

NOTES OF THE LUDLOW & CLEE AREA LOCAL JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT 7.00PM ON Thursday 26 February 2015 at St Johns Hall, Smithfield Ludlow.

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Committee Members Present:

Councillor R Huffer (Chair)	Shropshire Council – Clee
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 H Chance	Bitterley Parish Council
Councillor Andy Boddington	Shropshire Councillor - North
Councillor I Liddle	Ludford Parish Council
Councillor G Williams	Caynham Parish Council
Councillor H Salwey	Richards Castle Parish Council

Officers Present:

Linda Monteith Community Action Officer

Ian Kilby	Shropshire Council
Louise Cross	Shropshire Council
Tina Woodward	Deputy Portfolio holder for Business and Growth

Also in attendance:

LPO Steve Grant	West Mercia Police
Sergeant Ade Woolley	West Mercia Police

ACTION

Welcome and apologies

The Chair welcomed all to the meeting.

Notes of the meeting held on 13 November 2014

RESOLVED:

that the Notes of the meeting of the Ludlow & Clee Area Local Joint Committee held 13 November 2014 be approved as a correct record of the meeting and signed by the Chairman.

Public question time

A member of the public asked who the land at Coder Road had been sold to. The land at Coder Road has been sold to Flow Fit, a local business.

Report from the local Policing Team

Sargent Ade Woolly introduced LPO Steve Grant, Richard Nixon has moved to Leominster.

There have been extra police patrols due to shed break ins, power tools, bikes and motorized equipment being taken.

The Police are raising awareness and for people to look after their belongings with Smartwater.

Questions from the floor.

- CCTV in Town – CCTV is now working and there is extra on Corve Street and Parkway but these will soon be removed as not needed now.
- Speeding in Corve Street – On occasion hand held speed guns are used. If people have concerns please go through the Town Council in the first instance.
- Older people's safety – Footfall police are making older people aware of closing windows. Senior Safety Days are held and Whitefriars do a monthly meeting as do Upper Fee.

Planning – Ian Kilby

Ian explained if anyone had a particular issue they could email him, leaving their details and he would get back to them.

The last 18 months had been difficult in providing sustainable development.

Issues that have been effecting planning are Sandev and the Core Strategies.

Sustainable development is still favoured. The 5 year land supply is not static and delivery needs to be built in. Some homes get permission but are never built there are 1,000's of them around the country not started so only development likely to come forward is counted.

Sandev – Planning policy may well change, views of the locality may have a much greater bearing. When the plan is adopted the planning officers will work to it. Some areas went for boundaries others went for hubs and clusters.

Questions from the floor:

- Q. Seem unable to contact officers and Shropshire Council have let go of experienced planning officers. It seems difficult to get answers and timescale approval. Shropshire Council has made loads of cuts and the planning department is half the size it was, always seem to be able to hold of the Shrewsbury officers but never the Ludlow officers based in Craven Arms
- A. Email details of the cases being talked about and officers will look into them
- Q. Ludford is in a conservation area on the Southern approach to Ludlow. What protection does a conservation area have as it is a local designation? Officers sited this saying that conservation areas were not regarded as protected in planning terms because they are not national designations.
- A. Conservation areas have extra protection and this is a big factor in protection for them in planning terms. The protection of the southern route into Ludlow is very important and it is consequently safe from development
- Q. Would there be a reassessment of all previous SAMDEV sites to cater for

housing supply from 2026 – 2036

A. Yes this will happen

Ludlow Museum and Resource Centre

A petition was taken to full Council this morning with over 1,000 names against the cuts.

Tina Woodward acknowledges as a council the work the staff put in and are all valued. There is no intention of mothballing the museum collection but Shropshire Council does need to work differently. Budgets need to be adjusted and made fit for purpose.

There is one change to the question sheets – Shropshire Council intend to have a professional curator 4 days a week and volunteers 3 days a week. Shropshire Council will support the new museums move to the Buttercross and are working with the Town Council. Booking appointments will still happen.

Louise Cross explained that Shropshire Council is facing hard times and needs to rethink and redesign while trying to maintain a first class service.

It was explained that the Museum has a Friends group which is a charity that can raise funds and help Shropshire Council to keep the resource. Tina Woodward explained she will work with the Friends but she has to work within a budget, Shropshire Council is listening to the Friends.

Q. Ludlow is getting a budget cut of 43% but Shrewsbury is getting a budget cut of only 17%?

A. Ludlow Museum and Resource centre was funded by Heritage Lottery and got 2 million. Shrewsbury Museum has had a redesign team that went in and made savings. The Heritage Lottery is happy with Ludlow's building and how the collection is housed and with the 3 days.

Q. People are worried about the whole site and think its being overlooked. The building is cold in winter and the fan heaters that are used trip the computers. The Staffordshire collection is in the entrance and it looks crowded.

A. Louise Cross will look into this.

Councillor Boddington agreed that the heating is not sufficient and the Registrar is not in the best place with a lack of privacy. The museum is accredited can it keep this status as it's under review, Tina Woodward explained it has to be accredited for major funders and confident but also trying to be as honest as possible.

Councillor Parry stressed a lot of questions needed to be asked and said Shropshire Council needed to listen to the Friends group.

A volunteer from the museum explained he enjoyed doing what he did and meeting the new people.

Youth Commissioning

Councillor Tracey Huffer and Chair of Ludlow and Area Youth Partnership explained Youth Commissioning and the recommendations, item 3. The report summarises the development of the new youth commissioning model

developed by Shropshire Council to deliver youth activities to young people across Shropshire and the planned local implementation by Ludlow and Clee LJC.

Recommendations

- A. To keep as near to existing provision as the new budget will allow.**
- B. That the girls group and juniors join as one group, with 1 leader in charge and qualified youth worker and volunteers**
- C. The senior group have their own session, with a higher proportion of qualified staff due to a higher level of need.**

Consultation and Procurement

That the LJC authorise on its behalf, the Ludlow and Area Youth Partnership to conduct consultation on the proposals outlined within this report and following this to develop a procurement package based on the recommendation.

Ludlow and Area Youth Partnership

The LJC have made Recommendations A, B and C but wish to still test this thinking by working in partnership with the Ludlow Area Youth Partnership. To this end and bearing in mind timescales involved Ludlow and Area Youth Partnership (members include: Police, local schools, SSHA, voluntary local youth groups and voluntary sports groups, Ludlow College, Town Council) will identify current need to formulate recommendations for the LJC, to facilitate consultation and to develop a procurement package.

Please note it has been confirmed that the Smile Club (a group designed to meet the needs of a specific range of users) will continue to be funded by Shropshire Council outside of this budget and therefore will not be the responsibility of this LJC.

Linda Monteith, community enablement officer explained Ludlow currently has 4 clubs that Shropshire Council provides, Juniors held on a Friday afternoon with approx. 35 members, Girls group held on a Monday evening with approx. 18 members, Seniors held on a Friday night with approx. 25 members and Smile held on a Wednesday evening with approx. 15 members and also explained the Partnership had carried out consultations to date during club sessions, in Ludlow School and outside Tesco. The Youth Partnership is also holding a volunteers meeting at the Youth Centre on 20th April at 5.30pm, for people interested in helping with the new recommendations.

Councillor H Chance proposed that the recommendations be agreed and Councillor I Liddle seconded the recommendations. All the committee agreed.

Councillor T Huffer explained that Churches Together are looking to assist in helping out by either funding a youth worker or a pot of money
Kate Garner spoke about the procurement process and safeguarding and

explained that Shropshire Council will play a role in this and Sarah Wilkins will also be keeping an eye on the process.

Kate explained that the LJC were shaping and influencing decisions for the youth of the area.

Councillor R. Huffer thanked Kate, Tracey and Linda for all they had done in this area.

Clee Hill Youth Forum.

George Cummings and James Evans both of Clee Hill Youth Forum spoke about their group.

Clee Hill Youth Forum has been running for about 8 months and has approx.12 members.

The group have planted daffodils, painted the bus shelter and weeded the Church Yard. The group are planning a sponsored walk and have been on a Karting trip as a reward for all their hard work.

The group are recruiting new members.

Parish / Town Council and Shropshire Council Updates

Ludlow Town Council – Councillor Paul Draper

9th March Fly the Flag for the Common Wealth, 14th March, A Black Tie Dinner. Copies of the Ludlow Calendar of Events 2015 were available

Bitterley Parish Council – Councillor H chance

Bitterley Church fete is on 4th July at Bitterley Court

Ludford Parish Council – Councillor Imogen Liddle

Large scale planning at Foldgate Lane and new supermarket. There was a well-attended public meeting.

There is a meeting for the Hydro share scheme on the same night as this meeting; Councillor Liddle had contact details for anyone who wished to have them.

The next Ludford parish council meeting will be on March 23rd.

Ashford Carbonnell – Councillor Emma Marrs

The Village hall has had a major refit and is now open. Very grateful for the funding from Veolia

Caynham – Councillor George Williams

Sheet Road has been dug up again after pot holes and had only been laid a year.

Houses had been applied for behind the old school, the car park has been closed leaving the village hall suffering with no car parking.

Zebra crossing at Clee Hill is going to change into a light crossing later this year.

Councillor Tracey Huffer –

Helena Lane Easter Activities for families Monday 30th – Thursday 2nd April.

Road safety issues are being looked at, at the One Stop roundabout.

Councillor Viv Parry –

Ashford Bowdler railway crossing is not now closing. Will be looking at roads in Ludlow along with Councillor Boddington any issues will be taken to

Highways. Already aware that Old Street is very bad.

Councillor Richard Huffer – Thanked Councillor George Williams for representing Knowbury and Caynham and wished him a Happy Birthday.

Date/time of next meeting

June 4th 2015, 7pm at Knowbury Village Hall

The meeting closed at 9.05pm

Chairman:.....

Date:.....