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Date: 1 February 2017

Committee:
South West Shropshire Local Joint Committee

Date: Thursday, 9 February 2017
Time: 7.00 pm
Venue: Clun Memorial Hall, Clun, Shropshire, SY7 8NY

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

Shropshire Council Members

Mr Jonny Keeley	Bishop's Castle
Mrs Heather Kidd	Chirbury & Worthen
Mr Nigel Hartin	Clun

Parish/Town Council Members

Mr Jonathan Kemp	Bedstone and Bucknell Parish Council
Mrs Valerie Whately	Bettws-y-Crwyn Parish Council
Mrs Jane Carroll	Bishop's Castle Town Council
	Chirbury with Brompton Parish Council
Mr Ryan Davies	Clun Town Council with Chapel Lawn
Mr John Croxton	Clunbury Parish Council
Mr Jonathan Roberts	Clungunford Parish Council
Mr Andrew Beaven	Llanfair Waterdine Parish Council
Mr Godfrey May	Lydbury North Parish Council
Mr Gordon Lewis	Mainstone with Colebatch Parish Council
Mr Stuart Edwards	Myndtown Combined Parish Council
Mrs Sandra Davies	Newcastle on Clun Parish Council
Mr Brian Ince	Worthen with Shelve Parish Council

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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 - 4)

To confirm the notes of the previous public meeting held on 13th October 2016 (attached marked item 1)

4 Presentation on the Connecting Shropshire Programme

To receive a presentation from Chris Taylor, from the Connecting Shropshire Project, on the current phase of the programme and next steps.

Questions from the Committee and Members of the Public to follow the presentation.

5 South West Shropshire LJC Grant Scheme (Pages 5 - 10)

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

6 Youth Funding Report (Pages 11 - 14)

Progress report from the Community Enablement Officer, followed by Committee discussion on process for allocating 2017 funding.

7 Shropshire Bus Strategy

Written statement on the Shropshire Bus Strategy.

8 Future Fit

Written update on the current situation on the reorganisation of Health Services in Shropshire.

9 Shropshire Council Services

Verbal update from the Community Enablement Officer

10 Public Question Time

Questions to the Councillors on local issues.

11 Future Agenda Items

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

12 Date of Next Meeting

Suggested Meeting Dates

Planning meeting – Thursday 18 March 2017

Full public meeting – Thursday 15 June 2017

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Committee and Date

Item

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SOUTH WEST SHROPSHIRE LOCAL JOINT COMMITTEE

NOTE OF DECISIONS AND ACTIONS STEMMING FROM THE MEETING HELD ON 13TH OCTOBER 2016

AT

THE SpArC CENTRE BISHOPS CASTLE 7PM

Responsible Officer Tim Ward

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Committee Members Present:

Shropshire Council

Heather Kidd

Jonny Keeley

Nigel Hartin

Chirbury and Worthen

Bishop's Castle

Clun (Chair)

Town/Parish Councils

Jonathan Kemp

Andrew Craig

Jonathon Roberts

Andrew Beavan

Godfrey May

Bedstone and Bucknell Parish Council

Chirbury with Brompton Parish Council

Clungunford Parish Council

Llanfair Waterdine parish Council

Lydbury North Parish Council

Officers Present:

Chris Edwards, Head of Infrastructure & Communities, Shropshire Council

Nick Cummings, Chair – Teme Leisure Board

Tim Ward, Committee Officer

50 members of the public were in attendance

It was agreed that Councillor Nigel Hartin would chair the meeting

1. Welcome and Apologies for Absence

Mr Hartin welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies for absence were received from Jane Carroll and other members of Bishops Castle Town Council,

2. Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

No members of the Committee disclosed any pecuniary interests on the agenda items

3. Notes of Previous Meeting (Item 1)

The minutes of the previous LJC which was held on 14 April 2016 were agreed as a correct record

4. Update on the future of SpArC

Mr Hartin welcomed Richard Whately and Jean Shirley from the “Don’t Let the SpArC Go Out” Campaign., Chris Edwards, Head of Infrastructure & Communities at Shropshire Council, and Nick Cummings, Chair – Teme Leisure Board

Ms Shirley thanked all those who had helped the campaign in any way. She advised that the campaign had submitted a strong response to the draft Leisure Facilities Strategy Consultation.

Mr Whately updated the meeting on progress to date which included

- £44,000 had been raised to date
- M & S Pool Cover vote – still awaiting the formal result which will be announced on the 31 October
- The Action Group was receiving support from Mathew Mead and Locality to enable them to produce a business plan
- An application has been made to the Charity Commission to register a Community Interest Organisation which in the short term could manage the fund raising and in the longer term if necessary could run the centre.

Ms Shirley advised the meeting that they would be looking to appoint 12 trustees for the CIO, some of which would come from user groups and that they also would be looking for volunteers with specific skills to become trustees and that if anyone was interested they should contact her.

Mr Edwards advised the meeting that Shropshire Council had agreed not to reduce the funding for the next financial year which would give a little breathing space, although there would still be a reduction in funding due to the change in the way joint use funding was allocated. He informed the meeting that the consultation into the draft facilities strategy consultation had finished and that the consultants were considering the submissions and what amendments to the strategy were needed in the light of the submissions, prior to Officers preparing a report to go to the Cabinet later in the year.

Mr Cummings informed the meeting that Teme Leisure was committed to finding a sustainable future for SpArC. In response to a question he advised the meeting that the total amount of funding lost through the reallocation of Joint Use Funding was £180,000 over the whole of south Shropshire.

A discussion followed and the following points were made: -

- Need to look at increasing income as well as making savings. Possibly look at the benefits of opening longer and at different times – need to weight the advantages against the disadvantages.

- A clear idea needs to be sought of what maintenance works need to be done prior to the community asset transfer
- Need creative thinking – can email ideas to Councillors but also need provision for those without internet – possibly a suggestions box in the town hall

The Chairman thanked the speakers for attending and thank all those present for their input and ideas.

5. South West Shropshire Grants Scheme (Item 2)

Mr Hartin reported that the South West Shropshire Grant scheme had received two new applications since the last meeting. These were

South Shropshire Engineering Ambassadors (SSEA)

SSEA have requested funding to help support the costs of the purchasing, developing and entering the Goblin cars in the annual competition in Stafford in 2017, and transporting the vehicles and children to the event.

The group had requested a grant of £150.

Committee Decision: Grant of £150 approved

Brockton & Worthen Defibrillator Group 2 Public Access Defibrillators

Brockton and Worthen Defibrillator Group have been established to raise funds to purchase, install and operate two Public Access Defibrillators in the villages of Brockton and Worthen. In addition to the purchase of the units, local volunteers will be trained to use the defibrillators and be able to respond in an emergency.

The group had requested a grant of £150

Committee Decision: Grant of £150 approved

A discussion followed regarding the future of the scheme. Mr Beavan commented that originally it had been planned to gain funding from local businesses as well as Parish and Town Councils. Mrs Kidd commented that she was still keen for this to happen but was waiting for the production of the logo that had been agreed. Several members commented that it was a very worthwhile scheme and should continue. Mrs Kidd commented that not enough publicity was received from the grants given. It was suggested that there be a requirement for organisations that had received funding to publicise the fact that they had received a grant from the scheme.

It was agreed that

- The scheme should continue and that donations should be sought from Town and Parish Councils and local businesses
- That the Logo previously agreed should be produced
- That there be a requirement for organisations that had received funding to publicise the fact that they had received a grant from the scheme

6. Public Question Time

No questions were received from the public

7. Future Agenda Items

The following items were suggested for inclusion on the agenda for the next meeting:

- Update on SpARc
- Broadband Update
- SC Funding and Budget update
- Ways of Closer Parish Working

8. Date of next meetings

Proposals were made to hold the next meetings on the following dates.

Planning Meeting - Thursday 12 January 2017, 7pm

Full Public Meeting - Thursday 9 February 2017, 7pm

Chair: _____

Date: _____



Committee and Date
South West Shropshire Local
Joint Committee Planning
Meeting

Thursday 9th February 2017

Clun Memorial Hall, 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, up to January 2017. It also provides an update on the amount of funding held in the grant pot, which will form the basis of a discussion by the Committee on the future of the grants scheme.

Recommendations

- A. That the LJC note that £530.08 remains in the South West Shropshire Community Grants scheme
- B. The LJC Committee commit to the future of the grants scheme request a contribution of £150 towards the scheme from each Town and Parish Council in the LJC for the 2017/18 financial year
- C. That Town and Parish Councils within the LJC approach local businesses to support the grants scheme in 2017/18

2. Background

Following Shropshire Councils decision to remove funding from the Local Joint Committee, the South West Shropshire Local Joint Committee decided to develop their own funding scheme to support community and voluntary groups in the area. Town and Parish Councils were asked to contribute £100 to the scheme and local businesses were also approached.

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 31/12/2016 **£1,700** had been paid into the grants scheme, including a £1000 donation by a local business.

This funding is 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. Grants awarded by the Committee and remaining funds in the South West Shropshire Grant Scheme

	Organisation	Purpose of grant	Amount	Total Remaining
SWS LJC.1	Rectory Gardens Lunch Club	Computer Club (Connecting Communities)	£150.00	£1,550.00
SWS LJC.2	Everest Hall	Insulation project at Everest Hall	£119.92	£1,430.08
SWS LJC.3	Shropshire & Wrekin Fire Authority	Honest Truth Driving Partnership	£150.00	£1,280.08
SWS LJC.4	Bucknell Pre-school	Don't Mention the Wall	£150.00	£1,130.08
SWS LJC.5	Bent Lawnt War Memorial	War Memorial instalation	£150.00	£980.08
SWS LJC.6	Haselhurst Close Tenants Association	Clun Valley Lunch Clun equipment	£150.00	£830.08
SWS LJC.7	South West Shropshire Young Engineers	Support for Goblin Car Project	£150.00	£680.08
SWS LJC.8	Brockton and Worthen Defibrilator Group	Purchase of 2 defibrillators	£150.00	£530.08

5. Grant criteria

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

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- A total of £500 will be allocated to community projects in each round of funding, and decisions made on application at the public LJC 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

6. Future Development of Grant Scheme

The South West Shropshire Local Joint Committee met in a planning session on Thursday 12th January to discuss the grant scheme and made the following recommendations to be ratified by the full LJC on 9th February.

- That the grants scheme should continue in 2017/18
- That the Community Enablement Officer write to each Town and Parish Councils within the LJC to request a contribution of £150 to the grants scheme for 2017/18.
- That Town and Parish Councils to be asked to contact local businesses within their Parish asking them to consider contributing the scheme in 2017/18.
- Shropshire Council to continue to act as a banker for the funding, and administer payments.

7. 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

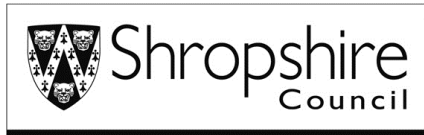
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Local Members

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Committee and date
South West Shropshire
Local Joint Committee
Planning Meeting

Thursday 9th February 7.00
pm

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

Responsible Officer

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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 that following a change in policy by Shropshire Council a further £3,000 is available to the Committee in 2016/17 and £2,250 will be available between April 2017 and December 2017.
- C The Committee will need to develop a criteria through which this funding will be allocated.
- D That the Committee agree to assess funding applications for the Youth Funding pot outside the full LJC meetings through email approval by a majority of the Committee

REPORT

2. Background

From 2015/16 Shropshire Council changed the way in which it delivered youth services in Shropshire. This saw a move from Shropshire Council delivering front line services and employing staff directly, to a commissioning model. This saw funding devolved to Local Joint Committee's (LJC's). who then identified local needs and allocated their funding accordingly. Each LJC had different levels of funding based on identified local needs and the South West Shropshire LJC received £3,000 in 2015/16 based on its rurality.

The following grants were awarded in the 2015/16 financial year

10.1 – Worthen Youth Club £500 for outdoor activity courses

10.2 - Bishop's Castle Duke of Edinburgh 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

A further £3,000 has been allocated to the South West Shropshire LJC to support Youth Activities in 2016/17. It had been proposed this would be the last funding the LJC received but following a review of policy this funding has been extended to an additional 9 months in 2017 which means an additional £2,250 is now available to the LJC to support youth activities in the area in 2017.

A Scrutiny review of the model for commissioning youth services will be carried out by Shropshire Council in early 2017 which will form the basis for future policy and funding for youth activities in Shropshire

3. Considerations for the South West Shropshire Local Joint Committee

The LJC has a total budget of £5,250 to allocate to youth activities in 2017. The Committee will need to decide how to allocate this funding. Potential options include

- Open a small grants scheme and invite organisations to apply for funding
- Commission specific activities for young people in the area
- Hold a specific event aimed at young people using the funding that is available

The Committee should note that £3,000 should be allocated, or there should be an identified project for the funding by March 2017, and the remaining funding will need to be allocated by December 2017. Ideally recommendations on how to proceed with the allocation of the funding should be made at the February public LJC meeting

4. Financial Implications

£3,000 is now available to spend in 2016/17 and this funding will need to be allocated by March 2017. A further £2,250 will be available from April 2017 which will need to be allocated by December 2017.

Details of potential funding beyond December 2017 will not be known until the Shropshire Council scrutiny group publishes its recommendations in 2017

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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