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Date: Tuesday, 1 March 2016
My Ref:
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Committee:
Craven Arms and Rural Local Joint Committee

Date: Wednesday, 9 March 2016
Time: 7.00 pm
Venue: Aston on Clun Village hall, Broome Road, Aston on Clun, Nr Craven Arms, Shropshire, SY7 8EH

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

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

Your Committee Officer is:

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AGENDA

1 Welcome and apologies 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 11 November 2015 (Pages 1 - 4)

To consider the Notes of the meeting of the Craven Arms and Rural Local Joint Committee held on 11 November 2015. 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.

6 Everybody Active Every Day

Representatives from Public Health at Shropshire Council will give an overview of this initiative and how Craven Arms groups have a chance to attract £30,000 worth of funding for the town.

7 Rural Broadband

Representatives from the Connecting Shropshire project will be in attendance to give an overview of the options available to those properties and areas which will not be able to obtain high speed internet connections in the current project.

8 Youth Commissioning

An update will be given regarding the allocations of youth commissioning funding in the LJC area.

9 Parishes Update

Any relevant updates from Parishes in the LJC area.

10 Flood Forum

A written update to be provided for the meeting.

11 Future Meeting Date/s

Wednesday 6 July 2016, venue to be confirmed.

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CRAVEN ARMS & RURAL LOCAL JOINT COMMITTEE

NOTES OF DECISIONS AND ACTIONS OF THE MEETING HELD AT 5.30PM ON WEDNESDAY 11 NOVEMBER AT THE DISCOVERY CENTRE, CRAVEN ARMS.

Present:

Shropshire Council

David Evans Church Stretton and Craven Arms Electoral Division

Town/Parish Councils

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| David Hedgley | Diddlebury Parish Council |
| Mike Hardingham | Clee St Margaret Parish Council |
| Carol Byng | Culmington Parish Council |
| Andrea Minton Beddoes | Wistanstow Parish Council |

Co-opted Members

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| Mark Trafford | Sibdon Carwood Parish Meeting |
| Rebecca Deakin | Shropshire Housing Group |
| Ann Sutcliffe | Shropshire Housing Group |
| Neville Stephens | Craven Arms Area Youth Group |
| Andrew Corbett | Craven Arms Business Network |
| Janet Radford | Grow, Cook, Learn |
| Ali Kennedy | CasCA |

Officers in attendance

Fiona Boak, Sector Support Officer, Shropshire Council
 Lisa Bedford, Senior Community Enablement Officer, Shropshire Council
 Russell Millhouse, University Centre Shrewsbury

There were approximately 30 members of the public present at the meeting.

1. Welcome

Cllr Evans welcomed everyone to the meeting especially those from the Business Network as this was a joint meeting.

2. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Lee Chapman, Andrew Pike [Culmington PC], Cllr Cecilia Motley, David Bytheway [Wistanstow PC], Mandy Fowler [Diddlebury PC], Caroline Magnus [Onibury PC]

3. Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

No declarations were made.

4. Notes of the Meeting held on 15 July 2015

AGREED:

That the notes of the meeting held on 15 July be approved and signed as a correct record.

ACTION

DE/LB

5. University Centre Shrewsbury

Russell Millhouse, Head of Secretariat and Student Support, University Centre Shrewsbury, was in attendance to give an overview of the development of the University over the last three years. (See Appendix A).

It was explained that the University of Chester is the sponsoring authority and that relationship will end at some point in the future when Shrewsbury is able to be a fully stand alone University. Hence why it is called the University Centre at this stage.

All degrees will be issued by the University of Chester. Fees are £9000, the same as Chester. With 70% of staff being dedicated to Shrewsbury.

In the early stages the curriculum will be research focussed due to the high student to staff ratio. All courses are based on place with lots of fieldwork.

There is a compulsory programme for all students called SPEAR (skills, professional, entrepreneurial, academic, research) which will link with local communities and projects.

Currently there are 45 undergraduates and 40 post graduates enrolled in the university and 25% of those are from a 25 mile radius of Shrewsbury.

It is anticipated that numbers enrolling will quadruple within 5 years.

The relationship with local businesses was raised. It was explained that there is a 6 week compulsory placement at the end of year 2 for all students.

Lack of arts based courses was raised, but it was explained that there is already access to arts courses in Shrewsbury and the University Centre didn't want to be seen to be competing with other providers.

It was highlighted that there was a great need to engage with young people from Primary school age onwards to raise expectation and give a flavour of university. The University Centre already has events for all secondary schools and colleges with a liaison department which has responsibility for such activity.

Concern was expressed about the lack of job opportunities for graduates. It was explained that degrees have been developed with the local employment sector in mind, therefore there was a focus on business courses and health, as there are deemed opportunities available for graduates in Shropshire in these sectors.

6. Marches Growth Hub and five minute funding update

Fiona Boak from the External Funding team gave an overview of the funding opportunities including the emerging European Funding streams which are in coming forwards over the next year.

It was explained that Shropshire Council keeps an up to date list of grant funding opportunities on its website

<http://www.shropshire.gov.uk/media/1774860/Grants-loans-and-incentives-summary-sheet.pdf>

There are a small number of grant schemes open currently such as Green Shoots, and Leader funding will be available next year.

An overview of the Marches Growth Hub was also given. This is a new web based facility and physical hub provision (x 3 one in each county) to support business across the Marches local enterprise partnership area.

<http://www.marchesgrowthhub.co.uk/>

There is lots of useful information for all types of business on the website.

7. Public Questions and any other business

Written updates were handed out from the police, the Connecting Shropshire broadband partnership and the flood team at Shropshire Council.

Janet Radford gave an overview of Grow Cook Learn and the activities available at the Discovery Centre.

<http://www.shropshirehillsdiscoverycentre.co.uk/>

A question was raised about the lack of mention of the increase in break ins in the Corvedale Area in the written report. It was explained that the message to give to communities is to protect their own property with smartwater, lighting, alarms etc, all of which can be sourced for relatively low cost and will help to decrease the chances of becoming a victim. Any queries

A question was raised as to why Shropshire Council had cut its cultural funding.

ACTION: LB to seek a response.

Date/Time of next meeting

The next public meeting will take place on Wednesday 9th March, 7pm. Venue TBC.

The meeting closed at 7.30 p.m.

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