

STRETTONDALE LOCAL JOINT COMMITTEE

NOTES OF DECISIONS AND ACTIONS OF THE MEETING HELD AT 7.00PM ON MONDAY 10 MAY 2010 AT ST LAWRENCE'S PRIMARY SCHOOL, CHURCH STRETTON.

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

Sam Hine, Lead Officer

John Hodgkinson, Support Officer

Peter Dunhill, Community Regeneration Officer

Jane Palmer, Senior Committee Officer

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

ACTION

1. Election of Chairman

RESOLVED:

that Councillor James Gibson be elected Chairman of the StrettonDale Local Joint Committee for the ensuing municipal year.

2. Welcome and apologies

The Chairman thanked those present for attending the meeting. It was noted that Councillor Cecilia Motley would be attending later in the evening.

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

3. Appointment of Vice Chairman

RESOLVED:

that Councillor Mel McFarland be appointed Vice Chairman of the StrettonDale Local Joint Committee for the ensuing municipal year.

4. **Declarations of Interest**

Councillor Mrs L Gray declared a personal interest in the application for funding for the First Responder in her capacity as an Eaton-under-Heywood & Hope Bowdler Parish Councillor.

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

Police Sergeant Preece updated the Committee on crime levels in the Church Stretton area, current trends in crime and progress being made with ongoing enquiries with particular reference to a series of burglaries in the town.

Councillor Relph voiced concern on the levels of policing resource available in the Church Stretton area and the resultant effect that the level of resource had on progress with crime enquiries. A member of the public countered these comments with praise for the local Police who, she believed, provided an excellent service with the limited resources available.

PS Preece went on to explain the merits of 'Smart Water', a property marking solution that was invisible to the naked eye, and commented that victims of burglary, their neighbours and burglary 'hot spots' were issued with Smart Water kits.

In answer to the Committee's concerns that Smart Water did not appear to be promoted by Shropshire Council, the Lead Officer stated that she would investigate how the Council could promote this campaign in future.

ACTION
Lead
Officer

Councillor Bob Welch, Church Stretton Town Council requested an update on the timescales for the siting of a CCTV camera in the park at Church Stretton that was not yet in situ. The Lead Officer advised that contact would be made with the appropriate Officer of Shropshire Council and progress reported back at the next meeting.

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The Chairman thanked PS Preece for attending the meeting and updating those present on relevant policing issues in the Church Stretton area.

6. **Interactive Youth Session**

The Community Regeneration Officer welcomed the young people from the Church Stretton area present at the meeting to host interactive discussions with members of the Committee and members of the public.

It was noted that the aim of the session was:

- to explore the different perceptions that exist between young and older generations in the community
- to take a view on whether Church Stretton really just catered for older people
- to share opinions on what was good and what was not so good about the area.

The Community Regeneration Officer stated that he would be compiling the results of the exercise and would be reporting back on the findings to the next meeting of the LJC.

The Chairman thanked the young people for attending the meeting and stated that he was looking forward to seeing the results of the session.

ACTION
Community
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Officer

7. Public Question Time

There were no questions from the members of the public present.

8. Local Joint Committee Budget 2010/11 - Community Chest Funding

The Lead Officer presented the funding report that detailed the current criteria for grant allocation and explained that the LJC had a budget allocation of £22,000 for the 2010/11 financial year and that, together with the uncommitted budget from 2009/10, gave a total budget of £25,015 for allocation by the LJC in the current financial year.

Application SD28

The Committee considered the application from Eaton-under-Heywood & Hope Bowdler Parish Council seeking financial assistance to augment the level of equipment for the local First Responder's kit bag. Members noted that First Responder's were provide with a basic level of equipment and that any additional equipment had to be self-funded.

Application SD29

The Assistant Head of Church Stretton school was present and explained that the additional staging being sought would be used by the school and other groups within the local community that may hire the facilities.

RESOLVED: that the following applications be approved:

Organisation	Summary	Amount Agreed (£)	
Eaton-under-Heywood and Hope Bowdler Parish Council	Additional equipment for First Responder's kit bag	£250	<u>ACTION</u> Lead Officer
Church Stretton school	Additional staging/seating for use by the school and other groups within the community that may hire the facilities	£500	

RESOLVED:
that the criteria for grant allocation in 2010/11 be confirmed.

9. Progress on StrettonDale grant allocations 2009/10

The Committee noted the update on the retrospective grant allocations from the financial year 2009/10.

The Community Regeneration Officer stated his intent to provide a pictorial update on the projects funded and invite some of the grant recipients to attend a future meeting to inform the Committee of the benefits from the funding received.

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10. Community Pride Award

The Lead Officer introduced the proposal from Councillor Peter Relph for an annual Community Pride Award. Councillor Relph explained his idea for an annual trophy to an individual, group or groups who had supported the community throughout the year and added that a first, second and third prize could be awarded.

Reservations were voiced from the floor regarding the introduction of any competitive element to the award. Councillor McFarland suggested that the award would be treated as a reward for effort; more of a thank you and well done with no competitive element.

It was agreed that the LJC would work up the proposal more fully and report back to a future meeting of the Committee.

ACTION
ALL

11. Consultation – Site Allocations and Management of Development in the area of the StrettonDale LJC

The Committee noted the information provided on Shropshire Council's consultation on site allocations and management of development in the StrettonDale LJC area and noted the public consultation event that would be taking place in Church Stretton on Tuesday 18 May 2010 from 4.00pm until 7.30pm in the Silvester Horne Institute. It was noted that the local Civic Society was holding a further meeting on 25 May 2010 on this subject.

Concerns were expressed about the consultation process and the map illustrating potential areas of development in the area that could result in unrealistic expectations being raised on the part of local landowners. Councillor Relph commented that the process was an abject lesson in how not to undertake a consultation given that the map illustrated some improbable sites for development.

12. Shropshire Council Consultations

The Committee noted Shropshire Partnership's new Consultation Portal that summarised all the consultation activities in which Shropshire Council and its partners were involved. The current consultation material on this web site related to the Shrewsbury North West Relief Road; the consultation would close on 16 May 2010.

13. Date of Next Meeting

It was noted that the next meeting of the StrettonDale LJC would be held at 7.00pm on Thursday 22 July 2010 at Acton Scott village hall.

The meeting closed at 9.05 p.m.