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Oswestry Local Joint
Committee

24th February 2015

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OSWESTRY LOCAL JOINT COMMITTEE

NOTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 24th March 2015 at Marches School, Morda Road, Oswestry

6.00pm – 7.45pm

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PRESENT:

Members of the Committee:

Mr Vince Hunt	Shropshire Council
Mr Keith Barrow	Shropshire Council
Mr John Price	Shropshire Council
Mr Peter Cherrington	Shropshire Council
Mr Paul Milner	Oswestry Town Council
Mr John Gareth Jones	Oswestry Town Council

Officers:

Steve White
Kate Garner

Community Enablement Officer, Shropshire Council
Locality Commissioning Manager, Shropshire Council

1. Election of Chair

- 1.1 Cllr Vince Hunt was proposed by Cllr Keith Barrow, seconded by Cllr Peter Cherrington. No other nominations were given. By a show of hands all LJC members voted for Cllr Vince Hunt to be the Chair of the Oswestry LJC for this year.

2. Election of Vice Chair

- 2.1 Cllr Vince Hunt proposed Cllr Paul Milner, seconded by Cllr Keith Barrow. No further nominations were given. By a show of hands All LJC members voted for Cllr Paul Milner to be Vice Chair of the Oswestry LJC for this year.

ACTION

SW

3.	Welcome, Introductions and apologies for absence.	
3.1	Cllr Vince Hunt thanked everyone for coming along to the LJC meeting. He also apologised for the gap since the last meeting.	VH
3.2	Cllr Elaine Channon gave her apologies for not being able to attend.	VH
4.	Disclosable Pecuniary Interest	
4.1	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.	VH
5.	Minutes of the last meeting	
5.1	AGREED: That the notes of the meeting held on 24 th October 2013 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.	VH
5.2	Questions were raised by Peter Lloyd. Was the last LJC a public meeting, Answer: Yes. Questioned the award at last LJC to Oswestry Cricket Club, Answer: it was agreed that they would be asked to give feedback on how they spent the money at the next public meeting.	VH/SW
6.	Youth Locality Commissioning in Oswestry	
6.1	KB gave an overview of Shropshire Council's plans to have local decision making on local issues.	
6.2	VH then talked about what was happening locally. He informed that Shropshire Council had in excess of 800 questionnaires returned; these were to gather intelligence on what they are doing now for activities and what they would like to be doing. He stated that this process needs to be led with young people. He talked about the local outcomes as well as the Shropshire wide and National we will be using to come up with the intentions. He identified that this was in the report that was available on the tables. No comments were received back so accepted. Vince shared that providers will be asked to come forward with offers to provide youth activities based on the evidence and the outcomes. VH stated The Centre is going nowhere, it is an important asset for young people but equally youth activities are provided by many different groups out of many different locations. Any applications to provide a service funded through the Oswestry LJC will have to show a need, a link to the outcomes and a way to	

improve the lives of young people. Oswestry LJC will hold them to account and ensure that they meet these needs and ask for change and adaptations if needed to engage the young people.

6.3

SW took people through the data with a power point presentation. Anyone wanting a copy was offered to contact SW and it would be shared via email.

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VH thanked SW for the presentation and shared that the collation of information for 881 is a time very consuming process.

6.5

Vince then talked through the next steps:

- A Provider Event is being held in Council Chamber, Castle View, Oswestry 3rd March 2015, 5pm. Invitations have been sent out for this through various channels.
- The Next Public LJC meeting will be held on in Council Chamber, Castle View, Oswestry 13th March 2015, 2pm. This will be an opportunity to share the commissioning intentions for Oswestry.
- Following this a period of consultation will occur on the commissioning intentions lasting 5 weeks as good practice.

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Questions were then invited on youth commissioning from the attendees:

- A question on consultation with parents was raised. Answer: parents were invited to attend the LJC meeting to share their views. We are open to the views of parents but foremost it is the views of young people themselves at the heart of this work.
- A question was raised as to the running cost of The Centre. Will money earmarked for commissioning youth services be spent to run the building? Answer: The budgets are separate. Keith also added there is a chance more money may be allocated from public health to tackle further needs in young people such as obesity.
- A question was asked as to why is Shropshire council not investing in facilities like Gatacre recreation Ground? Answer: There are issues with the site including dog fouling. Plans are underway to improve the area including a request by Woodside School under community asset transfer to take on responsibility for managing the junior football pitch, fence it off and improve it as a facility. This will remain open for use by constituted groups in town if agreed. There is also the bid from Cae Glas Cricket club.
- A concern was raised that the Outcomes presented do not cover the need. Answer: We are working to 3 sets of outcomes these are national, Shropshire wide and also some local ones for Oswestry. All will need to be used in the process. These are identified in the LJC report. People were invited to share any data they had to add into the wider data collected.
- Support was given as to the benefit of easily accessible information for young people in a format that they can access. This was mentioned in the presentation and they

wanted to endorse their agreement. Response: The LJC is keen to support the creation of this through The Centre as a Hub for young people.

- A question was raised as to could the Oswestry Town Council bring some money forward to support youth activities in Oswestry? Answer: Oswestry Town Council have provided grants to Oswestry youth Café and support and finance the Oswestry Youth Council.
- A question was posed around the provision to NEETS (Not in Education, employments or training). This needs to be targeted intervention. Is the Oswestry LJC prepared to invest? Answer: It is important for us to look at all areas of need including NEETS but not forgetting the high levels of deprivation in Oswestry too. Consideration will be given to every group and work then targeted. It is unrealistic for us to say we will solve all problems.
- TNS shared with the LJC that they had received money from the Police & Crime Commissioner fund to provided targeted youth activities to combat ASB.

7.0 Public Question Time and PACT Meeting (Partners and Communities Together)

7.1 CSO Neeves mentioned some of the targeted work Oswestry Police are doing:

- There have been issues around Antisocial Driving (Boy racers). The police have been targeting these drivers with Section 59 orders, if 2 are issued on a vehicle it is then seized and the owner has to pay to get it back. 2 have been seized in the last few months. General vehicles checks have been undertaken also with enforcement and fines given out to drivers.
- It was mentioned Police have an online PACT meeting information can be found on their website.
- Burglary has been an issue but Police have made arrests and charged people for a spate of crimes prior to Christmas.
- Child exploitation is a concern to the police force and they have created an awareness raising presentation to use in schools. Marches will be the first school to use the educational tool. Police are also keen to warn people of the dangers of the internet and cybercrime. They are working to raise awareness.

7.2

Police offered an opportunity for questions:

- A question was raised as to police officer numbers in Oswestry, have they reduced? Answer: Police staffing numbers in Oswestry remain the same as they have for the last few years. Specific numbers will be shared again at the next LJC meeting.
- Street Lighting was raised and asked if there was a connection to crime with part night lighting. Answer: No official Police response was available from PCSO Neeves.

He will ask the question of the police force and share at the next LJC.

- A question on is the new CCTV system better? Answer: Yes the picture quality and cost implications are improved and a wider area of the town can be covered.
- A question of are legal highs an issue in Oswestry? Answer: The police have not received many reports but have in the course of their work come across people using legal highs. They are available in shops in Oswestry.

Good News Stories

8.0

Vince shared the work Oswestry Community Alcohol Partnership with the support of Shropshire Council and Marches School last summer. We did a dragons den event which was overwhelming

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with young people and their ideas. Some of those ideas were; with the support of the young people; turned into diversionary activities held over the holidays. They were a success and we will look to replicate the process this year with Marches School. Special thanks were given to Sarah Peacock for her support.

Keith took the opportunity to share the financial situation faced by Shropshire Council. We have had to make saving cuts and more are on the way.

Paul Milner shared that the Oswestry Music Festival starts this Thursday (26th February 2015). Also Oswestry town Council is looking to improve the number of bike parking spaces available in Central Car Park.

Peter shared that Oswestry Youth Council will have money from OTC again this year to spend on youth provision. Also Cae Glas Park has 16 events already booked in for the year.

John shared thanks to those who elected him to Shropshire Council. He was happy with the number of young people that came out to vote for him on the day.

John Gareth Jones shared the positive recent response they have received from the agents of shops on Cross Street. They have shared positive news on potential improvements coming. Vince commented that this is a project Shropshire Council members and officers have been working on for a considerable time and are supporting the agent to access grants to make the improvements needed and have the shops back in use along with potential; much needed; additional living accommodation above the shops.

Chairman: _____

Date: _____