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Date: Tuesday, 17 February 2015  
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**Committee:**  
**Craven Arms and Rural Local Joint Committee**

**Date:** Wednesday, 25 February 2015  
**Time:** 7.00 pm  
**Venue:** Shropshire Hills Discovery Centre, Craven Arms

You are requested to attend the above meeting.  
The Agenda is attached

Claire Porter  
Corporate Head of Legal and Democratic Services (Monitoring Officer)

**Members of Craven Arms and Rural Local Joint Committee**

David Evans (Chairman)	Andrew Pike
Michael Hardingham (Vice Chairman)	Richard Rallings
Donald Brooks	Tony Willetts
David Bytheway	Andrew Corbett (Co-Optee)
Lee Chapman	Rebecca Deakin (Co-Optee)
Mandy Fowler	Jean Jarvis (Co-Optee)
Robin Gatehouse	Valerie Meehan (Co-Optee)
Garry Huse	Neville Stephens (Co-Optee)
Caroline Magnus	Ann Sutcliffe (Co-Optee)
Cecilia Motley	Inspector R Thomas (Co-Optee)
Brian Norgrove	Mark Trafford (Co-Optee)

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# **AGENDA**

**1 Apologies for absence**

**2 Disclosable Pecuniary Interests**

Members are reminded that they must not participate in the discussion or voting on any matter in which they have a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest and should leave the room prior to the commencement of the debate.

**3 Notes of the meeting held on 19 November 2014 (Pages 1 - 4)**

To consider the Notes of the meeting of the Craven Arms and Rural Local Joint Committee held on 19 November 2014. Notes are attached, marked **3**

**4 Public Question Time**

This is an opportunity for members of the public to raise any issues of concern and to highlight any matters that they may like the Committee to consider now or at one of its future meetings.

**5 Community Safety Update**

Representatives from the Safer Neighbourhood team will be present to provide an update on the recent trends and activity and answer any questions. A brief overview of the new national anti-social behaviour tools and power will also be given.

**6 Future Fit - Healthcare in Shropshire**

Representatives from the NHS will be in attendance to give a presentation on the recommendations for healthcare in Shropshire.

**7 Youth Commissioning (Pages 5 - 10)**

A report (marked 7) will be presented which will outline plans to use the £3000 to deliver better outcomes for young people in the LJC area

**8 Updates and Issues from the Parishes**

Each Parish/Town Council representative will be invited to provide an update on activities and priorities in their area.

**9 Flood Forum**

A written update will be provided at the meeting

**10 Proposed Date/Time of next meeting**

It is proposed that the next meeting of the Craven Arms and Rural Local Joint Committee will be held at 7.00pm on 24 June 2015.

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## Craven Arms & Rural Local Joint Committee

### Notes of Decisions and Actions of the Meeting Held at 7.00pm on Wednesday 19 November 2014 at Onibury Village Hall

#### Present:

#### Shropshire Council

David Evans	Church Stretton and Craven Arms Electoral Division
Cecilia Motley	Corvedale Electoral Division
Lee Chapman	Church Stretton and Craven Arms Electoral Division

#### Town/Parish Councils

Mandy Fowler	Diddlebury Parish Council
Robin Gatehouse	Stanton Lacy Parish Council
Richard Rallings	Munslow Parish Council
Tony Willetts	Craven Arms Town Council
Mike Hardingham	Clee St Margaret Parish Council
Donald Brooks	Abdon and Heath Parish Council
David Bytheway	Wistanstow Parish Council

#### Co-opted Member

Mark Trafford	Sibdon Carwood Parish Meeting
Anne Sutcliffe	SHG
Jean Jarvis	CasCA
Neville Stephens	Craven Arms Area Youth Group

#### Shropshire Council Officers

Lisa Bedford, Senior Community Enablement Officer  
Ian Kilby, Head of Planning Services

There were approximately 10 members of the public present at the meeting.

#### 1. Welcome and apologies

The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting. Apologies were received from Brian Norgrove [Hopton Cangeford and Stoke St Milborough PC], Andrew Pike [Culmington PC], Caroline Magnus [Onibury PC], Rebecca Deakin [SHG]

#### 2. Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

No interests were raised

#### 3. Notes of the meeting held on 4 June 2014

##### **RESOLVED:**

that the Notes of the meeting held on 4 June 2014 be approved as a correct record.

**ACTION**

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#### 4. **Public Question Time**

A member of the audience asked questions and made comments regarding the railways station at Craven Arms as a member of the Craven Arms Rail Users Association. It was suggested that this could be considered in the future as an agenda item at a public meeting.

#### 5. **Community Safety Update**

PC Preston gave an update regarding the Safer Neighbourhood Team and the crime in the area. There is currently one CSO and one police officer based in the Church Stretton and Craven Arms area, all based at Church Stretton police station. This is due to some vacancies that have arisen which have not been filled as yet. But there are also volunteers and special constables supporting their work.

Crime statistics at a local level are now available at [www.police.uk](http://www.police.uk)

Overall there is a decrease in crime and ASB in the local area, although there are still incidents of shed / outbuildings being broken in to, oil, catalytic converters and metal theft.

Stop check activity in partnership with other agencies to target rouge traders are still continuing. Recent activity has been in Bishop's Castle and Craven Arms.

#### 6. **Co-option on partners on to the Local Joint Committee**

Following on from the discussions over the previous 5 months regarding the future role and operation of the LJC, the proposals to co-opt key local partners were discussed.

##### **AGREED:**

It was agreed by those present to co-opt the following organisations on to the LJC with immediate effect:

SSHA, CasCA, Business Network, West Mercia Police, Craven Arms Area Youth Group, Grow Cook Learn.

#### 7. **Planning**

Ian Kilby (Head of Planning Services, Shropshire Council) gave an overview of the current situation with regards to planning in Shropshire. The information is included in Appendix A.

There were a number of questions and comments from the audience which included:

- Concerns regarding the planning committee consideration of an application for affordable housing in Sibdon Carwood where committee members were not given objection letters in advance.
- Concern from Parish Councils wanting to see development in their

parish, supporting local applications only for them to be turned down and the location is deemed unsustainable.

- Queries regarding the weight given to comments in relation to the AONB.
- Requests were made to see and decrease in the time allowed for approvals to begin.
- Requests made for more notice to be taken of Parish Councils.

Ian Kilby explained he was to visit the MP with responsibility for planning with Mal Price (Portfolio Holder). Any further suggestions to be put forward to be emailed through to the Community Enablement Officer to be forwarded on.

## **8. Place Plans and CIL**

An overview of place plans was given (see presentation Appendix B) and the change in the annual review process was explained. It was agreed that the LJC would look at the collective responses from all of the parishes in the spring to identify any common issues that could be looked at collectively.

It was agreed to defer the discussion around the Community Infrastructure Levy until a future meeting on account of the time.

## **9. Youth Commissioning**

Cllr Motley gave an overview of the policy behind the plans to commission out the youth service currently delivered by Shropshire Council from April next year (See Appendix C).

For the Craven Arms LJC area, this change will directly affect the Girls Group based weekly at the Community Centre.

Craven Arms LJC has been allocated £3000 per year to commission youth activity. This funding has been allocated based on the levels of rurality in the area, and any provision would need to be promoted to those rural areas, although it could be based in the town. The aim was to complete the commissioning of youth activities by April so there is no gap in youth provision.

### **AGREED:**

It was agreed to ask the newly co-opted Craven Arms Area Youth Group to look at the details of this and report back to the LJC next year with regards to possible ways forward. Any member of the LJC would be able to attend this meeting to contribute to this work as a task and finish approach would be taken.

The matter would be discussed again at the Business Meeting of the LJC in January.

**10. Parishes/Community Update**

Parish and Town Council representatives provided an update on local issues and local news updates.

Abdon and Heath – Don Brooks – the parish plan survey is currently out with residents to seek their views.

Wistanstow – David Bytheway – planning issues are taking up a lot of time. The village hall is continuing to arrange a number of successful events.

Munslow PC – Richard Rallings – concerns about traffic flow in the parish and looking into what can be done regarding empty properties.

Diddlebury PC – Mandy Fowler – ongoing issues regarding the shared car park at the village hall between the school, PC, Church and Village Hall.

Stanton Lacy – Robin Gatehouse – parish plan survey is currently out with residents for completion.

Clee St Margaret – Mike Hardingham – the PC are looking in to purchasing a defibrillator

Sibdon Carwood PM - Mark Trafford – issues regarding the planning application and committee process for the affordable housing in

**11. Flood Forum**

An update from the flood team at the council was handed out at the meeting regarding local activity and where to access support.

**12. Date/Time of next meeting**

The next planning meeting would be in January and the public meeting is scheduled for the 25<sup>th</sup> February at a venue in Craven Arms.

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The meeting closed at 9.15 p.m.





Committee and date  
Craven Arms and Rural  
Local Joint Committee

25 February 2014

7.00 pm

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## **YOUTH COMMISSIONING AND PLANNED IMPLEMENTATION IN CRAVEN ARMS AND RURAL LOCAL JOINT COMMITTEE AREA.**

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### **1. Summary**

This report summarises the development of the new youth commissioning model developed by Shropshire Council to deliver youth activities to young people across the county and the planned local implementation by Craven Arms and Rural Local Joint Committee.

### **2. Recommendations**

- A That the Craven Arms and Rural Local Joint Committee seeks to use its funding of £3000 to provide support to youth club provision, adhoc diversionary activity and a small grant pot to deliver better outcomes for young people including those potentially disadvantaged by living in rural locations in the years 2015 - 2017
- B The LJC will work alongside the Craven Arms Area Youth Group, to develop the detailed youth commissioning intentions and the process for awarding grants.
- C The youth survey undertaken as part of the Youth Board pilot project in 2014 is considered and used as appropriate in terms of providing evidence of youth engagement and priorities.
- D That the LJC continues to support and consult with youth representatives and young people through the Community Enablement Officer and the youth partnership, specifically those young people and parents/guardians potentially affected by the intended approach.

## **REPORT**

### **3. Background**

The role of public services is changing. Shropshire Council is moving rapidly to become a council that does more commissioning of activity and less direct delivery of services. The Council wants to meet its statutory duty and to continue to improve outcomes for young people in a sustainable way by developing a commissioning model, which is based on a locality approach, allowing management of the budgets the council has, alongside other existing provision in a community, based on

evidence and outcomes, and closely integrated with other support for children and young people.

The overall aim is to ensure that as many young people aged between 10 – 19 years old as possible, can access a wide range of group youth activities after school, at weekends and in school holidays, with young people involved in their development.

This approach combines working at a local level with increased participation from young people and the community. The Council will commission on the basis of needs, outcomes and partnership working.

LJCs will locally inform and direct the commissioning of youth activity in their areas and will receive Shropshire Council budget for this. This reflects the council's ambition for LJCs to become local governance structures that enable local councillors, town and parish councils, communities and partners to shape and influence how public money is spent locally and to work with officers in their role as local commissioners.

Money has been allocated to individual LJCs based on two factors:

- **A youth specific Needs Assessment:**

A detailed list of statistics and information has been gathered for each LJC area including information on numbers of young people, disabled young children, children living in deprived areas, ex-offenders, education attendance, referrals to social care, anti-social behaviour and childhood obesity,. These data sets are used by the Children's Trust and by Children and Young People's Services to identify and suggest where there are vulnerable young people.

- **Rurality** based on the population density of 10 to 19 years olds

**In the case of Craven Arms and Rural LJC, an amount of £3000 has been provided as a result of the lower population density under the rurality allocation.**

It is important to be aware that the Council's voluntary sector infrastructure partner, the Shropshire Youth Association, has the responsibility for supporting the voluntary sector which is where the bulk of activity is delivered.

Any youth activities that are supported locally will need to demonstrate how they contribute to the following outcome areas in the Shropshire's Children, Young People and Families Plan 2014:

- a. Ensuring all Children and Young People are safe and well looked after in a supportive environment
- b. Narrowing the achievement gap in education and work
- c. Ensuring emotional wellbeing of Children and Young People by focusing on prevention and early intervention
- d. Keeping more Children and Young People healthy and reducing health inequalities

#### **4. Current youth provision and engagement with young people**

Currently Shropshire Council delivers a group specifically for girls ages 10 – 16, two hours per week for the majority of the year based in Craven Arms. This activity will cease to be delivered by Shropshire Council early in the next financial year. There is also a generic club which caters for boys and girls aged 9 - 13 but this is paid for through grants and donations which is raised on an annual basis by the Craven Arms Area Youth Group to enable the club to continue. South Shropshire Youth Forum is then commissioned to deliver the club.

There are also numerous other youth opportunities including; football, netball, gymnastics, cricket, guides, brownies and young farmers (see list in appendix A)

Engagement and consultation is currently taking place with the girls that attend girls group and their parents / guardians, to work through how girls only activities could be retained going forwards.

Consultation was undertaken in 2014 as part of a pilot project to get young people involved in decision making. Over 100 young people from the Craven Arms area took part and responses showed the top three activities young people wished to participate in was sports, trips and outdoor activities, although more young people attended youth clubs than any other activity, Hence the requirement to be as flexible as possible in our approach.

#### **5. Next steps**

In order to maximise the benefit of the funding available, it is proposed to divide it as follows:

- i. Youth Club provision (maintaining at least one club in Craven Arms) £1500
- ii. Diversionary / outreach activity (e.g. short term multisport club) £1000
- iii. Small grants scheme (to support the wider youth voluntary sector) £500

Working with the Craven Arms Area Youth Group, the details in relation to the proposals above will be further developed and implemented following the commissioning and procurement guidance from Shropshire Council.

#### **6. Financial Implications**

It is anticipated that this approach will lead to an overall net increase in spend to support youth activity in the LJC area due to the increased voluntary activity and ability to be able to generate match funding.

#### **7. Risk Assessment and Opportunities Appraisal**

In determining these recommendations the LJC has considered reputational risk and the course of action minimises this risk.

The recommendations contained in this report are compatible with the provisions of the Human Rights Act 1998.

The proposals under consideration will improve the levels of community based and community driven youth activity in the LJC area.

<b>List of Background Papers (This MUST be completed for all reports, but does not include items containing exempt or confidential information)</b>
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<b>Cabinet Member (Portfolio Holder)</b>
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Cllr Ann Hartley
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<b>Local Member</b>
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Lee Chapman, David Evans, Cecilia Motley, Tim Barker
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<b>Appendices</b>
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Appendix A – youth summary of Craven Arms and Rural LJC area
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## Craven Arms Local Joint Committee

### Providing group activities for young people; analysis of need and existing activity

#### Background:

The purpose of this information sheet is to help LJC's consider how best to provide activities for young people aged 10 to 19 years in the future. In the future we want to commission youth activities based on a clear understanding of local need and existing activity.

This represents a first step in gathering intelligence about the needs of young people in the area. An essential part of the local intelligence based on conversations, particularly with young people, should help develop proposals for the local commissioning of youth activities.

#### Local Youth Priorities:

- Facilities for young people including youth clubs
- Childcare facilities

#### Summary of Local Needs:

The 2011 Census indicated there were 764 young people aged between 10 and 19 years resident in the area.

## Indicators of Local Need

### Support for Children with Disabilities

*Source: Disabled Children registered with Short Breaks Service, Shropshire Council.*

- In terms of disabled children aged 10-19 who are registered with the Short Breaks Service the rate for Craven Arms & Rural LJC is 12 children per 1,000 population aged 10-19 years.
- In comparison the highest rate across all 23 LJC's in Shropshire is 22 per 1,000 population aged 10-19 (Bayston Hill LJC) and the lowest is 5 per 1,000 population aged 10-19 (Bishops Castle, Chirbury, Worthen and Clun).
- Craven Arms & Rural LJC is lower than the rate for Shropshire County as a whole which is 12 per 1,000 aged 10-19.

### Deprivation

*Source: Indices of Multiple Deprivation 2010 – Overall Deprivation*

- In Craven Arms & Rural LJC it is estimated that 296 children per 1,000 population aged 10-19 are living in areas which fall within the most deprived in Shropshire. The LJC with the highest rate (413/1,000 population aged 10-19) is Oswestry.
- The rate for Craven Arms & Rural is less than the estimated rate of 191 per 1,000 population aged 10-19 for Shropshire County.

### Education Inclusion

*Source: Education Access Statistics, Shropshire Council.*

- 46 children per 1,000 aged 10-19 were reported on the Education Access Stats – this compares to 90 per 1,000 in Oswestry LJC which is the highest rate in the County. The lowest rates are in Albrighton LJC and Strettondale LJC (22).
- The rate of 46 per 1,000 population is lower than the Shropshire rate of 57.

### Vulnerable Children

*Initial Contact Referrals to Social Care, Shropshire Council.*

- Craven Arms & Rural LJC has a rate of 48 children per 1,000 aged 0-17 who have an Initial Contact Referral to Social Care. This is the 5<sup>th</sup> highest amongst the LJC's.
- Oswestry LJC has the highest rate of 64 children per 1,000 aged 0-17 who have an Initial Contact Referral to Social Care. The lowest rate is Albrighton where the rate is 16 children per 1,000 population aged 0-17.
- The Shropshire wide rate is 45 per 1,000 population aged 0-17.

### Obesity

- The percentage of childhood obesity: year 6 age 10-11 within the Craven Arms and Rural LJC is 16.6%. In comparison the highest rate is 22.2% (Market Drayton LJC) and the lowest is 12.7% (Cleobury and Rural LJC).

### Community Safety (Refers to Anti-Social Behavioural (ASB) Incidents)

*Source: West Mercia Police Data April to August 2014*

- There were 159 incidents in Craven Arms year end April 2014. This represents a rate of 23.2% when looking at the overall population, lower than the Shropshire rate of 32.8%.

### Rurality

*(population and density)*

- The number of 10-19 year olds per sq. mile is 9.1. In comparison, the highest density is 705.6 (Oswestry LJC) and the lowest is 6.2 (Bishops Castle LJC).



