

**CLEOBURY AND RURAL LOCAL JOINT COMMITTEE
NOTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 12th JUNE 2012 AT
KINLET VILLAGE HALL, KINLET, BEWDLEY, WORCS, DY12 3BS
7.00 pm – 9.05 pm**

PRESENT:**Members of the Committee:**

Madge Shingleton	Shropshire Council
Gwilym Butler	Shropshire Council
Deborah Brown	Cleobury Mortimer Parish Council
Theresa Mackrow	Coreley Parish Council
Ann Broomhall	Farlow Parish Council
John Price	Hopton Wafers Parish Council
David Haywood	Kinlet Parish Council
Chris Jones	Milson and Neen Sollars Parish Council
Andrew Vanderhook	Neen Savage Parish Council
Brian Hamilton-Russell	Stottesdon and Sidbury Parish Council
Bill Foster	Wheathill Parish Council

Shropshire Council Officers:

Stacey Ijewsky	Elections Officer
Tracy Johnson	Community Action Officer
Linda Jeavons	Committee Officer

West Mercia Police:

PC Tony Sewell

Shropshire Fire and Rescue Service

Neil Grove

Also Present:

Simon Ross	Project Manager, Marches Energy Trust and also representing Keep Shropshire Warm and British Gas
Richard Morley	Shropshire Youth Forum
Cliff Meddlcott	Community Response Manager, West Midlands Ambulance Service

There were approximately 25 members of the public at the meeting. All attendees sat in groups and were joined by Councillors and Officers.

1. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN**RESOLVED:**

That Councillor Madge Shingleton be elected Chairman for the ensuing year.

ACTION

2. CHAIRMAN'S INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and Members and Officers introduced themselves.

3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Richard Huffer	Shropshire Council
Brian Howells	Burford Parish Council
Stephen Jones	Farlow Parish Council (Sub: Ann Broomhall)
Linda Clayton	Hopton Wafers Parish Council (Sub: John Price)

Co-optees

Bob Braddock	Cleobury Country
Nick Bews	Boraston Parish Council
Val Simpson	Governor – Lacon Childe School

4. APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRMAN**RESOLVED:**

That, in her absence and following confirmation that she would be willing to accept the position, Councillor Linda Clayton be appointed Vice-Chairman for the ensuing year.

5. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The following declarations of interest were made:

PERSONAL		
Name	Item	Nature of Interest
Chris Jones	Item 5 – Funding Application – Community Chest Scheme Milson & Neen Sollars Parish Council – Jubilee Garden	Member of Milson and Neen Sollars Parish Council
John Price	Item 5 – Funding Application – Community Chest Scheme St Michael's and All Angels Church, Hopton Wafers	Member of Hopton Wafers Parish Council
Madge Shingleton	All applications relating to Shropshire Youth Forum	Chairman of Youth Partnership

ACTION

PREJUDICIAL		
MEMBER	ITEM	REASON
Chris Jones Member of Milson and Neen Sollars Parish Council	Item 5 – Funding Application – Community Chest Scheme: Application for: Milson Parochial Church Council – Milson Community Programme	Member of Village Hall Committee As there was no discussion, he remained in the room during consideration of this item and did not vote.

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

That the decision notes of the meeting held on 12 June 2012 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

7. COMMUNITY SAFETY

PC Tony Sewell was in attendance and reported on local crime figures for Ludlow Rural, Cleobury, and Stottesdon (copies of which were circulated at the meeting and attached to the signed minutes). He further reported that crime was low and calls to the Police had reduced. His aim was to be seen and to be contactable.

He reminded everyone that scrap metal dealers should be licensed, and urged everyone to contact the Police with the vehicle registration of any vehicles collecting scrap in order that they could be checked and verified.

With reference to speeding, he explained that an exercise using hand held guns in Cleobury Mortimer had been undertaken, with the intention of the exercise being education rather than prosecution.

He also praised the local youth projects and stated that even if just one child had been helped and stopped from causing anti-social behaviour then the projects had been successful.

8. SHROPSHIRE FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE

Neil Groves, Station Manager, was in attendance and gave a presentation on the Shropshire Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS) (copy attached to the signed minutes).

In response to questions, he responded as follows:

- **FLOODING/SARA (Severn Area Rescue Association)**
 - ❖ SFRS had worked alongside SARA during flooding incidents.
 - ❖ Members of SARA were trained to the same level as SFRS personnel.
 - ❖ SARA was not affiliated to SFRS.
 - ❖ If SFRS received a flood related call they would investigate and assess whether or not it constituted an emergency and would take appropriate measures.
- **SMOKE ALARMS**

The life span of batteries fitted in smoke alarms was 10 years; the batteries could not be removed; and a faulty smoke alarm would be replaced by SFRS.
- **SPECIAL SERVICE CHARGE**

SFRS had a Special Service Charge for non-emergency call-outs. Following a call, SFRS would attend a situation, assess and proportionate, and a charge levied accordingly. Operators would also challenge calls and, if appropriate, callers would be warned that there might be a charge.

9. BRITISH GAS INSULATION PROJECT

Mr Simon Ross, Project Manager, Marches Energy Trust and also representing Keep Shropshire Warm and British Gas was in attendance. He explained that the Marches Energy Trust was a small registered charity and social enterprise looking at creative ways to reduce energy bills. He referred to two promotions, namely:

- i. Solid Wall Insulation – This was a scheme run by British Gas and would mainly benefit anyone using electricity or coal to heat their homes. Funding would be available until the end of September.
- ii. Cavity wall and loft installation - Keep Shropshire Warm was run by the local charity Marches Energy Agency on behalf of Shropshire Council, and aimed to provide free loft and cavity wall insulation for all owner occupiers and private tenants in Shropshire. Funding would be available until the end of December.

Further information could be obtained from Simon Ross as follows:

Tel No. (01743) 277106
Email simon@mea.org.uk

The Chairman urged the Parish Councils to promote these initiatives as widely as possible in their respective areas.

10. ELECTORAL REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS PROCESS

Stacey Ijewsky, Elections Officer, Shropshire Council was in attendance and gave a presentation on the Electoral Registration and Elections Process (copy attached to the signed minutes).

11. FEEDBACK FROM FUNDED PROJECTS

The following presentations were received:

11.1 ➤ Community First Responders

Mr Meddlcott gave an overview of the work of a Community First Responder and explained that they were volunteers who were trained by the Ambulance Service to a nationally recognised level, and responded to trauma related injuries and provided life saving treatment to people in their local communities. There were 160 active First Responders in Shropshire, 19 of which were based in the local area, namely Ludlow, Stottesdon, Horton, Stoke St Milborough, Highley and Cleobury Mortimer. Burford and Bewdley came under the remit of a different Manager.

Mr Meddlcott explained that there was only one public defibrillator available in the area and this was kept at the Pioneer Centre; all First Responders had one of their own and the life span of a defibrillator was seven years; and there were two First Responders in the Cleobury Mortimer area. He provided a demonstration on how to activate a defibrillator.

Mr Meddlcott introduced other Community First Responders who were in attendance, and the Chair thanked them for their attendance.

11.2 ➤ Shropshire Youth Forum

Richard Morley was in attendance and gave an update on the work of the Shropshire Youth Forum. He introduced Shannon Childs who had been supported and signposted by the Forum.

ACTION

He explained that:

- Over 700 contacts had been made with young people over the last 12 months, although he was unsure how many of these were repeated contacts with the same person.
- The Forum worked with Lacon Childe School and many organisations; and worked with young people from all over the catchment area of Lacon Childe School.
- They were nearing the end of a funded five-year programme and had sufficient monies to fund the next 12 months. They were in the process of attempting to identify alternative funding. They aimed to raise money and become self-sufficient, and were currently looking into the idea of working alongside the furniture scheme.
- Although they worked with young people from the outlying parishes within the remit of this LJC, they did not usually approach these parishes for funding.
- They had had to cut their costs, and their current turnover was £80-90,000 pa, but they were aiming to reduce this down to £60,000 pa. The majority of the money funded staff salaries.
- They were attempting to identify bigger pots of money, and bids for funding had been made to the Big Lottery and Children in Need.
- They ran 20 programmes in South Shropshire and had also done work in Much Wenlock and were also looking at other Market Towns.

Gwilym Butler referred to PC Tony Sewell's comments made at the beginning of the meeting, and reiterated that even if only one child was helped, the impact on the public purse with regard to police, local government etc, meant that any money saved could be spent elsewhere. He congratulated Richard and his team for all their work.

12. CLEOBURY MORTIMER PLACE PLAN

Gwilym Butler provided an update on the Cleobury Mortimer Place Plan.

He advised that both Cllr Mrs Madge Shineton and himself would be hosting a meeting to discuss the Cleobury Mortimer Place Plan on the 3rd October in the Cleobury Mortimer Parish Hall.

13. APPLICATIONS FOR FUNDING

An information leaflet was circulated relating to the Hole in the Wall Young Promoters Youth Project (copy attached to the signed minutes).

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The Community Action Officer introduced the item and it was decided as follows:

RESOLVED:

- (i) That the 2012/13 budget breakdown be as follows:
 - (1) £2,500 be ring-fenced for Cleobury Country to continue to operate the Community Chest Small Grants Scheme.
 - (2) £1,162 be allocated for Arts grants, subject to approval of Shropshire Council Arts Officers.
 - (3) £5,000 be ring-fenced for youth priorities. Recommendations from Cleobury Youth Partnership to be put to this Local Joint Committee for final endorsement.
 - (4) £9,582 to be ring-fenced to operate a larger open grant pot for grants up to 70% of the total project costs and up to a maximum grant of £2,000.
- (ii) That the funding application for 1st Cleobury Mortimer Scouts totalling £1,409.58 approved under delegated powers and funded from the Larger Grants, be noted.
- (iii) That the funding application for Shropshire Youth Forum for £2,784 be agreed and funded from the Youth Priorities budget.
- (iv) That the funding application for the Hole in the Wall Young Promoters Project for £1,000 be agreed and funded from the Arts Grant allocation.
- (v) That the following Community Chest funding applications be agreed:
 - (1) Milson and Neen Sollars Parish Council – Jubilee Garden - £500.
 - (2) Milson Parochial Church Council – Milson Community Programme - £500.
 - (3) Cleobury Country and Chamber of Trade – Loyalty Card Scheme - £500.
 - (4) St Mary's Youth Project – Life Skills - £300.
- (vi) That the following Community Chest funding application be deferred for further quotes to be obtained and for investigations into the possibility of using any redundant equipment following the closure of the local school to be undertaken:
 - (1) St Michael's and All Angels Church, Hopton Wafers – Loop sound system.

ACTION

14. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

The following question was received:

“What does this LJC intend to do about the problem of trees in the River Rea – as recently witnessed with the Neen Sollars bridge incident (8-12 June)?

In response, the Chair advised that the Environment Agency had not provided any clarity on the incident. She recommended that a representative from Milson and Neen Sollars should attend the next meeting of the Flood Forum when all agencies would be in attendance.

For information – Lower Severn Corridor Flood Forum

Date: 11 September 2012 at 2.00 pm

Venue: Council Chamber, Westgate, Bridgnorth

Medical Centre – Update

Cllr Sean Thorogood (Cleobury Mortimer Parish Council (CMPC)) provided an update on the medical centre in Cleobury Mortimer. He explained that CMPC had done everything it could to secure the land and was now waiting for the PCT to sign the contracts.

15. IDENTIFICATION OF FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- 15.1 To receive feedback from Shropshire Youth Forum on one of their recent projects; and to find out what young people think of the area.
- 15.2 An update on the new arrangements for commissioning services from a wider range of providers in the future; and the creation of a new company, fully owned by the Council.

16. DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS AND VENUES

(a) To note future meeting dates and venues;

Tues, 23rd Oct 2012 – Milson and Neen Sollars VH

Thurs, 21st Feb 2013 – Market Hall, Cleobury Mortimer

(b) Future preparation meeting dates:

Thurs, 13th Sep 2012 – Neen Savage VH – TBC

Tues, 22nd Jan 2013 – Cleobury Country Centre

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending.

Chairman: _____

Date: _____

