

SC Cllr report to BHPC 04.10.21

The September meeting of the 74 members of Shropshire Council was again held at Theatre Severn. Commencing at 10 and continuing through, with some quite heated debate, until mid-afternoon. Among the issues discussed were:

The public petition (1000+ signatures) opposing the closure and expected sale of the long-established SC Highways depots in Bridgnorth and Hodnet. Both “temporary” closures are now to be tabled for SC Cabinet consideration.

Shropshire Council is to oppose West Midlands Ambulance Service proposals to close the various Community Ambulance Stations around the County. These rural stations provide basic rest break facilities for travelling Ambulance Crews.

The latter half of the meeting was held in private to discuss the detail of various commercially sensitive “Exempt Items”:

The proposed purchase of some affordable homes for rent on new housing developments in Ellesmere and Shrewsbury. The properties to be managed by SC’s “arm’s length management organisation” STAR Housing, originally formed to manage all the former Council Housing stock around the County.

New proposals for development of the former Pitch & Putt site on Shrewsbury Golf Course at Meole Brace.

The Officer reports on “progress and potential opportunities” for possible redevelopment of the Pride Hill centre and of Riverside centre in Shrewsbury.

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