

STRETTONDALE LOCAL JOINT COMMITTEE

NOTES OF DECISIONS AND ACTIONS OF THE MEETING HELD AT 7.00PM ON THURSDAY 20 JANUARY 2011 AT THE SILVESTER HORNE INSTITUTE, HIGH STREET, CHURCH STRETTON.

Present:

Shropshire Council

Tim Barker	Burnell Division
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-Under-Heywood & Hope Bowdler Parish Council
Jennie Griffiths	Leebotwood & Longnor Parish Council
Mel McFarland	Rushbury Parish Council
Allan McVittie	All Stretton, Smethcott and Woolstaston Parish Council
Peter Relph	Church Stretton Town Council
Andrew Seabury	Cardington Parish Council

Shropshire Council Officers

Sam Hine, Lead Officer
Jane Palmer, Senior Committee Officer
Lisa Bedford, Senior Community Regeneration Officer

There were approximately 40 members of the public present at the meeting.

34. Welcome and apologies

The Chairman thanked all for attending the meeting and welcomed those present to address the Committee.

35. Declarations of Interest

The following declarations of interest were made:

Councillor Tim Barker [predetermination] - funding application re Church Stretton signal box - member of LEADER funding appraisal panel

Councillor James Gibson - [prejudicial] - conducted negotiations with BR re signal box funding application

Councillor Peter Relph - [personal] - complainant re Church Stretton traffic enhancement scheme - complaint pending.

ACTION

36. Report from PACT - Police and Communities Together

Inspector Dunn stated, subject to operational demands, the Police would be happy to attend future LJC meetings and he urged those present to maintain contact with the local Police and to report issues as they occurred to their local Officers in person, by telephone or email.

PC Bailey reported crime statistics in the Church Stretton area from January 2010 to January 2011 and drew attention to the reduction in crime figures from the previous year.

On behalf of PC Hart from the Shrewsbury Rural south team, he reported an increase in theft of fuel and oil from farm machinery and incidents of cold callers seeking scrap metal and urged local people to make a note of any vehicle registration numbers associated with these callers. Despite the low levels of recorded crime, he urged people not to become complacent and to remain vigilant at all times.

37. Notes of the last meeting held on 6 October 2010

RESOLVED:

that the Notes of the last meeting of the StrettonDale Local Joint Committee held on 6 October 2010 be approved as a correct record.

38. Update from issues raised at the last meeting, 6 October 2010

Market Towns Revitalisation Programme

It was noted that £225k funding had been ring-fenced for allocation in the Church Stretton area and that this represented an opportunity for capital investment in the town.

Two projects had been identified to be developed in detail; these being, the development of the Silvester Horne Inst and the Health and Social Care hub. Those present were encouraged to bring forward any ideas that may merit development to their local Councillors.

It was also noted that a further £500,000 had been approved for allocation to the areas outside of the market towns to try and improve economic and social infrastructure within the rural settlements.

Church Stretton High Street Traffic Management Scheme

It was noted that the scheme was still open for public consultation until 24 January 2011 and that some 50 emails had been received by the Council but had not yet been analysed. A public meeting held the previous week had generated a lively debate on the issues.

39. Shropshire Council's Budget Update

Councillor Tim Barker presented an overview of Shropshire Council's budgetary position [a copy of the slides presented will be attached to the formal notes of this meeting]. Information on service cuts already identified was noted as being available on Shropshire Council's website from the last three meetings of the Council.

He stated that, in the spirit of the Localism Bill, local communities were being asked to identify areas of potential savings. An enhanced role for Parish/Town Councils was identified but there was some concern over the level of resource available to them together with the need to match responsibility with authority. It was generally agreed that the Localism agenda would be a hard and difficult road to travel in the future.

The level of allowances paid to Shropshire Councillors was brought into question and it was noted that an Independent Panel set the allowances but individuals were at liberty to waive their right to accept them. Availability of allowances was generally considered to represent the best way of attracting a wide range of people to become Councillors.

40. Shropshire Olympian Festival – 17 to 19 June 2011

The Council's Business Development Manager of Culture and Leisure provided information on the Shropshire Olympian Festival that would be taking place in Shrewsbury on 17, 18 and 19 June 2011 and offered many opportunities for local people to become involved in the activities. Information leaflets were made available at the meeting.

It was noted that business sponsorship opportunities were also available and information on this aspect could be provided to those who may be interested at the end of the meeting.

41. Annual Review

The Senior Community Regeneration Officer provided an overview of the projects that had been supported by the LJC over the last 12 months. A copy of the presentation slides is attached to the formal Notes of this meeting.

42. 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 Committee's remaining balance for allocation amounted to £10,000. The Committee then considered the seven applications now seeking funding totalling £12,253.

RESOLVED:

Organisation	Summary	Amount Agreed
Longmynd Camera Club SD41	Purchase of viewing screen materials	£153
Church Stretton Summerfest SD42	Local festival	£2,500
Church Stretton School SD43	Cultural trips available to the whole community	£400
Church Stretton Town Council website SD44	Development of a new website for the town	£3,000
Stretton Railway Society SD45	Signal box preservation	Advised to reapply when more base funding for the project has been secured
Batch Valley Improvement Committee SD46	Path resurfacing	Not supported
Church Stretton Health and Social Care Partnership SD47	Leaflet production and promotional material for one stop health and social care hub	£200
Church Stretton Galaxy Football Team	This application was withdrawn by the applicants prior to the meeting	N/A

SH/LB to arrange payment

Total grant awarded at this meeting = £6,253 [leaving a balance of £3,747 to roll forward to 2011/12]

43. Bus Strategy for Shropshire 2011-16 - Consultation

It was noted that the local consultation roadshow on the Council's Bus Strategy would be held between 10am and 2pm on Thursday 27 January 2011 in the Easthope road car park, Church Stretton.

44. Public Question Time

A question was raised by Councillor Peter Relph on the future proposals for the Local Joint Committees in the county:

Will Shropshire Council confirm that the current standards continue to apply and that the administrative services to this LJC will continue to meet their responsibilities to provide administrative support at all times to this LJC, as has occurred previously?

RESOLVED:

that this item be retained as an agenda item for consideration at the next meeting of the LJC.

JP add to next agenda

45. Date of Next Meeting

It was noted that the next meeting of the StrettonDale LJC would be held at 7.00pm on Thursday 16 June 2010 at a venue to be confirmed in the Church Stretton area.

JP book venue

46. Thanks

Thanks were extended to Sam Hine, for her hard work relating to the LJC as this was her last meeting as Lead Officer.

The meeting closed at 9.25 p.m.