

JOINT COMMITTEE

ACTIONS OF THE MEETING HELD AT 3TH MARCH 2010 AT TICKLERTON

VILLAGE HALL

Present:

Committee Members

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

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

Shropshire Council Officers

Liz Nicholson, Lead Officer
Sam Hine, Head of Community Working
Peter Dunhill, Community Regeneration Officer
Julie Fildes, Committee Officer
Joy Blizzard, Waste Initiatives Officer

There were approximately 30 members of the public present at the meeting.

1. Welcome and Introductions

The Chair thanked those present for attending the meeting.

It was agreed that the report from the Police and Communities Together [PACT] would be heard before the other business on the agenda.

2. Declarations of Interest

The following personal interests were declared:

<u>Councillor</u>	<u>Item</u>
David Evans	6 SD23 Church Stretton Town Council SD24 Church Stretton Community Group
James Gibson	6 SD19 Stretton Climate Care SD21 Church Stretton Area Ring and Ride
Peter Relph	6 SD23 Church Stretton Town Council SD24 Church Stretton Community Group

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3. **Report from PACT - Partners and Communities Together**

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PC Sean Bailey answered questions from those present on a stabbing incident that had occurred in Rushbury the previous weekend. He also briefed Members on a spate of burglaries that had been reported in the south Shropshire area.

In response to a Member's question, PC Bailey confirmed that there were six to eight police constables on duty in the South Shropshire area at any one time, and that the police station in Church Stretton was operational twenty-four hours a day.

PC Bailey agreed with a Member's comment that alcohol appeared to be a contributory factor in many of the reported disturbances. Members noted that Trading Standards had been conducting test purchases of alcohol in local shops. He added that much of the trouble had been caused by youths coming into the area and bringing alcohol with them.

PC Bailey asked that organisers of community events involve the Police in the organisation of the event from an early stage.

Members noted that the stabbing incident in Rushbury had happened after a teenager's birthday party got out of hand. It was thought that uninvited guests had heard about the party after details of it were posted on the social networking site; Facebook.

Mrs Sherrie Leask of Church Stretton School explained that students were being educated on the safe use of social networking sites, but parents were often unaware of the dangers they could pose. The Lead Officer added that Shropshire Council offered education and training for parents and carers on the safe use of the Internet.

4. **Notes of Last Meeting**

The Notes of the meeting held on 25th January 2010 were confirmed as a correct record.

5. **Local Food**

Mrs Jane Van Doesburg spoke about her delicatessen business in Church Stretton. Members noted the drawbacks and benefits of supplying locally produced food.

Mrs Van Doesburg spoke about the difficulty she had experienced

suppliers when she had first opened the reality of sourcing local products was not stated that she now had twenty suppliers, not producers, based in Shropshire and Herefordshire. Her business bridged the gap between farmers' markets and supermarkets.

She explained that ethical transportation of stock was another issue of concern. Using local suppliers reduced food miles and consequently lessened the environmental impact. It was also necessary to consider the environmental cost of transportation – for example the need for excess packaging and chilling when accepting a supplier. She explained how her business used a local food distribution service that serviced six counties through five distribution hubs, the nearest being Shrewsbury.

Mrs Van Doesburg stated that she sold ethically produced and locally sourced meat, that was often delivered on foot.

Members discussed ways of improving the communication channels between local producers, retailers and the public. It was noted that some local farmers offered farm visits to enable people to see how food was produced.

The Waste Initiative Officer was invited to comment on Shropshire Council's 'Love Food, Hate Waste' Campaign. Members noted that £12 billion worth of food was thrown away annually which was a huge waste of the Country's resources. The Officer commented that research had surprisingly shown that all age groups and sectors of the population wasted similar quantities of food, and that the campaign was to encourage people to waste less.

6. Community Chest

Application SD22: Mr J Hughes presented the funding application from St Laurence Church, Church Stretton, for the purchase of new seating. Members noted that the Church was the largest public meeting place in the area and was frequently used by the wider community for civic events. Mr Hughes confirmed that the replacement of the traditional pews had made the Church more versatile, although it slightly decreased the quantity of available seating.

Application SD18: Mr Richard Carter introduced the funding application from the Church Stretton Arts Festival to provide performance arts coaching workshops. In response to a Member's question, Mr Carter confirmed that this was an all-inclusive programme and there were no selection criteria for participation. Mr Carter was accompanied by Thomas and Helena Crump; young people hoping to benefit from the scheme. Thomas Crump

the importance of the scheme to him and confirmed that the project had the school's full

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Application SD17: The Community Regeneration Officer introduced the application from Little Stretton Village Hall for funding for improvements. Those present discussed the unique nature of the village hall and its use by a wide variety of local community groups.

Application SD19: Mr Michael Hymas of Stretton Climate Care introduced the Charity's application for funding to develop energy efficiency awareness amongst the general public.

Councillors Ralph and McFarland having declared personal interests abstained from voting on this application.

Application SD21: Mrs Nicola McPherson spoke to Members about the work of the successful Ring & Ride scheme operating in south Shropshire. Mrs McPherson confirmed that the volunteers underwent special training to assist users with limited mobility.

Councillor Ralph asked Mrs McPherson to convey to the volunteer drivers the appreciation of the Strettondale LJC for the service they provided to the community.

Councillor Gibson having declared a personal interest abstained from voting on this item.

Application SD23: Councillor Bob Welch of Church Stretton Town Council presented the Town Council's funding application to produce and install heritage information boards around the town. Members noted that Church Stretton was the only market town in Shropshire without a museum and research had shown that visitors spent less time in the town as a result. Councillor Welch explained that providing information on the town's history at different locations would encourage tourists to circulate around the town.

Councillor Relph having declared a personal interest abstained from voting on this item.

Application SD24: Mr John Woolmer addressed Members on the Church Stretton Community Group's funding application to hold a community celebration marking the opening of the Leisure centre. Members noted that ninety-three community participants supported this event. Mr Woolmer confirmed that the public would not be charged for attending the celebration, as the aim was to involve the whole community.

Councillor Ralph declared a personal interest as the Risk Assessment Officer for the project.

Stuart Wright, the Vice Chairman of Church
Member of Trade spoke about the importance
the area. He confirmed that this was a
all people would not be charged to attend.
In response to a Member's question, he agreed that the event had
wide community support and had been well attended the previous
year, by both local people and visitors.

Councillor Ralph declared a personal interest as the Risk
Assessment Officer for the project

Application SD27: Mrs Helen Tibbles, Shelter Manager of
Shropshire Cat and Kitten Rescue in Church Stretton spoke about
the work undertaken by the Centre. She confirmed that the funding
would benefit people in the Church Stretton and surrounding rural
area.

RESOLVED: that the following applications be approved:

Organisation	Summary	Amount Agreed (£)	
Little Stretton Village Hall	Signage and maintenance work as specified in the Officer's report.	500	
Church Stretton Arts Festival	Performance arts coaching workshops over 4 days for 60 young people and public. Young people's show based on workshops at festival conclusion.	820	Liz Nicholson
Stretton Climate Care	Develop awareness, energy efficiency surveys, advice to households to access grants.	500	
Church Stretton Ring and Ride (Stretton's Mayfair Trust)	Support for running costs for one of the four vehicles.	4,700	
St Laurence Church,	New seating to enable community uses of church.	600	
Church Stretton Town Council (with CS Area Partnership and Shrops Hill Sustainable Tourism Network)	Production and installation of 18 small and 3 large heritage panels; design; production and installation of illustrated timeline (8 panels) following visitor surveys.	1,500	
Church Stretton and District Community Group	Community celebration event to mark opening of Leisure Centre and in particular a Kite Festival as colourful and exciting visual display which will promote the event and attract visitors and participants.	600	
Church Stretton and District Chamber of Trade – Summerfest	Contribution to cost of re-useable equipment and material for the Stretton Summerfest in June.	3000	
Shropshire Cat and Kitten Rescue	Purchase and installation of hospitalisation and immunisation facility and small equipment.	500	

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Liz
Nicholson

report on organisations and projects
the 25th January 2010 meeting, be noted;

- ii. that, subject to confirmation by Shropshire Council, the residue of funds remaining from the year 2009/2010 be carried forward and spent in the year 2010/2011.

7. Shropshire Charter

RESOLVED:

that the information relating to the Shropshire Charter consultation process and the deadline for the receipt of representations as 31st March 201, be noted.

8. Future Agenda Items and Questions from the Public

There were no public questions or suggestions for future agenda items.

9. Date of Next Meeting

Monday 10 May 2010 at 7.00 pm. The venue to be advised.

10. Vote of Thanks from the Chairman

On behalf of all members of the StrettonDale LJC, the Chairman thanked the Lead Officer, Liz Nicholson, for her work on behalf of the Local Joint Committee. He wished her a long and peaceful retirement. This was endorsed by all those present.

The meeting closed at 8.45pm