



Committee and Date
Shrewsbury Wide Local Joint Committee
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SHREWSBURY WIDE LOCAL JOINT COMMITTEE

NOTE OF DECISIONS AND ACTIONS ARISING FROM THE MEETING HELD ON 17TH MAY 2012 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, THE GUILDHALL, FRANKWELL QUAY, SHREWSBURY
6.30 p.m. – 8.45 p.m.

Responsible Officer: Ken James
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Committee Members Present:

Shropshire Council

Councillor Peter Adams
Councillor Beverley Baker
Councillor Karen Burgoyne
Councillor Vernon Bushell
Councillor Anne Chebsey
Councillor Ted Clarke
Councillor Tony Durnell
Councillor Hannah Fraser
Councillor Miles Kenny
Councillor Alan Mosley
Councillor Peter Nutting
Councillor Mike Owen
Councillor Liz Parsons
Councillor Malcolm Price
Councillor Keith Roberts
Councillor Jon Tandy
Councillor Mansel Williams

Shrewsbury Town Council

Councillor Jackie Brennand
Councillor Dean Carroll
Councillor Ioan Jones
Councillor Kath Owen

Shropshire Council Officers Present

Clive Wright, Area Director
Gill Jones, Community Action Manager
Gwyn Bevan, Community Action Officer
Ken James, Committee Officer
Fiona Howe, Committee Officer

There were approximately 21 members of the public at the meeting.

ACTION

1. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

RESOLVED:

That Councillor Alan Mosley be elected Chairman for the ensuing municipal year.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Andrew Bannerman (Shropshire Council) and David Farmer and Alan Townsend (Shrewsbury Town Council).

3. APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

RESOLVED:

That Councillor Mansel Williams be appointed Vice-Chairman for the ensuing municipal year.

4. CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced Peter Bettis, the Project Manager for Caterpillar Remanufacturing and Components Division in Shrewsbury.

Mr Bettis referred to the community project undertaken by Caterpillar Remanufacturing employees in the summer of 2011 assisting with the conversion of the ex Salop Glass Building into a young people's activity centre.

He indicated that Caterpillar Remanufacturing had selected assisting work on the forestry at Mount Pleasant Primary School as their community project for the summer of 2012.

The Chairman thanked Mr Bettis and the employees of Caterpillar Remanufacturing for their continued support of community projects.

5. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

- Councillor Malcolm Price declared a Personal Interest, in respect of the work to be undertaken by Caterpillar Remanufacturing at Mount Pleasant Primary School, as he was Chairman of the school governors.
- Councillor Anne Chebsey declared a Personal Interest, in respect of the item on the Future Configuration of Hospital Services, as she worked at the Royal Shrewsbury Hospital.

6. NOTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

It was agreed that the notes of the meeting held on 10th November 2011 be approved and signed as a correct record by the Chairman.

The Chairman indicated that responses to questions raised on 10th November 2011 on the Riverside Medical Practice and the Community Infrastructure Levy had been circulated at the meeting.

7. FUTURE CONFIGURATION OF HOSPITAL SERVICES

Mr Adam Cairns, Chief Executive of the Shrewsbury and Telford Hospital NHS Trust, gave an update on progress with the future reconfiguration of hospital services within the Shrewsbury and Telford Hospital NHS Trust.

Mr Cairns indicated that the Royal Shrewsbury Hospital would be taking on the role of a main trauma centre with a vital role in the new West Midlands trauma care network as a trauma unit. This crucial lifesaving role as part of the redesigned network had flowed from the reconfiguration of hospital services.

Mr Cairns referred to the provision of the Lingen Davies Cancer Centre at Royal Shrewsbury Hospital which was due to open later in 2012 and provide a big advance in the treatment of cancer in the County.

In respect of the reconfiguration of hospital services within the Shrewsbury and Telford Hospital NHS Trust, Mr Cairns indicated that a final decision on the business case would be considered at a meeting of the Strategic Health Authority on 24th May 2012. He paid tribute to the work of the Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee on the development of the proposals. The proposals would include a small amount of extension work at Royal Shrewsbury Hospital and Princess Royal Hospital in Telford and if the business case was approved then work could look to commence from the summer.

On the improvement of hospital services, Mr Cairns referred to the concern about waiting times for out-patient treatment and indicated that problems with the booking and scheduling system had been addressed and waiting times were being reduced. He indicated further that goals and targets were being set to ensure that quality of service was achieved and maintained throughout all the treatment and services provided to patients, including patient safety, clinical effectiveness (assessment and discharge procedures and providing the correct medicines) and infection control. The patient safety goal for the Trust was to reduce hospital mortality by 20% over 2 years. The clinical teams considered that this would demonstrate that the hospitals were improving in the care of patients.

Mr Cairns stated that the performance of the hospitals were improving based on national comparisons and there were many ambitions and challenges in the year ahead for the Trust. These included the commencement of the 'Triple A' screening programme later in the year now that Royal Shrewsbury Hospital had been designated as a 'Triple A' screening centre; the completion of the Lingen Davies Cancer Centre with the aim of fully opening by the end of the summer; and the introduction of a new transport and travel plan for the trust. In addition, the Trust was no longer in debt and was now operating with a recurring financial balance. A challenge for the Trust was to continue to live within its means and plan to end the year with a surplus that could be reinvested in equipment and training to assist in providing better health care.

Mr Cairns then answered questions raised by Members and the public, during which the following indications were given:

- The number of cancer patients was increasing due to lifestyle factors and an increasing population. Due to the effects of less smoking this was likely to fall over the next 20 years. The number of people with heart problems was also rising and the numbers contracting diabetes was concerning with the difficulties this caused. Coronary stenting was not performed in Shropshire with patients at present sent to Stoke or Wolverhampton. Plans were now being made for this to be performed in Shropshire.
- The cancer unit on ward 21 would not be moving into the Lingen Davies cancer Centre as the ward was for day cases.
- The Trust was advised on new cancer treatments and drugs by NICE who looked at the cost of treatment and the value provided to patients and advised the health service accordingly. Mr Cairns stated that he could not recall a case where the hospitals doctors had not been able to subscribe a drug they wished to.
- It was proposed to introduce a new pay on exit system for car parking at the hospitals. Any increase in charges in line with this would be the first rise in car parking charges at the hospitals for five years. Many patients had told the Trust that they were unhappy with the current car parking system with having to pay for tickets before going in for treatment or visiting a patient. The new arrangements would help car park attendants devote more of their time to helping drivers find spaces in the car parking provided, which would hopefully be increased through improved management, rather than focusing on whether cars had tickets.
- Patient involvement in the scrutiny of hospital services was through a Local Assurance Panel which had reviewed the entirety of the hospitals programme. Focus groups of users were consulted on all key change areas.
- Outpatients would have a choice at which hospital they wished to receive treatment.
- The Trust was looking at the proposed changes to Pathology Services and would be responding with a view to how these could be grouped together across the region and retain expert advice on site.

- The Trust aimed to have patients receiving accurate and fast diagnosis with treatment plans that did not keep them in beds any longer than necessary, which would help to reduce waiting and costs.
- The Trust was holding discussions with community trust partners about the possibilities of a community hospital for Shrewsbury, and more care being provided in nursing homes and at home.
- Arrangements were in place whereby the A&E at Royal Shrewsbury Hospital could call on the assistance of a paediatrician if required with the Children's Assessment Unit adjacent to the A&E. A dedicated paediatrician would also be on call every night providing resilient 24 hour care. The model being operated had been endorsed by the Royal college of Paediatricians.
- The target times for consultations at the hospitals referred from a GP were 95% within 18 weeks and 90% for treatment within 18 weeks following the consultation. Monitoring was carried out to ensure that the targets were being achieved. The aim of the Trust was that all patients are seen within 10 weeks of referral.

The Chairman thanked Mr Cairns for addressing the meeting.

8. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

The Chairman invited questions/comments from members of the public during which the following points were raised:

- The Weir. A member of the public was pleased to see that the Town Council had endorsed the Shrewsbury 100 Project at The Weir but expressed concern that Shropshire Council would take a long time to consider its part in the project. The Chairman stated that the scheme had been identified through a feasibility study as a hydro-electricity generating opportunity and the Council was intent on moving the scheme forward to be undertaken in partnership with community moneys available and tender documents were being prepared with a view to a start in 2014. Councillor Nutting indicated that the Town Council had identified funding for the project.
- Theatre Severn. A member of the public expressed concern that a booking fee was being charged for tickets. Councillor Mrs Brennan indicated that she supported the objections.
- Pedestrian Refuge on Smithfield Road. A member of the public referred to the news that the pedestrian refuge was now to be removed and asked what would now happen to that part of the grant funding the Council received for the Connect2 project which covered the provision of the refuge. Councillor Nutting indicated that following lengthy discussions between Members and Officers it had now been accepted that the pedestrian refuge should be removed and the question of funding was being addressed.

- River Towpath. A member of the public queried the closure of the towpath between the Welsh Bridge and Porthill. Councillor Anne Chebsey indicated that the towpath had been closed for health and safety reasons due to structural problems.
- Future Style and Promotion of Meetings of this LJC. Clive Wright referred to proposals for staging a World Café Event at a future meeting of this LJC. He indicated that this was a different style of meeting with participants discussing issues of concern and putting ideas forward whilst circulating from table to table around the room. It was proposed that the World Café Event would address critical issues affecting Shrewsbury at present and into the future. The Chairman questioned whether this LJC as it was conducted and promoted at present was engaging sufficiently with the public on the issues for Shrewsbury. He stated that he would give some thought to how future meetings should be staged and conducted in an effort to increase their appeal to all members of the public.
- SAMDev Public Consultation Meetings. The Chairman referred to the SAMDev Public Consultation meetings being held by the Town Council on 7th, 12th and 19th June 2012. Information leaflets giving details on the time and place of the meetings were available to collect at the back of the Chamber.
- Olympic Torch Relay. Gwyn Bevan reported on the arrangements for the Olympic Torch relay which would be passing through Shrewsbury on 30th May 2012.

Alan Mosley

9. DECISION REPORT - FUNDING APPLICATIONS

Gill Jones, Community Action Manager, presented the report setting out details of five grant applications that had been received.

RESOLVED:

That the following applications funded from the 2012/2013 budget, be approved:

Gwyn Bevan/
Gill Jones

Application	Amount
Headway – Contribution towards the purchase of two items of equipment for the Day Opportunities Centre.	£1,868.39
Shrewsbury Christmas Cracker – Contribution towards the costs of celebrating the beginning of the Christmas Season in Shrewsbury.	£1,600

Rainbow Film Festival – Contribution £1,000
towards providing a film event for Lesbian,
Gay, Bisexual, Transgender (LGBT)
people.

Shrewsbury International Street Festival – £2,000
Contribution towards the costs of providing
entertainment to the residents of
Shrewsbury and to attract visitors to the
town.

Shrewsbury Brass Band – Rebranding £2,000
Project

10. FEEDBACK ON THE MEETING

All those present were asked to complete and return the feedback forms
circulated before leaving.

11. DATE FOR NEXT MEETING

It was confirmed that the next meeting of the Shrewsbury Wide Local Joint
Committee would be held on Thursday 29th November 2012 at 7.00 p.m. at
The Guildhall, Frankwell Quay, Shrewsbury.

Chairman:.....

Date:.....