

STRETTONDALE LOCAL JOINT COMMITTEE

NOTE OF DECISIONS AND ACTIONS OF THE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 28 JUNE 2012 AT 7.00 PM RUSHBURY VILLAGE HALL

Present:

Shropshire Council

Tim Barker	Burnell Division
David Evans	Church Stretton and Craven Arms Electoral Division
Cecilia Motley	Corvedale Electoral Division

Town/Parish Councils

Lynne Gray	Eaton-Under-Heywood & Hope Bowdler Parish Council
Paul Harris	Leebotwood & Longnor Parish Council
Viv Davies	All Stretton, Smethcott and Woolstaston Parish Council
Mel McFarland	Rushbury Parish Council
Steve Pennington	Cardington Parish Council
Hilary Clayton-Smith	Church Stretton Town Council

Co-Opted Members

John Sumner	Strettondale Partnership
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Shropshire Council Officers

Mathew Mead, Community Action Officer
Amanda Holyoak, Committee Officer

There were approximately 15 members of the public present at the meeting.

1. Election of Chairman

RESOLVED:

that Councillor Tim Barker be elected Chairman of the Strettondale LJC for the ensuing municipal year.

2. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Allan McVittie.

3. Welcome and Introductions

The Chairman welcomed all present to the meeting.

He invited those present to spend some moments thinking of James Gibson who had sadly recently passed away.

4. Appointment of Vice Chairman

RESOLVED:

that Councillor Mel McFarland be appointed Vice-Chairman of the Strettondale LJC for the ensuing municipal year.

ACTION

5. Declarations of Interest

David Evans declared a personal and prejudicial interest in funding applications SD77 and SD79 as a Trustee of the Mayfair Centre.

Steve Pennington declared a personal and prejudicial interest in SD81 as a Member of Cardington Parish Council.

Both left the meeting when these items were discussed.

6. Note of the Previous Meeting

The note of the meeting held on 4 April 2012 was confirmed as a correct record.

7. Presentation from South Shropshire Youth Forum

- 7.1 Jo Alker, South Shropshire Youth Forum, explained the youth provision available at the Mayfair Centre. This time last year there had been a big drop in attendance and much hard work had been undertaken with existing members and secondary schools to build it back up again.
- 7.2 Young people had wanted to make a video showing what it was like to be a young person attending secondary school in Church Stretton. They also wished to help primary school children about to transfer to Secondary School what to expect.
- 7.3 The LJC had provided some welcome funding for this project and a video had been created which had involved filming, editing and animation. Young people involved in the production - Lauren Hughes, Jaedon Rice, Sian Cameron and Maddy Morris – were present at the meeting and the video was played.
- 7.4 Other activities of the youth club involved promoting enterprise with varied workshops on offer, dragons den type events. The Youth Forum prided itself on its research to support needs of the future community.
- 7.5 Members congratulated those involved in the creation of the video and asked how many young people from outside of Church Stretton attended the youth club and whether it would be possible to provide a bus to provide transport for children from more rural areas
- 7.6 The majority of young people attending the youth club were from Church Stretton but there were a few from further afield. A bus had been provided some years previously to transport young people from rural areas to youth club events but there had been a poor uptake.

- 7.7 Members suggested that now might be a good time to try again with revitalised interest in the youth club. They heard that rural isolation was an issue raised frequently by young people and that ways of developing links with more rural areas were being considered. A newsletter was now produced for primary schools.
- 7.8 Members heard of work underway to identify solutions to needs raised in the 'Unzipped' consultation project report - the peer led youth consultation project in South Shropshire. The report was currently being refreshed and an action plan was being developed for the Church Stretton area.
- 7.9 Melanie Revolta from the Shropshire Youth Association explained the support available from the Association in setting up and supporting Clubs. Further information was available from her on 01743 254687 or melanie-sya@hotmail.co.uk
- 7.10 Members of the Committee reported that Parish and Town Councils were all keen to engage in this work and the Chairman said he would welcome youth input into Local Joint Committee meetings. The young people were thanked for attending.

8. Local Policing Update

- 8.1 PC Adrian Woolley reported on some recent burglaries, thefts and anti social behaviour. Gangs from large urban areas were also targeting retail outlets and thefts of metal were still occurring.
- 8.2 He explained that burglars tended to target properties from the rear, where there was no alarm, no car on the drive and in darkness at night. He encouraged the reporting of any suspicious behaviour and suggested that people going away ask neighbours to park on their drive.
- 8.3 The location of speed cameras was discussed and he explained that these were targeted to locations where complaints had been made or accident statistics indicated a speed issue.

Fire Service

- 8.4 Steve Page, Officer in Charge of Church Stretton Fire Station, reported that more recruits were needed located within five minutes of the fire station.
- 8.5 He also reported that fire risk assessments were available to anyone living in rural areas.
- 8.6 In response to concerns about water supply for fighting fires in rural areas he explained that two fire appliances attended fires at domestic properties, each carrying a minimum of 1800 litres of water.

PC Woolley and Mr Page were thanked for attending the meeting.

9. Updates and Issues from Parishes

- 9.1 Members of the Committee reported on very successful Jubilee events and thanked the LJC for its contribution to these. Thanks were also expressed to those involved in funding and building and lighting beacons, particularly on Caer Caradoc and John Woolmer was thanked for the beacon on Hazler Hill.
- 9.2 Paul Harris reported on flooding issues following recent heavy rain and asked if moves were afoot to solve these problems.
- 9.3 Mel McFarland reported on ongoing upgrade to the sewage treatment works at Longville.
- 9.4 Viv Davies reported on attempted thefts of quad bikes in the area. Committee members noted that the Police Inspector encouraged the reporting of anything suspicious on 101, even if no criminal activity was involved.
- 9.5 Hilary Claytonsmith reported that the SAMDev process was a major issue in Church Stretton. She reported on the recent 'Sustaining Strettondale' event which had been well attended. Church Stretton Arts Festival would take place on 22 July (strettonfestival.org.uk) and open historic days were planned for 6 – 9 September.
- 9.6 John Sumner reported on the Sustaining Strettondale event arranged by the Stretton Partnership. This had been aimed at bringing together Town and Parish Councils and other organisations to identify key issues for the next 10 – 15 years.
- 9.7 A questionnaire had been sent to parish and town councils and 40 other organisations but not many responses received. Around 50 people had attended the recent event with representatives from most parishes. He said it was hoped that the outcomes would influence Shropshire Council's planning process.
- 9.8 He also said that there had been no funding available for the Partnership to organise the meeting and felt that there was encouragement to take such initiatives but no support to do so.
- 9.9 Cllr Motley referred to the huge amount of work undertaken within local communities related to the development of the Site Allocations and Management of Development Plan (SAMDev), and Place Plans since 2009/10. She asked where the Partnership saw itself fitting into this structure and emphasised how important it was that work was not duplicated.

- 9.10 The Chairman said it sounded as if Strettondale Local Joint Committee and Stretton Partnership might both be trying to do the same thing and suggested a meeting be arranged to consider combining both organisations to get best out of both. It was suggested that the draft report of the recent event be used as a basis for discussion.

10. Community Tree Scheme and Jubilee Tree Planting Opportunity

Attention was drawn to the Shropshire Council Community Tree Scheme which would be running this year on a first come first served basis with early applications standing the best chance of success. The Jubilee Tree Planting Opportunity was also highlighted which involved supply and planting of feature trees on public open space throughout Shropshire.

11. StrettonDale LJC Grants

RESOLVED: that the following grant applications be agreed:

SD 77 Church Stretton Tuesday Day Centre - amount requested: £256

SD 78 Rushbury Apple Pickers - amount requested: £1,517.95

SD 79 Strettons Mayfair Trust Church Stretton Area Ring and Ride – amount requested: £2,500

SD 80 Extension to playground on Rushbury Millennium Green - amount requested £500

SD 81 Cardington Country Fete - amount requested £400

SD 82 South Shropshire Youth Forum Mayfair Youth Provision - amount requested £2,446.70

12. Public Questions

Concern was raised around dog mess and excess signage in Church Stretton. Kate Adams from the Environmental Maintenance Team was happy to attend meetings to talk about her team's work and note particular concerns.

The meeting closed at 8.50 p.m.