

STRETTONDALE LOCAL JOINT COMMITTEE

NOTES OF DECISIONS AND ACTIONS OF THE MEETING HELD AT 7.00PM ON THURSDAY 16 JUNE 2011 AT THE CARDINGTON VILLAGE HALL, CARDINGTON, NEAR CHURCH STRETTON, SHROPSHIRE SY6 7JZ

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
 Andrew Seabury Cardington Parish Council
 Bob Welch Church Stretton Town Council

Shropshire Council Officers

Jane Palmer, Senior Committee Officer
 Lisa Bedford, Senior Community Regeneration Officer

There were approximately 50 members of the public present at the meeting.

	ACTION
<p>1. Election of Chairman</p> <p>RESOLVED: that Councillor Tim Barker be elected Chairman of the StrettonDale LJC for the forthcoming year.</p>	<p>JP</p>
<p>2. Welcome and apologies</p> <p>Apologies were received from Mr John Sumner [Church Stretton Area Partnership]. The Chairman thanked all for attending the meeting and welcomed those present to address the Committee.</p>	
<p>3. Appointment of Vice Chairman</p> <p>RESOLVED: that Councillor Mel McFarland be appointed Vice Chairman of the StrettonDale LJC for the forthcoming year.</p>	<p>JP</p>

4. **Declarations of Interest**

The following declarations of interest were made:

Councillor Jennie Griffiths [personal] - two grant funding applications relating to Leebotwood [village hall chairs and Parish Plan]

Councillor David Evans [prejudicial] - Chairman of the Football Club making application to the LJC for funding.

5. **Notes of the meeting held on 20 January 2011**

RESOLVED:

that the Notes of the meeting held on 20 January 2011 be approved as a correct record.

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6. **Co-option on to the StrettonDale LJC**

RESOLVED:

that the following representatives be co-opted on to the StrettonDale LJC with immediate effect:

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- Mr John Sumner – Church Stretton Area Partnership
- Mr Richard Wilson – Acton Scott Parish Meeting

7. **Report from PACT - Police and Communities Together**

Police Sergeant Graham Preece reported that this was his last meeting as he would be moving, on promotion to Inspector, to Shrewsbury however, the local Policing team would be happy to continue to attend and report matters of interest to the local community.

He reported crime statistics in the Church Stretton area and drew attention to the reduction in crime figures from the previous year. He stated that the crime mapper facility on the West Mercia website provided crime data for the area. He advised that the local Police Officer in Church Stretton was PC Sean Bailey and he would be willing to attend future LJC meetings.

He updated those present on West Mercia's strategic alliance with Warwickshire Police, on the 'Pubwatch' scheme and on the levels of policing that, following a risk assessment, could be expected at local pre-planned events.

PC Hart from the Shrewsbury Rural South policing team reported an increase in theft of fuel, oil and scrap metal and urged local people to

be vigilant and act as the eyes and ears of the Police [Rural Watch]. He reported the disconcerting increase in thefts of vehicle number plates that could then be used in further crime e.g. making off without paying for fuel, speeding offences [speed camera]. He concluded that he would be targeting young drivers driving irresponsibly particularly in the Cardington area - they would be stopped, checked and breathalysed.

8. Shropshire Fire Service

Mr Rob Corfield [Asst Group Commander West Rural Shropshire] introduced himself to those present and reported that there was little fire activity in the SrettonDale area, the majority of work in the area related to road accidents.

In answer to concerns raised from the floor, he noted the poor state of repair of the signage outside the Church Stretton Fire Station. He stressed that contingency plans were in place to deal with any fire incidents that may arise from dry weather and the increased fire risk on the Long Mynd.

9. Shropshire Council's South Area Director

Mr Chris Edwards introduced himself to those present and gave a PowerPoint presentation on his role in the area making particular reference to the Localism agenda and the new Town/Parish Charter being developed. The new Charter was being developed on a 'top down' and 'bottom up' approach for all parties to meet on common ground to establish the way forward for the future.

He stressed the importance of local Members' leadership role and issues surrounding area based budgeting. Responding to feedback from those present, he agreed that rural business, farming and tourism were integral to the Localism agenda and would be added to future presentations he was due to make in the area.

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10. Waste Services

Shropshire Council's Waste Services Manager, Larry Wolfe provided information on the waste and recycling services available in the area and answered a number of questions raised by members of the public at the meeting.

The information provided focused largely on: -

- Waste recycling-
- Love Food, Hate Waste campaign and the drive to change people's behaviour-

- Waste prevention-
- Government's new Waste Policy that focused on waste prevention and energy from waste.

He answered a number of questions from the floor, including: -

- the measures being taken to encourage reduced packaging at source, current recycling of plastic bottles only in Shropshire
- the need to reduce food waste
- the perceived retrograde step in ceasing to take food waste to the Biodigester on the Ludlow Eco Park, the need to promote home composting and community composting schemes, and
- the potential for assistance to be given to the Scrappies scheme in Church Stretton [Veolia to make enquiries]

11. Local Joint Committee Grant Applications

The Community Action Officer presented the funding report that detailed the current criteria for grant allocation and explained that the LJC had a budget allocation of £14,000 for the 2011/12 financial year and that, together with the transfer of funding previously available for community arts projects, the budget for allocation by the LJC in the current financial year totalled £19,216.

The Committee considered the following seven applications seeking funding totalling £4,277.50

RESOLVED:

Organisation	Summary	Amount Agreed
Church Stretton Arts Festival SD48	A four day dance, song and drama workshop to link to the wider arts festival	£400
Little Stretton village hall SD49	Essential maintenance to the front of the hall	£487.50
Leebotwood village hall SD50	Purchase of 60 new chairs to complete the hall refurbishment programme	£1,170
Church Stretton Community Group SD51	Measures to establish Church Stretton as a Fairtrade Town	£500
Leebotwood & Longnor Parish Council SD52	Parish Plan update	£450

LB to arrange payment

Church Stretton Football Clubs SD53	Improvements to Russells Meadow to enable more Clubs to play in the town	£1,170
Church Stretton Tourism Group SD54	To replace celebratory flags in the town	£100 [evidence of the expenditure to be provided]

Total grant awarded at this meeting = £4,277.50 [leaving a balance of £14,938.50]

The following criteria for future funding applications were agreed:

1. Normally a minimum of 40% match funding to be provided by the applicant/s [in cash or in kind]
2. Maximum grant will normally be £2,500

12. Funding Updates

The Community Action Officer provided an update on local projects submitted to the Market Towns Revitalisation Programme [MTRP] and the Rural Settlements Challenge Fund.

The two projects under the MTRP being, £70k towards a health and social care hub at the Health and Wellbeing Centre, Church Stretton and £65k towards the refurbishment of the Silvester Horne Inst.

No local projects had been submitted under the Challenge Fund [£500k was available for the rural areas in Shropshire] and the closing date for this funding round was end June 2011 with a further round of funding to follow at a later date.

13. Public Transport Update for the StrettonDale area

Information relating to the StrettonDale area circulated with the agenda papers was noted. A copy of the information will be retained with the formal record of this meeting.

14. Public Question Time

Members of the public raised no further questions. The Chairman requested that any items of interest for future meetings be made known to any member of the Committee.

15. Date of Next Meeting

It was noted that the next meeting of the StrettonDale LJC would be held at 7.00pm on Wednesday 19 October 2011 at Leebotwood village hall SY6 6NB [on the A49 at Leebotwood, opposite the Pound Inn].

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The meeting closed at 9.15 p.m.