

LUDLOW 2040 Meeting on May 19th

This meeting was a follow on from that held on April 13th where, having consulted widely about the most appropriate way forward, it was decided that we should focus on gaining a greater understanding of what local community groups are doing to increase Ludlow's sustainability so that we were building on a collective foundation of knowledge.

Most of the meeting was therefore spent in receiving reports from both the Ludlow 21 Vision groups and those non Ludlow 21 groups and associations able to attend. These are now available on this website.

It was a lively and informative meeting, very ably chaired by David Burton, and with a good cross section of representatives from important groups in the Ludlow community. The discussion that followed centred around the public's concern about the deterioration, and even loss, of critical local services caused by decreasing financial support from central government. This de-construction of our basic infrastructure threatens the very viability of any long term strategy. This resulted in a call for greater cross-community expression, collaboration, representation and action and it was thought that this could only be achieved through a cohesive approach to local issues, challenges and positive initiatives.

As a result, there was unanimous approval for the establishment of an independent (i.e. not aligned with any one particular party, group or organisation) '**Citizen's Forum**' which would help plan and support the steps needed to address these concerns, develop a comprehensive vision for Ludlow in 2040 and the work required to achieve it.

It was agreed that the Forum would need to ensure:

- **Existing community services** are protected – without which the foundations upon which Ludlow's society is built begin to crumble
- **Inequality is addressed** – looking at ways to encourage and support employment, training, education, appropriate and efficient public and social transport and communications.
- **There is Whole Community engagement** - to create a safe and harmonious society where everyone's needs are addressed and everyone is heard.
- **There is a focus is on balanced development** – economically, socially, culturally and environmentally – building upon Ludlow's natural capital
- **Local commerce is the norm** - and we should strive to become self sufficient in our economy, food supply, energy and services

A working party was set up, to be chaired by David, to develop terms of reference for adoption at a public meeting which will be the next important event in the process. That is when nominations for members of an executive of the independent forum will be sought, and specific calls to action will be heard.

LUDLOW 2040 – Reports Presented at the Meeting on May 19th 2016-05-20

Fairtrade

Jenny Hume

Friends of Corve and Teme

Rosemary Wood

Friends/Quakers

Barbara Mark

Ludlow Town Residents Association

Robin Pote

Ludlow Campaign For fairness

Sandy Robertson

Positive Money

Manda Scott

South Shropshire Furniture Scheme

James Cooper

VISION21 – Climate Friendly Diet

- **Incredible Edible**
- **Plant based diet**

Tish Dockerty
Kim Holroyd

VISION21 – Renewable Energy

Alan Stewart

VISION21 – Schools and Education

Alan Stewart

VISION21 – Transport

Denise Thompson

VISION21 – 3 Rs

Diane Lyle