

JOINT COMMITTEE

QUESTIONS STEMMING FROM THE MEETING
10 PM 9.20 PM

at
Church Stretton School

Committee Members Present:

Shropshire Council

David Evans	Church Stretton and Craven Arms Electoral Division
James Gibson	Church Stretton and Craven Arms Electoral Division
Cecilia Motley	Corvedale Electoral Division

Town/Parish Councils

Peter Relph	Church Stretton Town Council
Lynne Gray	Eaton-Upon-Heywood and Hope Bowdler Parish Council
Mel McFarland	Rushbury Parish Council

Shropshire Council Officers present:

Liz Nicholson, Lead Officer
Miranda McLaven, Support Officer
Peter Dunhill, Community Regeneration Officer
Tim Sneddon, Head of Environmental Maintenance
Alan Meyrick, Technical Support Officer
Amanda Holyoak, Committee Officer

There were approximately 23 members of the public present at the meeting.

ACTION

1. Welcome and Introductions

The Chair thanked those present for attending the meeting.

2. Apologies for Absence and Substitutions

Apologies were received from Cecilia Motley for late arrival.

3. Declarations of Interest

James Gibson, Lynne Gray and Peter Relph all declared a personal and prejudicial interest in relation to funding application SD16 Events Calendar, as they were members of the Church Stretton Area Partnership. They left the meeting whilst this matter was under discussion.

4. Note of Last Meeting

The note of the meeting held on 29 September 2009 was confirmed as a correct record.

Priorities

5.1 Peter Dunhill, Community Regeneration Officer, referred to the report which listed priorities suggested for the Committee resulting from the 'post it'/target exercise held at the meeting on 29 September 2009. These had been divided into two priority levels and would influence the programme of issues that the LJC would address and the grant allocation and service commissioning process.

5.2 It was confirmed that 'energy efficient and environmentally friendly buildings' should feature as a priority 1 area, and not priority 2 as also shown in the report.

5.3 Those present commented on the length of the list and felt that some items lent themselves to a share of the funds available, whilst others were policy issues.

5.4 It was agreed that the process of differentiating the priority areas between areas for policy discussion and areas linked to funding should begin and that members should consider this at their next planning meeting.

Peter
Dunhill

6. Flytipping, Vandalism, Graffiti

6.1 Tim Sneddon, Head of Environmental Maintenance, Shropshire Council addressed recent concerns in relation to flytipping, vandalism and graffiti in the area. He reported that between 1 April 2009 and 31 December 2009 there had only been six cases of flytipping reported in the StrettonDale LJC area, and one case of graffiti.

6.2 In response to questions and comments from those present, Mr Sneddon addressed issues including:

Whose responsibility it was to keep railway stations clean; plans to install CCTV at Church Stretton Station; a CCTV wifi pilot in the Town Park; mess left by the recycling waste collection; dog fouling and the imminent start of the new Dog Warden.

6.4 He reported on training for Officers to issue Fixed Penalty Notices for offences such as dropping litter and dog fouling and provided information on the costs of the training and anticipated outcome.

6.5 It was noted that a report would be submitted to Shropshire Council's Cabinet on establishing effective strategy and policy, so that all would be absolutely clear of enforcement implications before Fixed Penalty Notices were issued on a regular basis. He explained it was

ed on a regular basis. He explained it was public and change behaviour alongside encourage behavioural change as well as the steps towards prosecutions had already been taken.

It was reported that a Dog Warden was about to start work in Church Stretton. Mr Sneddon agreed to provide details of start date and contact details for circulation with the note of the meeting.

Tim
Sneddon

It was confirmed that the Dog Warden would be able to target his activities where any issues had been identified and would have flexible working patterns so concerns could be followed up at appropriate times of the day. There was also further discussion around dog fouling and provision of and nature of plastic bags.

Mr Sneddon agreed to look into issues in Hope Bowdler especially around the location of the Church. He also agreed to raise with Waste Management Colleagues concerns about litter left following recycling collections.

Tim
Sneddon

It was confirmed that callers wishing to report a problem could do so by dialling Shropshire Council's main contact number, 0345 678 9000. Alternatively, Kate Adams, Street Scene Manager Southwest could be contacted directly on 01584 838114.

Mr Sneddon was thanked for attending the meeting.

7. Public Question Time

7.1 *Priorities*

A member of the public said it would be useful to know in a reasonable time how the Committee was going to address the priorities it had addressed and in what way, particularly as so many had been identified. It was suggested that working groups could address some of the priorities. Others present also referred to the lengthy priorities list and commented that whilst some seemed relevant to the Local Joint Committee, others could perhaps be taken forward by other agencies.

7.2 It was reported that members would look at dividing the priorities into issue and funding categories at the Committee's next planning meeting and perhaps develop a themed work programme for future meetings. Consideration could also be given to where priorities might be best addressed. The Committee also wished to remain responsive to any new issues raised by members of the public.

Scott Parish Meeting asked why he no longer received weekly notification of planning applications as previously circulated by South Shropshire District Council. The LJC's Support Officer, Miranda McLaven agree to look into this issue.

Miranda
McLaven

7.4 Community Support Officers

A Member of the public asked about the hours of work of Community Support Officers, particularly as many problems occurred during the evening and at night. The Community Regeneration Officer was able to report that the Community Support Officer hours were until 10 pm at night.

7.5 A49 Crossroads

A member of the public drew attention to a number of 'near misses' at the traffic lights at the crossroads from the A49 and felt some simple arrows painted on the road would solve this problem. This had been brought up at a PACT meeting but the Police had said they were unable to take any action.

7.6 The Chairman of Church Stretton Town Council reported on extensive efforts to get the Highways Agency to address this problem which had been to no avail.

8. Report from PACT - Partners and Communities Together

8.1 Eileen Roberts gave a brief update on PACT on behalf of PC Sean Bailey. A report was tabled on offences recorded in the LJC area between 1st January and 31st December 2009 and included detail of current projects in which Church Stretton Police were involved.

8.2 PC Bailey's card was made available and those present were encouraged to make contact with him if they had any concerns. More information on PACT and meeting dates and times was available from www.churchstretton.co.uk

8.3 The next PACT meeting would take place on Tuesday 2 March 2010 at the Silvester Horne Hall at 7.00 pm.

9. Community Chest

9.1 The Committee considered applications made for funds to the Community Chest and it was

RESOLVED: to approve the following applications.
(Mr Gibson, Mrs Grey and Mr Relph left the meeting during the

Liz
Nicholson

Application made by the Church Stretton

and contact	potential outcomes	Amount	Agreed
Longmynd Arts	Pycoob Dance Festival - ethnic dance workshops, performances and celebratory events in Church Stretton and All Stretton. Learning experience for local people + attracting visitors from further afield	£300	
Church Stretton Tree Group	Church Stretton Tree Group promotion and family events. Knowledge of the value of trees and the Tree Group, its work and benefits extended to a wider audience especially families	£500	
The Shropshire Children's Scrapstore	New marketing material for 'Scrappies' as a creative arts/educational centre as well as a valuable recycling point. Designs will focus on the location in Church Stretton as a key feature	£500	
All Stretton Village Society.	New seat on safe footpath used by local children and adults and also visitors. More people will use path	£385	
Church Stretton Play Area Action Group.	Drawings and consultation for new play area. Improved consultation and designs in keeping with what potential users want and local residents will find acceptable	£500	
4 Parishes Youth Group	Equipment for developing cookery sessions in Rushbury Village Hall. Good practical experience and activity for young people in rural area	£500	
Church Stretton Area Partnership	Area events calendar – compilation, design, printing and promotion	£500	

It was also **RESOLVED:**

9.2 To top the Community Chest back up to £5,000 following the making of the above grants and to invite applications for sums over £500 that fit priority issues

Liz Nicholson

9.3 Following discussion it was also agreed that Mr Relph's suggestion for a Community Pride Award be discussed at the Committee's next planning meeting.

all LJC Members

10. Budget Consultation

10.1 Keith Barrow, Leader of Shropshire Council and Laura Rowley, Shropshire Council's Director of Resources, made a brief presentation on budget proposals for 2010/11 and the issues facing the Council. A copy of their PowerPoint presentation on the proposals was circulated.

10.2 Members of the public were invited to participate in an interactive session and ask questions and give their views on the Budget



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questions raised during this session were
to the budget process.

of Resources also reported that an on-line
budget simulator was available on the Council's website through
which people could express more detailed views.

11. **Date of Next Meeting**

Thursday 18 March 2010 at 7.00 pm at Ticklerton Village Hall.