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Date: 6 April 2016

Committee:
South West Shropshire Local Joint Committee

Date: Thursday, 14 April 2016

Time: 7.00 pm

Venue: SpArC Centre, Brampton Road, Bishop's Castle, SY9 5AY

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

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

Members of South West Shropshire Local Joint Committee

Charlotte Barnes	Jonathan Kemp
Andrew Beaven	Heather Kidd
Jane Carroll	Gordon Lewis
Andrew Craig	Godfrey May
John Croxton	James McVicar
Sandra Davies	Jonathan Roberts
Nigel Hartin	Andrew Semple
Brian Ince	Valerie Whately
Trevor Jones	

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AGENDA

1 Welcome and Apologies

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 Note of the Previous Meeting (Pages 1 - 6)

To confirm the note of the meeting held on Wednesday 25th November (attached marked item 1)

4 PRESENTATION - The Future of Shropshire Council Services in South West Shropshire

Councillor Malcolm Pate, Leader of Shropshire Council and Clive Wright, Chief Executive of Shropshire Council to give an update on the Shropshire Council Financial Strategy 2017 to 2020 and its implications for South West Shropshire.

To be followed by a question and answer session involving members of the public and LJC Committee members.

5 South West Shropshire LJC grant scheme (Pages 7 - 12)

To receive a report on applications made to the grants scheme for discussion and approval (marked item 2)

6 Youth Commissioning in South West Shropshire (Pages 13 - 16)

Progress report on Youth Commissioning intentions of the LJC from the Community Enablement Officer for discussion and action by the Committee (marked item 3)

7 Public Question Time

Questions to the Councillors on local issues.

8 Future Agenda Items

To identify potential agenda items for discussion at future meetings as raised by Committee members or members of the public

9 Date of Next Meeting

Suggested meeting dates:

Planning Meeting – Thursday 16th June, 7.00 pm

Full Public Meeting – Thursday 21st July, 7.00 pm

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Committee and Date

Item

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Public

SOUTH WEST SHROPSHIRE LOCAL JOINT COMMITTEE

NOTE OF DECISIONS AND ACTIONS STEMMING FROM THE MEETING HELD ON 25TH NOVEMBER 2015 AT WORTHEN VILLAGE HALL

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Committee Members Present:

Shropshire Council

Charlotte Barnes	Bishop's Castle (Chair)
Nigel Hartin	Clun

Town/Parish Councils

John Croxton	Clunbury Parish Council
Jonathan Roberts	Clungunford PC
Anne Marie Jackson	Bishops Castle Town Council
Valerie Whately	Bettws-y-Crwyn Parish Council
Sandra Davies	Newcastle on Clun Parish Council
Jonathan Kemp	Bedstone and Bucknell Parish Council
Andrew Craig	Chirbury Parish Council
Trevor Jones	Myndtown Parish Council
Godfrey May	Lydbury North Parish Council
Brian Ince	Worthen with Shelve Parish Council

Officers Present:

Mathew Mead, Community Enablement Officer, Shropshire Council
Paul Tully, Deputy Accountable Officer Future Fit

20 members of the public were in attendance

1. Welcome and Apologies for Absence

Charlotte Barnes welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies for absence were received from Gordon Lewis (Mainstone); Heather Kidd (Shropshire Council) and Jane Carroll from Bishop's Castle. Anne Marie Jackson was attending as the Bishop's Castle Town Councillor representative

2. Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

Nigel Hartin declared an interest in the South West Shropshire Grant application from Bucknell Primary School, and did not vote on or take part in that agenda item

3. Notes of Previous Meeting (Item 1)

The minutes were agreed as a correct record of the previous LJC on which was held on 9th July at Lydham Village Hall

4. Update from Shropshire Housing Group – Rebecca Deakin Neighbourhood Management Officer Shropshire Housing Group

Rebecca updated the Committee on the work of the Housing Group and explained that they had properties in most of the Parishes covered by the LJC. The Housing Group were always happy to speak to Parish Councils about their work and also involved residents in their work. Community Grants were available to support local projects

Specifically a new Neighbourhood Plan was being produced for the Bishop's Castle area.

Jonathan Roberts raised the issue of the Shropshire Housing Group AGM always being held in Shrewsbury, and felt this restricted the ability of southern Shropshire residents to attend the meeting. Rebecca agreed to feed this back to the Housing Group for discussion

5. Presentation – Update on the Future Fit programme in Shropshire by Paul Tulley, Deputy Accountable Officer Future Fit

Paul thanked the Committee for inviting him to the meeting to provide an update on the Future Fit programme, especially in light of recent media coverage of the issue.

Paul started his presentation with some background on Future Fit and its review of health services in Shropshire. The programme had started around 2 years ago, and aimed to look at a range of issues which impacted on health care in Shropshire including availability of a skilled work force; changes in population profiles; changing patterns of illness; higher expectations from the public and new developments in medical technology. Economic challenges also underpinned the process. The programme also offered opportunities to deliver services differently.

The review was based on a clinical model, and Paul stressed that while a lot of focus had been made about the location of A&E Services, Future Fit was about much more than this issue. The programme looked to deliver Emergency Care (life threatening conditions) and Urgent Care (where medical help is needed but not in a life threatening situation) in different centres in Shropshire, as well as looking at planned care (for operations and appointments) as well as local care. He acknowledged that these different elements of the programme had perhaps not been clearly communicated through the public.

Over the last 2 years a series of Clinical Models had been looked at, and a short list of 4 options had been put forward by the Committee. One was a base line "no change" model. The others looked at location the Emergency Care Centre in either Shrewsbury or Telford, supplemented Urgent Care Centres at both sites alongside Diagnostic and Treatment Centres.

It was important to know that Emergency Centres would only be accessible by referral, or by ambulance for very urgent cases. Urgent Care Centres would be accessible on a walk in basis. The rationale behind having just one Emergency Centre is to have a full team of clinical staff available, rather than have them spread over two sites. Clinical models showed this to be the best way of providing care for patients. Additionally some acute services such as heart attacks, major trauma and neurosurgery would be delivered out of county as they are now.

Paul explained that these models had been developed by Future Fit, earlier in the year and provided savings. However during that time the deficit in running existing services in Shropshire had grown and the proposals were not sufficient to cover the deficit. This was why the programme timescales had changed. The next stage was to undertake two pieces of work – creation of a new deficit reduction plan, and the acute trust to put together a more detailed business case. These then need to be approved by the NHS and Government, before again going out to public consultation. This was likely to now be in late 2016 or early 2017.

Members of the Committee and the public stressed that more work needed to be done by Future Fit to explain the differences between Emergency Care and Urgent Care Centres. Paul agreed and also said that the location and role of rural Urgent Care Centres across Shropshire was also important. These could offer a range of services locally and help reduce travel times and might be different from site to site.

A number of questions about travel to an Emergency Care Centre in Telford from South West Shropshire and mid Wales were made by the Committee, and members of the public gave examples of cases where travel to Shrewsbury had been an issue. Paul explained that the programme was very clear that travel was a major issue and concern for people. However clinical models did show that overall care was improved by having specialist care at single sites with a range of clinicians available.

Comment was also made that when making performance comparisons between Shropshire hospitals and those from elsewhere in the country, the rural character of Shropshire needed to be considered. Comparing urban models with Shropshire could be misleading.

Members of the public asked how the new models would tackle “bed blocking”. Paul replied this was a slightly different issue to the clinical models looked at by Future Fit, but was certainly an issue that needed to be addressed. Reducing the numbers of people requiring Emergency Care was part of the solution, as was adequate after care treatment at people’s homes or local centres, which was also part of Future Fit.

Questions were also asked why it was so difficult to recruit staff to A&E Units in Shrewsbury and Telford when the number of trained consultants in England had increased by 45%. Paul replied that the reasons were varied but clinicians are attracted to work in centres that offered a range of surgeries and skills, and larger single site centres provided this.

Finances were clearly an issue not just in Shropshire but across the NHS. Members of the public questioned why changes were needed when more Government money had been announced for the NHS. Questions were also asked why Shropshire didn’t get additional funding to address its rurality issues. Paul said that the funding was

clearly a major issue, and while the Government had announced new funding this didn't really tackle the deficit issues in Shropshire. The Treasury would need to see savings made as part of the programme before they would agree it.

Paul talked about the timetable for the Future Fit Programme and explained that further review of the proposals would take place in 2016, with a view to going out to public consultation in late 2016 early 2017. Implementation would then need to be agreed and changes should start from 2018, although changes to A&E services may not happen until 2020. However the wider financial pressures faced by the NHS might influence this timescales. Paul agreed to attend further LJC meetings to keep people updated on the progress of the Future Fit Programme.

6. South West Shropshire Grants Scheme (Item 2)

The Community Enablement Officer reported that the South West Shropshire Grant scheme had £1430.08 remaining in the 2015/16 budget. Since the last meeting two new applications had been received.

The Honest Truth Partnership involves the Police, Fire Service, Council and Driving Instructors in a scheme to raise awareness of driving habits in young drivers. The aim of the project is to reduce accidents and deaths amongst this age group on South Shropshire's roads. The project has requested a grant of £150.

Committee Decision: Grant of £150 approved

Bucknell Pre-School – Out Door Play area.

A successful Pre-School operates out of Bucknell, but a recent Ofsted report has suggested that they need to improve outdoor play. While some space exists a pebble dashed wall makes the area unsafe for young children. This project aims to plaster the wall to make it safe and increase the area available for outdoor play. The total project costs are £1,300 and they are requesting a grant of £150

Committee Decision: Grant of £150 approved

The Community Enablement Officer asked the Committee if they would like to continue the grants scheme in 2016/17, to which they agreed. A letter will therefore be sent to Town and Parish Clerks to ask them to consider a contribution of £100 from their 2016/17 precept.

7. Youth Commissioning in South West Shropshire

A report on the progress of Youth Commissioning was presented to the Committee.

The LJC had £3,000 to allocate to Youth Activities in the area and the LJC had previously looked at the idea of establishing a Youth Club in Bishop's Castle using the funds. However a tender was issued for the work but no provider came forward. Requests for volunteers to come forward to run a club have also not been successful.

It was therefore proposed to split the funding and use £2,000 to support a small grants scheme for existing clubs; and £1,000 to support outreach work and activities in Bishop's Castle.

The Committee discussed the proposal and agreed to the allocation of the funding in this way. The Community Enablement Officer was asked to send details of the grant scheme to prospective applicants.

8. Public Question Time

No questions were received from the public

9. Future Agenda Items

The Committee requested that a senior Councillor, ideally the Leader of the Council was invited to attend a meeting and talk about Shropshire Council's "Big Conversation"

In light of the recent government announcement about Council's being able to increase Council Tax by 2% for adult social care, it was also suggested that Councillor Lee Chapman could be invited to speak about this subject.

The Committee also felt it would be useful to hear more about the Council's vision for economic development.

These topics will be followed up and invitations made to future meetings.

10. Date of next meetings

Full public meetings were scheduled for

Thursday 17th March 2016

The Planning meeting would take place on Thursday 18th February, although these dates may change to accommodate a presentation about The Big Conversation.

Chair: _____

Date: _____

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Committee and Date
South West Shropshire Local
Joint Committee Meeting

Thursday 14th April

SpArC Centre, Bishop's
Castle, 7pm

Item

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Public

SOUTH WEST SHROPSHIRE LOCAL JOINT COMMITTEE – LOCAL GRANTS SCHEME UPDATE REPORT

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1. Summary

This report summaries the applications received by the South West Shropshire Community Grant scheme, between November 2015 and February 2016 for assessment at the March 2016 South West Shropshire Local Joint Committee. It also provides an update on the amount of funding held in the grant pot.

Recommendations

- A. That the LJC note the existing levels of funding committed to the grant scheme as being £1,600; and that the total grants awarded total £569.92 leaving a balance of £1030
- B. The LJC approve a grant of £150 to The Bent Lawnt War memorial project (Grant Number 5)
- C. That the LJC Committee approve a grant of £150 for Haselhurst Close Tenants Association for the establishment of a lunch club.

2. Background

Between April 2009 and March 2014 the Local Joint Committee operated a grant scheme, funded by Shropshire Council. Grants were assessed by the Committee on a quarterly basis and awarded to local community groups and organisations.

Shropshire Council took the decision to withdraw this grant funding from April 2014. However Committee members felt that a small grants scheme was still important to the area as it helps support local organisations; provides the Committee with the ability to support identified areas of work and can also be helpful in helping bring in further external funding to the area such as lottery grants.

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Work was undertaken to look at developing a grants scheme that could be operated through the LJC and Town and Parish Councils in the LJC were approached to support the grant scheme.

3. Grant development

Letters requesting support for the grant scheme were sent to all Town and Parish Councils in the autumn of 2014, and as of 20/11/2015 **£1,600** had been paid into the grants scheme.

This funding is being administered by Shropshire Council, through the Community Enablement Team, at no additional cost to the Committee.

Parish Councils are seen as being a key element of the process as the Committee feels that can act as local advocates of the grant scheme and promote the scheme to their communities.

4. Grant criteria

The South West Shropshire LJC has set the grants scheme criteria as being:

- A total of £500 will be allocated to community projects in the first round of funding, and decisions made on application at the July 2015 LJC meeting and all meetings
- The maximum grant available will be £150 and should be matched funded by at least 50% of cash from the applicant
- Projects must be based in, and support residents in, the Local Joint Committee area
- Applications are only open to charities, volunteer led organisations or social enterprises

5. Funds remaining in the South West Shropshire Grant Scheme

Four applications have been approved by the scheme so far which are:

Grant one – Everest Village Hall, Llanfair Waterdine: Roof Insulation Project **£119.92**

Grant Two – Rectory Gardens Lunch Club: Connecting Communities IT project **£150**

Grant Three – The Honest Truth Partnership: Safer Driving Scheme **£150**

Grant Four – Bucknell Pre-School: Outside Play Area **£150**

This leaves a balance of £1030.08 in the grant scheme to be allocated.

6. New applications received to the fund

Grant Five – Bent Lawnt War Memorial

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Every year at 11 o'clock on 11th November villagers from Bent Lawnt, Hope and Hemford gather together with the primary school children from Hope School to remember the local people who gave their lives in both World Wars.

Four children from the Primary School are chosen to read out the 36 names of the fallen. The British Legion have placed a memorial seat at the top of the hill in Bent Lawnt and poppies and crosses are placed on the bench as part of the ceremony.

However the only place where the names of the war dead are displayed is Hope Church which is not normally open on 11th November. Bent Lawnt community would like to purchase a small memorial stone to place alongside the bench, to give a focus to our village Remembrance and also to act as a permanent memorial to the fallen which is on public view.

The names of the fallen are only viewable inside Hope Church, which is not normally open during the day. The memorial bench in Bent Lawnt has become the focus for our annual Remembrance events, and so having the names on public view will give the site more relevance on 11th November, and also encourage the community to care for and maintain the area around the bench.

We feel that now is a good time to install this memorial as we mark the 100th Anniversary of World War One.

Total Project costs: £300

Grant Request from SWS Grant Scheme: £150

Recommended Grant Award: £150

Grant 6 – Haselhurst Close Tenants Association, Clun. New kitchen equipment

Project Details

We are starting a monthly lunch club at the community centre in Haselhurst Close, where we will provide a two course hot meal that is both nutritious and affordable for the people of the Clun valley. We will be able to cater for up to 26 people per sitting and will involve people from the 16 properties on Haselhurst Close and surrounding communities.

The lunch will hopefully draw people into the Independent living scheme in Haselhurst to reduce social isolation and increase social contact for all. Through this project we will be providing a hot meal for those unable to cater for themselves and also looking to see what other activities are available through the scheme which they can attend.

The project is based on the model of the very successful Grange Road Lunch Club in Bishop's Castle, which our residents have visited on several occasions. A group of our tenants have got together to establish the lunch club and with little advertising have had 16 covers at the first meal, and expect numbers to increase each month. The Lunch Committee and scheme manager are now going to promote the scheme to the wider community.

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The funding would allow us to install a separate wash basin in the kitchen to meet food hygiene standards and enable the volunteers to get a Food Hygiene Rating and make preparation of the meals easier by having an additional sink space.

All lunches are made from scratch by the volunteers on the premises and use fresh ingredients and aim to give a wholesome and nutritious meal to those attending. We have a group of volunteers who are planning the meals, and training more volunteers so that a regular service can be delivered to the community. The scheme has been established with support and finances from the Shropshire Housing Group and volunteers have also raised £500 to purchase equipment for the scheme. In the long term a small surplus will be generated by each meal which will be used to sustain the scheme and to replace equipment when necessary.

Project Costs:

Sink and tap, fittings and installation - £174.63

Grant Request: £150

Matched funding of £24.63 will come from the groups own funds

Recommended Grant Award: £150

7. Future Development of Grant Scheme

The South West Shropshire Grant scheme is supported by contributions from Town and Parish Councils and Businesses.

Town and Parish Councils have been contacted and asked to contribute to the scheme in 2016/17 and a number of Councils have indicated they will once again support the scheme and payments will be made following the payment of the annual precept.

An update on the balance of the fund will be made to the Committee at the end of April.

8. Risk Assessment and Opportunities Appraisal

Risk Management Appraisal

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

Human Rights

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

Community and other Consultation

Consideration has been given to the public opinion expressed at the previous Local meetings

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4. Financial Implications

There is sufficient funding in the South West Shropshire Grants scheme to pay Grant 5 and Grant 6. These payments, if approved, would leave a balance of £730.08

5. Background

NA

6. Additional Information

NA

List of Background Papers (This MUST be completed for all reports, but does not include items containing exempt or confidential information)
Cabinet Member (Portfolio Holder) Cecelia Motely
Local Members Nigel Hartin, Heather Kidd, Charlotte Barnes
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Committee and date
South West Shropshire
Local Joint Committee
Meeting

SpArC Centre, Bishop's
Castle, Thursday 14th April
2016, 7.00 pm

Item

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Public

YOUTH COMMISSIONING FOR THE SOUTH WEST SHROPSHIRE LOCAL JOINT COMMITTEE AREA.

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1. Summary

This report summarises the progress of 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 South West Shropshire Local Joint Committee.

Recommendations

- A That the Committee note that the £3,000 youth budget for 2015/16 has now been allocated
- B That the Committee note a further £3,000 is available to the Committee in 2016/17 and that they develop a criteria through which this funding will be allocated.

REPORT

2. 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 aim is to ensure that as many young people as possible, can access a wide range of 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:**
- **Rurality** based on the population density of 10 to 19 years olds

In the case of The South West Shropshire LJC, an amount of £3,000 has been allocated as a result of the lower population density under the rurality allocation.

3. Progress since the last meeting in November

At the LJC meeting on 25th November the Committee agreed to allocate its 2015/16 budget into two specific grants. These were

- Allocate £1,000 to carry out outreach work with young people in Bishop's Castle to engage with young people and evaluate their needs.
- Allocate £2,000 to a small grants scheme available to volunteer led clubs in the LJC area, with £500 available as a maximum to each group.
- The LJC also allocated funding through its South West Shropshire Community Grants Scheme to "The Honest Truth" to support safe driving amongst young drivers in the area.

The following grants have now been awarded

- 10.1 – Worthen Youth Club £500 for outdoor activity courses
- 10.2 - Bishop's Castle Duke of Edinburgh Scheme new equipment £355
- 10.3 – St Johns Church Youth Group Bishop's Castle new equipment £500
- 10.4 – Bishop's Castle Youth Club (Irene Stelfox) Outreach Work £1,000
- 10.5 – SpArC Arts Youth Dance project £645

This means the 2015/16 budget of £3,000 has now been allocated.

A further £3,000 is available to the Committee again in 2016/17, but all indications are that this will be the last year this funding is available. The Committee will therefore need to decide how they wish to allocate the funding.

As in 2015/16 the Committee can commission a specific service; operate a grants scheme; or work with partner organisations in the area to look at developing longer term projects in the area. Bishop's Castle Town Council, and South Shropshire Housing Association have indicated they would be willing to work with the Committee on potential projects.

The Committee may wish to use the same criteria as in 2015/16 which was to allocate £1,000 for outreach work with young people in Bishop's Castle and ring-fence £2,000 for a grants scheme for local groups to bid into.

4. Financial Implications

The South West Shropshire LJC has a budget of £3,000 for 2015/16 which has now been allocated.

A further £3,000 is now available to spend in 2016/17 and this funding will need to be allocated by March 2017. It is not anticipated that funding will be available beyond this financial year.

5. 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.

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