

**NOTE OF ACTIONS AND DECISIONS FROM THE MEETING OF THE
BURNELL AND SEVERN VALLEY LOCAL JOINT COMMITTEE HELD ON
18 MARCH 2013 AT COUND GUILDHALL AT 7.30 PM**

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Present

Mr T Barker (Chairman), Mrs C Wild (Vice-Chairman),
Mr G Ball, Mr M Bradbury, Dr I Lawrence, Mr B Nelson, Mr R Purslow and Mr T Roberts

There were 2 members of the public present at the meeting.

24. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

25. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE / NOTIFICATIONS OF SUBSTITUTES

None received.

26. DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS

None disclosed.

**27. NOTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING
RESOLVED:**

That the notes of the meeting held on the 24 September 2012 be approved and signed as a correct record by the Chairman.

28. LOCAL POLICING UPDATE

PC Dave Harte was in attendance and presented an update on the issues affecting the Burnell and Severn Valley area.

He explained that the old policing areas had amalgamated and were now supported by a safer neighbourhoods team, as well as the normal 24/7 response units.

Claire Wild made reference to a new initiative via Berrington Parish Council in allowing the Local Policing Team unrestricted access to Crosshouses Community Centre with their own key which was viewed as a positive community initiative. PC Harte also spoke of importance of flexible working and made reference the new mobile data trial allowing officers to undertake statistics whilst on the move rather than having to physically return to a Police Station to complete the information. Councillor Wild urged other Parish Councils to consider such an initiative.

ACTION

Residents were advised that if they had any issues they should contact PC Harte or a member of the local policing team on 0300 333 3000 ex 66645 or emailing david.harte@westmercia.pnn.police.uk or shrewsburyruralsouth.lpt@westmercia.pnn.police.uk

The Chairman thanked PC Dave Harte his attendance.

29. NHS HEALTHCHECK - HEALTHY CHAMPIONS INITIATIVE

Mr Steve Roberts, Shropshire County PCT, was in attendance and provided a verbal presentation on the NHS Health Check programme.

The programme was available for people aged 40 – 74 years every 5 years, and had been designed to save lives by targeting people who did not visit their GP on a regular basis. Checks would be carried out to check blood pressure, cholesterol, height, weight, social health risks, sedentary behaviour, and type 2 diabetes, and review the risk factors of suffering a heart attack in the next 10 years. The service would provide help and advice into how small changes in lifestyle could help a patient's long term health.

Mr Roberts stressed the importance of encouraging everyone to take up the Health Check invitation, as patients may be at risk of hypertension and diabetes, and he encouraged all those present to promote the service.

In response to questions raised, Mr Roberts confirmed that health checks for people over 74 years old would be carried out as normal through their GP. He added that in the first instance GPs were sending invites out to patients at risk, but over the next 5 years all people registered with a GP would be invited to attend.

The Chairman thanked Mr Roberts for his attendance.

30. DIGITAL FUTURES FOR PARISH COUNCILS

Ben Walker, Community Engagement Officer was welcomed to the meeting to give an update in respect of the availability of information technology to Parish Councils. The need for all Parish Councils to have accessibility to websites was agreed to ensure public information was shared as widely as possible. Mr Walker explained that the issue was being examined through the Council's Shared Services team and it was anticipated that each Parish Council would have access to a microwebsite such as @shrop.net in future to enable them to publish a information online. Claire Wild reiterated the importance of @shrop.net to small parish councils to allow them the facility to publish information online, although it was acknowledged that some additional investment was needed to this. Mr Walker indicated that the Council was committed to assisting the Town and Parish Councils in the area and that the Council was seeking an alternative platform which would eventually replace the @shrop.net facility in due course. He also reported on the new superfast broadband initiative which would hopefully alleviate some of the problems currently experienced throughout the county and allow far quicker download times.

It was agreed that a good practice guide be set up and published by ALC

setting out guidance as to what information to publish on the web and Ben Walker agreed to pursue this with ALC.

Brian Nelson stated that all parish councils should have access to a formal email account such as @shropshire and it was acknowledged that this was something that the ICT working group was aware of.

It was acknowledged that this issue was of significant importance to the Parish Council and would continue to be monitored by the Local Joint Committee. Mr Walker was thanked for his contribution and attendance at the meeting.

31. FUNDING APPLICATIONS

The Committee considered the report of the Community Action Officer setting out details of the applications for funding received since the previous meeting.

The Committee considered each application individually and asked questions for clarification. A representative for the application from ChristChurch School PTA presented the application and answered questions from members of the Committee.

After discussion the Committee voted separately on each application.

RESOLVED :

That the following three funding applications be **approved**:

	Applicant	Project	Grant
A	Stapleton Village Hall	Upgrading the Village Hall Kitchen	£1,000.00
b.	Church Pulverbatch Parish Council	To replace two community noticeboards	£425.00
c.	Christchurch School PTA	Wandering Willow Trail - a trim trail play facility for use by the local community.	£2,333.00 subject to the public access to the trail being confirmed

That the following application be **deferred**:

D	Condover Broadplace	The purchase of two ipads to enhance internet provision in the rural area.	Decision deferred pending further information
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The Chairman was pleased to report that the Burnell and Severn Valley Local Joint Committee's budget of £15,945 was now fully committed for

this financial year.

32. SCRUTINY AT SHROPSHIRE COUNCIL

Councillor Tim Barker gave an overview on the work of Shropshire Council's Scrutiny Committees, who was involved, how it worked and ways to get involved.

He stated that Scrutiny was one of the building blocks of local democracy. It held Cabinet to account for the decisions it made, challenged performance and made suggestions for improvement. It was explained how scrutiny work was undertaken; select committee style sessions, in depth reviews by Task and Finish Groups or Inquiries, what Call-in was, pre-decision discussions and analysis, one-off reviews and listening to the views of local people. Various ways in which the public could be involved were highlighted:

- Bring matters to the attention of your Local Councillor or Local Joint Committee
- Suggest topics for review using your knowledge of local services and concerns
- Use the new Facebook page 'Shape My Shropshire' -a new tool that had been introduced for the public to interact with the Council.
- Use Public Question Time at Scrutiny meetings
- Contacting Jane Palmer, Senior Committee Officer on jane.palmer@shropshire.gov.uk

33. ELECTIONS 2013

Copies of a written update from Shropshire Council's Election Team and the Association of Local Councils were noted.

34. BROADBAND PROJECT UPDATE

Copies of a written update in respect of the Connecting Shropshire project were noted.

35. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME/ IDENTIFICATION OF FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Those present were encouraged to contact Claire Wild or Tim Barker with details of issues they wished to be considered at future meetings.

36. FUTURE MEETING

It was reported that the next meeting would be held on the 24 June 2013 at 7.30 pm at a venue to be confirmed nearer the time.

The Chairman thanked those present for attending, and wished to thank Mike Bradbury for his work within the Local Joint Committee over the last four years as he would not be standing for Election this year. All those present showed their appreciation by a round of applause.

Chairman:

Date:

(7.30 pm to 9.10 pm)