

A member of the public asked which court witnesses/defendants from the local area had to attend, Shrewsbury or Ludlow. It was noted that the position would be clarified by the Police at the next meeting of the LJC.

Given that PACT meetings were now no longer taking place, those present considered that Police attendance at future LJC meetings was crucial. It was noted that the new area Inspector, Jamie Dunn, would be invited to attend the next meeting if at all possible.

JP invite
new Insp
to next
meeting

28. Health and Social Care in Church Stretton

Bob Welch and Nicola McPherson from the Church Stretton Health and Social Care Partnership outlined three new initiatives being undertaken by the Partnership to provide integrated, innovative and targeted health and social care, namely:

- Strettons Emergency Volunteer Network
- Frail and Vulnerable service
- Compassionate Communities [Co-Co]

These initiatives had been introduced to meet the specific challenges for Church Stretton with its twice national average population of over 65s. By supporting the frail and vulnerable within the community it was hoped that the number of inpatient bed days could be reduced and the experiences of the elderly with their health and social care could be improved.

Those present noted the ways that the local voluntary sector, the Primary Care Trust and Shropshire Council could work together to improve health and social care services in Church Stretton.

Thanks and congratulations were extended to those involved in the work of the Health and Social Care Partnership for their sterling efforts in improving the lives of local people

29. Market Towns Revitalisation Programme

The Lead Officer reported the availability of £225k to Church Stretton as part of the Market Towns Revitalisation Programme. The Programme was making capital funding available to market towns in Shropshire to enhance their status as local economic and community service hubs. It was noted that further monies may be available at a later stage to support rural parish initiatives.

She added that this funding would be aimed at initiatives to keep the town centre vibrant and to enhance its economic wellbeing.

Public opinion on issues that should be supported by this funding was canvassed by round table discussions and the views of those present were noted on Post-its. [The information collated from the Post-its is attached at the end of these Notes]

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

The Community Working 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.

The grant applicants were present and available to explain the use to which any grant funding awarded would be put and to answer any related questions from the Committee.

RESOLVED: that the following applications be approved:

Organisation	Summary	Amount Agreed
Church Stretton Croquet Club SD34	Extend existing lawn and addition of a second lawn	£1,000
Marches Housing Charitable Trust SD35	Local career opportunities session	£400
Church Stretton Recreation Park SD36	Multi Use Games Area [MUGA] – improved recreation facilities for all ages	£4,000
Church Stretton Area Tourist Group SD37	Town promotion leaflet	£600
Church Stretton Area Tourist Group SD38	Town Information Boards	£1,000
Shropshire AONB SD39	Walking for Wellbeing	£700

SH/PD to arrange payment

Church Stretton University of the Third Age SD40	Start up costs – enhanced learning and social opportunities	£100
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RESOLVED:

that the progress report on organisations and projects that were awarded funds at the 22 July 2010 meeting, be noted, as detailed in Appendix B to the report.

31. Young People's Priorities

The Community Working Officer updated the Committee on young people's priorities and their views/opinions that had been collated at the LJC meeting held earlier in the year on 10 May 2010. He stated that he would be happy to provide further information on the findings from this session to any interested parties, on request.

PD to
provide as
requested

32. Public Question Time

The following issues were raised:

Q. Why has the food waste collection service been stopped?

A. This service was for a trial three-year period that has now come to an end. The service has proven to be financially non viable. However, from 29 November 2010 the waste collection service will include the collection of plastic bottles.

Q. Will Shropshire Council be issuing a press release relating to the imminent Church Stretton town centre enhancements and will the Council's portfolio holder attend the next LJC meeting and explain the proposals given that they are largely not in accordance with the wishes of local people?

A. Yes, a press release is to be issued in the next week. The portfolio holder will be asked to attend the next LJC meeting depending upon his availability.

Portfolio
holder -
invite to
next
meeting

33. Date of Next Meeting

It was noted that the next meeting of the StrettonDale LJC would be held at 7.00pm on Thursday 20 January 2010 at a venue in Church Stretton.

JP book
venue

The meeting closed at 9.10 p.m.

MARKET TOWNS REVITALISATION PROGRAMME

PUBLIC FEEDBACK ON POTENTIAL USE OF FUNDING AVAILABLE TO CHURCH STRETTON

YOUTH PROVISION

- Provision of dedicated youth centre
- Link Acton Scott with Harper Adams or other university (outreach/practical side of agricultural degree courses – will encourage students from the sector).
- Colin Richards to be asked to think about apprenticeships linked to Acton Scott
- The school to form a link with Harper Adams (local businesses)
- Trips for young people to engage them in different cultures via visiting cities, which would be a project about comparing Church Stretton area for youth with a city; young person provision.

SERVICES

- Enhancing toilets
- Coach drop-off point
- Enhancement of Silvester Horne Institute
- Notice board enhancement
- Additional dog litter bins
- Street planning – pavements etc.
- New toilets with no one-sided conversations and open until 10.30pm

TRAVEL INTERPRETATION HUB

- Discovery Centre similar to Craven Arms
- Proper town museum – something for tourists to do when it rains
- Integrated travel/visitor information/ outdoor activity centre
- Museum coach drop off point for visitors.
- As a tourist hub facilities needed. Make the town more 'user friendly'; pedestrianise the centre; turn the shops 'inside out' in summer; café society round the square; get De Greys to take over the Cat's Rescue shop.
- Need to develop integrated transport; hub at the station to include visitor's centre; shuttle bus service to town and Cardingmill.

EMPLOYMENT

- Provision of serviced accommodation for start up projects
- Increase land available for retail/ factory units/workshops – CS has many houses but few job opportunities

COMMUNITY CENTRE

- Expand / refurbish Mayfair (x3)
- Development of PCT building in partnership with Medical Practice and Mayfair
- Infrastructure health and Social Care Services/medical/social care
- Second medical practice

MEETING PLACES

- Silvester Horne Institute refurbishment
- Why not put a proper theatre on as an extension?

GAMES AREAS

- Toboggan run on the Long Mynd
- Barefoot track
- Climbing wall/bouldering facilities, either added to the sports centre or built separately
- Multiuse Games Area – Church Stretton Town Park; including basketball/football x2
- Improvement and development of leisure centre facilities – i.e. All weather hockey pitch
- Toddler play area
- Sports pavilion

MISCELLANEOUS

- Wetlands
- Church Stretton needs to be known for something special (like Ludlow is for food and slow town); What can we focus on?
- Radio Internet access; small groups can start up – dishes – satellite – Do not need to rely on traditional BT methods