



Committee and Date

Market Drayton and Rural Areas
Local Joint Committee

25th March 2015

Item

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 24TH SEPTEMBER 2014

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Present: 21 members of the public present.

1. Apologies for Absence and Substitutions

Apologies for absence were received

2. Election of Chairperson and Vice Chair

It was resolved to elect the Chair and Vice Chair for a period of 6 months whilst the LJC constitution was reviewed and amended.

Chairperson – Cllr John Cadwallader

Vice Chairperson – Cllr Peter Eardley

3. Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

Members were reminded not to participate in the discussion if they had a disclosable pecuniary interest and to leave the room prior to the debate.

4. Notes of the Previous Meeting

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the previous meeting held on 19th February 2014, be confirmed.

- Members asked for the funding decisions to be circulated. Cllr Clifford clarified how the monies had been apportioned.
- Cllrs asked if there had been any update on the Parish Council Website proposal from Neil Langford of IP&E – the meeting was told that nothing had been forthcoming to date.

5. Public Questions

There were no public questions

6. Police Update

No Police present

7. Presentation by Chris Taylor on BDUK Broadband

Chris was pleased to be able to report that Broadband would be rolled out in Norton in Hales by the 1st October 2014. Seven Cabinets to be enabled. Everyone in the intervention area is assured of a basic level of broadband – 2 mgbts and the hope is that BDUK will deliver as much fibre based broadband as possible. Gap areas have been allocated some additional monies from a £1.4m Defra Rural Broadband Fund, £11.83m for Shropshire BDUK. 19,000 households have benefited to date. It was confirmed that Market Drayton had been commercially enabled for broadband by BT. By Winter 2015 Adderley, Norton in Hales, Hlnstock, Hodnet, Sutton upon Tern and Woore, Spring 2016 Moreton Say, Cheswardine and Childs Ercall. Stoke on Tern not on the list – best estimate Winter 2015.

Rt Hon Margaret Hodge MP of the Public Accounts Committee has looked at the issue of value for money and from an engineering perspective national targets to deliver superfast broadband would not happen if left to the commercial providers.

Shropshire Council has formed a consultative group with a wide membership. Chris to send out information.

8. Place Plan Updates

The Members of the Meeting spent some time ensuring that the area strategic outcomes were included in the Place Plan review. Generally members were satisfied with the current information in the Place Plan – however there was a desire to ensure the plan reflected the need to include and highlight the need for further and adult education in the area and the need to support and attract new business and appropriate industry.

9. Future Agenda Items

The Chairman referred to the pro forma's that had been circulated at the meeting, so that people could complete and return to officers, if they wished to suggest a future agenda item.

10. Dates of Future LJC Meetings

To be agreed and circulated

CHAIRMAN

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