3 months of plastering. Everyone is
working hard to complete as soon as possible. Shropshire Council are working with Ludlow Assembly Rooms, once the Buttercross is complete the museum will move there and the booking office and Visitor Information Centre will move on to the ground floor of the Assembly Rooms with the entrance on Castle Square.

11.0 Parish / Town Council and Shropshire Council Updates

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

- It was reported that the A49 was a safety concern at the Caynham road with visibility and the length of the grass. This was raised with Amey. The whole A49 is a problem and people’s lives are being put at risk. This junction has been a problem for the last 3 years. Action to enquire with Chris Edwards what can be done

11.2 Ludlow Town Council –

- The Royal Welsh have been granted the Freedom of Ludlow and there will be a parade through the town, 20th September, route to be confirmed
- New planned supermarket was a concern to the town centre shops but no planning application is in yet. A planned consultation is planned for July. It is a 26,000 square foot retail and petrol station at Dun Cow Farm
- Ludlow Youth Festival, 19th July

11.3 Bitterley Parish Council – Councillor Henry Chance

- There is planning for 13 new homes in Middleton
- Bitterley Village fête, 12th July

11.4 Ludford Parish Council – Councillor Imogen Liddle

- The development in Rocks Green should go to Ludford PC first as that’s where the land is. The developer has been in contact and going to the next PC meeting in July. A presentation of the scheme will be at the Rockspring centre on the 4th and 5th July and the PC is keeping an eye on progress.
- Sandev- been busy knocking on doors SAMDev?

11.5 Caynham Parish Council – Councillor George Williams

- Caynham has got planning applications in
- Caynham road will not now be shut but have traffic lights. Knowbury will have the road closed in August for resurfacing

11.6 Tracey Huffer – Shropshire Council

- Reminded everyone of the Youth Festival in July

11.7 Richard Huffer – Shropshire Council (Clee)

- Speeding issues are still a concern. Hoping to reduce speed at the crossing. There is a scheme that is being worked on but this hasn’t
gone to the PC yet. A planned consultation in October with a public meeting is being planned. Richard welcomes everyone’s input and wants to please all. The scheme is being spread over two financial years so any work would start early next year.

11.8 **Vivienne Parry – Shropshire Council**
- Is in contact with supermarket chain as she felt the land would always stay green, she will also be attending Ludford PC meeting.
- Trying to get cardboard back on to kerbside recycling
- Play areas in town all in an awful state and something will now be done to improve this
- Ludlow in Bloom will be judged on the 10th July.
- Please contact Viv regarding any green issues.

11.9 **292 Bus Link – Phillip Dunne** has announced that there may be good news regarding this service
Speeding traffic cut through from the A49 to Knowbury, this is on Caynham’s PC agenda.
Community Speed Watch has been given the green light by the Police and Crime Commissioner; Clee Hill village and Middleton would like to join together and share training and equipment.

12.0 **Community Action Update**

12.1 Linda Monteith introduced herself as the new Community Enablement Officer for Ludlow and Clee. Linda explained she was based at Ludlow Youth Centre and her phone number was 07990085443. Linda shared information on planned WWI events in the town, Ludlow Youth Festival, Rockspring community produce show and Organ Donation survey.

13.0 **Date/time of next meeting**

13.1 The Committee would look at doing some kind of workshop style meetings before the next LJC to discuss the new roles of the LJC in the future
Minutes of the meeting would be sent out to Parish Councils to keep them in the loop.

The meeting closed at 9.15pm

Chairman:........................................................................

Date:........................................................................