



Committee and Date
Bridgnorth, Worfield,
Alveley and Claverley
Local Joint
Committee

Wed 17 October
2012,
7.00 p.m.

Item No

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Public

**NOTES THE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 16 MAY 2012 AT ALVELEY
VILLAGE HALL, ALVELEY, BRIDGNORTH WV15 6JT**

6.30 – 8.50 p.m.

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Committee Members Present:

Shropshire Council

Christian Lea
William Parr
Les Winwood
Michael Wood

Town/Parish Councils

David Voysey, Alveley and Romsley Parish Council
Simon Elcock, Astley Abbots Parish Council
Terry Lipscombe, Badger Parish Council
David Tooth, Beckbury Parish Council
Geoff Bodenham, Bridgnorth Town Council
Richard Cotham, Claverley Parish Council
Isabel Faithful, Quatt Malvern Parish Council
Malcolm Duff-Walker, Ryton and Grindle Parish Council
Peter Dent, Tasley Parish Council
Len Ball, Worfield and Rudge Parish Council

Shropshire Council Officers present:

Tom Brettell, Senior Community Action Officer (CAO), South East
Anne Cousins, Committee Officer
Alice Dilly, Principal Engineer Road Safety
Graham Downes, Highways Manager

The Shrewsbury and Telford Hospital NHS Trust

Mark Cheetham, Consultant Surgeon

Julia Clarke, Director of Compliance/Lead Director, Foundation Trust

Niki McGrath, Support Officer

Kate Shaw, Re-configuration Lead

West Mercia Police

Police Constable Mark Fletcher

Community Support Officer Sue Eden

There were approximately 35 people present in total.

ACTION

1. Election of Chairman

It was proposed, seconded and **RESOLVED** that Mr Christian Lea be elected Chairman for the forthcoming municipal year.

2. Apologies and Substitutions

Apologies were received on behalf of Mr John Hurst-Knight and Mrs Tina Woodward, of Shropshire Council, Mrs Kathryn Ward, Stockton Parish Council, Mr Allan Chatham, Sutton Maddock Parish Council and Mr Ian Amos, Kemberton Parish Council.

3. Appointment of Vice-Chairman

It was proposed, seconded and **RESOLVED** that Mrs Tina Woodward be appointed Vice-Chairman for the forthcoming municipal year.

4. Declarations of Interest

4.1 Mr David Voysey declared a personal and prejudicial interest in agenda item 10, funding application C1 – Alveley and Romsley Jubilee celebration.

4.2 Mr David Tooth declared a personal interest in agenda item 10, funding application C2 – Kemberton Jubilee Celebration – as he knew the applicant.

4.3 Mr Christian Lea declared a personal interest in agenda item 10, funding application L1 – Crucial Crew- as his daughter was due to attend .

ACTION

5. Update from The Shrewsbury and Telford Hospital NHS Trust

- 5.1 The Chairman welcomed officers from The Shrewsbury and Telford Hospital NHS Trust. He also thanked all involved in the display of health information available in the hall.
- 5.2 Kate Shaw, Re-configuration Lead, explained to those present the progress being made towards the re-location of Women's and Children's Services from Royal Shrewsbury Hospital to Princess Royal Hospital, Telford and the consolidation of in-patient surgical services at Royal Shrewsbury Hospital. She outlined what had happened to date and explained that it was hoped to gain planning permission for a small extension at Royal Shrewsbury Hospital to facilitate the move. The full Business Case was available on the Trust's website (www.sath.nhs.uk). All changes were due to be completed by 2014. Ms Shaw emphasised that, for the majority of patients, services would not be affected.
- 5.3 One area of concern, however, was additional travel times for patients. An over-arching travel and transport plan was being developed and there would be an opportunity for public consultation.
- 5.4 Julia Clarke, Director of Compliance, reported the improvements which had been made for cancer patients, including the opening of a new chemotherapy day centre and a replacement linear accelerator.
- 5.5 Mark Cheetham, Consultant Surgeon, then spoke about the proposed change to move all in-patient surgery to Royal Shrewsbury Hospital and why this decision had been taken:
1. By having all surgery on one site, specialist doctors could care for patients safely. If services were split, the right specialist might not be available.
 2. Changes for emergency patients across the region had led to the development of trauma centres and trauma units. Stoke was the main trauma centre, and the Shrewsbury and Telford Hospital NHS Trust had gained trauma unit status.
 3. The hospital had also been awarded triple A status for aneurysm screening.
- All these factors helped to ensure the hospital's future.
- 5.6 Julia Clarke then elaborated on the benefits of Foundation Trust status. There were three tests to pass before Foundation Trust status could be granted: financial, governance and constitution. She set out the governance arrangements and said people had a real opportunity to get involved in the work of the Trust as elections would be held at the end of the year for Trust governors. She also summarised the improvements to hospital services, including a significant improvement in waiting times and improvements to infection control.

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5.7 In response to a question about the future of Bridgnorth Hospital, it was explained that Bridgnorth had an important role in future. More outreach and procedures could be carried out at Bridgnorth to help reduce pressure on the two main hospitals.

5.8 There was discussion about the travel and parking issues. Mr Cheetham explained that it was important for doctors to avoid repeat visits, e.g. some follow-up could be done by GPs. Tele-medicine also helped to keep people out of hospital. Parking spaces for staff and patients needed to be in separate areas and staff would be encouraged to use other means of transport to work.

5.9 A question was raised about encouraging people to attend for bowel screening. Mr Cheetham emphasised the importance of screening, which was currently offered to those in the 65-70 age range.

6. Notes of Meeting held on 18 January 2012

6.1 The Chairman informed the Committee a grant of £460 had now been made to Alveley Cricket Club (page 6 refers).

6.2 **RESOLVED:** That the notes of the previous meeting, held on 18 January 2012, be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

7. Key Current Policing Issues – PACT (Partners and Communities Together)

7.1 PC Mark Fletcher outlined recent police activity in the Alveley, Claverley and Worfield area. One area of concern continued to be metal thefts. The police were working with scrapyards and dealers to reduce this and were encouraging the use of Smartwater as a deterrent. The police and partners were implementing the Motorbike Safety Campaign and enforcement to reduce motorcyclist accidents in the area. Drugs had been recovered from an address in Worfield and anti-social behaviour on the Alveley Industrial Estate had been stopped after increased police patrols in the area. Finally, PC Fletcher encouraged everyone to join and promote Ruralwatch.

7.2 In response to a question, the police explained when to call 999 (in an emergency/ when in imminent danger) and when to use the 101 telephone number (standard incidents, e.g. vehicle crime).

7.3 The Chairman commented that there were groups of young people congregating outside Sainsbury's on a Friday and Saturday evening and local councillors, the Police, agencies and Sainsbury's were working together on this issue.

ACTION

8. Highways Issues

8.1 Alice Dilly, Principal Engineer Road Safety, spoke about traffic management in the area. She explained her team was responsible for a range of functions, including single and double yellow lines; carriageway markings; traffic signs; speed limits; visiting accident sites after personal injury accidents. She summarised the schemes proposed for 2012:

- Review of waiting restrictions, High Street, Bridgnorth.
- Improving pedestrian provision, B4373 Innage Lane.
- Pedestrian crossing locations.
- Two speed limit alterations (Cross Lane Head and A442 at Norton).
- A458 county boundary – to get accident information to see if any proposals can be made to improve safety.

8.2 Graham Downes, Highways Manager, then reported on highways maintenance issues. His team had responsibility for repairing potholes, gully clearance, grass cutting, weed killing, maintenance of water courses, and maintenance of Council-run car parks in the Bridgnorth area. Extra funding had been provided by Government following the severe winter of 2010 and improvements had been made throughout the area (details attached). Mr Downes explained a new contract had begun on 1 April 2012 with Ringway, which replaced the previous contract with Enterprise plc. Ringway was a national company which specialised in highways. The contract was a joint one, with Cheshire and Chester West Council and would run for 6 years initially. By pooling resources across two authorities, it had been possible to make savings. A list of the schemes to be undertaken in 2012 is attached to the minutes.

8.3 In response to a question, Mr Downes expanded on the work being undertaken at the Buttercross in Alveley, with the Council and English Heritage.

8.4 Another question was raised about highway maintenance grants for parish councils and Mr Downes undertook to look into this matter further.

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9. Public Questions and Future Agenda Items

9.1 The Chairman proposed discussing Licensing and the Market Towns Revitalisation Programme at the next meeting in October.

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9.2 Tom Brettell, Senior Community Action Officer, encouraged everyone present to sign the Broadband questionnaire, which would help the Council to make a bid to achieve a faster Broadband connection for Shropshire.

ACTION

10. 2012/13 Finance Report, including Update on Funding Requests for Consideration

- 10.1 This report was introduced by Tom Brettell, Senior Community Action Officer. He informed the Committee that the funding available for 2012/13 was £37,967 in total, including nearly £3,000 from the apportionment of the Shropshire Community Arts Budget. Nine applications had been received in this funding round, four for the Community Chest, four for the Larger Grants Scheme and one arts application. He reminded Members that £460 had already been allocated for equipment for Alveley Cricket Club under delegated authority by the Chairman as agreed at the last meeting.
- 10.2 The four Community Chest applications were considered first and were all agreed.
- 10.3 When the Larger Grants Scheme applications were considered, the application from Bridgnorth Male Voice Choir led to some discussion. Members suggested that any money provided for equipment should be awarded subject to the equipment being available for use by other groups in Bridgnorth. Members of the Choir explained how this could create difficulties, e.g. if equipment was not returned and concerts were booked. The Senior CAO referred to another application (L4) which addressed this particular issue. It was further proposed that £1500 should be awarded, rather than £2000, and this was agreed.
- 10.4 Members agreed to award £1000, rather than £1500, for the Jubilee Year Twin Towns Concert (L3).
- 10.5 The Senior CAO introduced the draft application for funding towards Shared Equipment (L4). He explained this was a project in development for which he was seeking initial feedback from the Committee. The aim of the project is to provide a local resource of capital equipment for festivals and events to hire, reducing their annual costs and keeping revenue gained from hire within the local community. The proposal developed with the Town Clerk is for Bridgnorth Town Council to manage, keep and insure the equipment. Other sources of funding would be sought, as well as the Local Joint Committee funding. It was envisaged that the scheme could cover equipment such as marquees, staging, fencing, PA systems, although the list had not yet been defined. Members expressed interest in the scheme, whilst recognising that a considerable amount of work still needed to be done. The Chairman proposed, and it was agreed, that a decision be deferred, pending further discussions between the Senior CAO, the Town Council and events.
- 10.6 The Senior CAO reported that the Bridgnorth Walk Jubilee Medals application for £1,720 had been revised to £950.

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10.7	RESOLVED: The following grants were approved: Community Chest		
	C1 Alveley and Romsley Jubilee Celebration	£585	
	C2 Kemberton Jubilee Celebration	£626	
	C3 Norton and Stockton Jubilee Celebration	£100	Senior CAO
	C4 Bridgnorth Town Football Club Under 9's	£115	
	Larger Grants Scheme		
	L1 Crucial Crew	£2000	
	L2 Bridgnorth Male Voice Choir	£1500	
	L3 Jubilee Year Twin Towns Concert	£1000	
	L5 Bridgnorth Walk Jubilee Medals	£950	
	The application for £5000 for Shared Equipment (L4) was deferred.		
11.	Dates of Future Meetings		
	Wednesday 17 October 2012, 7.00 p.m. Beckbury Village Hall		
	Wednesday 20 February 2013, 7.00 p.m. Venue to be confirmed.		

Signed.....Chairman

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