



Committee and Date

Shropshire's Great Outdoors
Strategy Board

19 March 2018

SHROPSHIRE'S GREAT OUTDOORS STRATEGY BOARD

Minutes of the meeting held on 30 January 2018

In the Shrewsbury Room, Shirehall, Abbey Foregate, Shrewsbury, Shropshire, SY2 6ND

11.30 am - 1.30 pm

Responsible Officer: Tim Ward

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Present

Councillor Alex Carson-Taylor

Councillors Peter Carr, Lee Chapman, Cecilia Motley, Stewart Pickering, Lezley Picton, Nigel Pocock, Jack Tavernor, Mark Weston (Vice Chairman) and Andrew Wood

20 Welcome, Introductions and Apologies for Absence

20.1 The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

20.2 Apologies for absence had been received from Sarah Faulkner and Deb Hughes.

21 Public Question Time

21.1 There were no questions from members of the public

22 Minutes of the Last Meeting

22.1 The minutes of the meeting held on 7 September 2017 had been circulated.

22.2 Mr Carr pointed out that he had given his apologies for absence but they had not been recorded.

22.3 RESOLVED:

That subject to the addition of Mr Carr to the apologies for absence, the minutes of the meeting held on the 7 September 2017 be approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

23 Health and Wellbeing

23.1 The Outdoor Partnerships Enterprise Manager stated that the Health and Wellbeing agenda was a growing priority nationally and introduced Lee Chapman, Portfolio Holder for Health and Adult Social Care, and Emma Sandbach, Public Health Specialist.

- 23.2 Mr Chapman informed the meeting that the cost of Adult Social Care was increasing rapidly and that the amount raised by the increase that the Council was allowed to make to Council Tax did not meet the increase in costs. He stated that it was getting harder to deliver non-discretionary services but that the council was being innovative in the way that services were provided.
- 23.3 In response to a question regarding fairer funding, Mr Chapman commented that initial progress was being made by the Fairer Funding Panel but that there was still a long way to go. He reminded the meeting that the Council's Head of Finance, James Walton was a member of the Panel.
- 23.4 Ms Sandbach gave a presentation (copy attached to the signed minutes) which outlined the benefits of physical activity and the work being done by Public Health around Social Prescribing and other activity to prevent falls and increase physical activity.
- 23.5 In response to a query Ms Sandbach confirmed that Social Prescribing would be rolled out to other areas in the County subject to need and the necessary resources being available.
- 23.6 The Outdoor Partnerships Enterprise Manager outlined the volunteer activity that was currently funded by Public Health which included Parish Paths Partnerships (P3 Groups), Volunteer Rangers, Walking for Health and Shropshire Wild Teams, and reminded members that this funding would be withdrawn by 2019/20. She advised that funding for P3 groups and Volunteer Rangers would need to be found from the core budget but that there would be a need to source external funding for the Walking for Health and Wild Teams. She then outlined potential funding sources.

24 Brexit and Opportunities to Improve Access

- 24.1 Members had received a discussion paper on the opportunities for access following Brexit, which outlined the potential benefits for rights of way through funding schemes for Agriculture. Mr Weston reminded the meeting that the Minister had stated that schemes would be based around the provision of "public benefit", and that with regards to rights of way this could include provision of new access, creation of new bridleways or restricted byways or works to improve and enhance the rights of way network. The Chairman commented that this fitted in with the recently published 25 year environment plan.
- 24.2 Mr Carr commented that any proposal must not detract from the legal requirement to maintain existing routes.
- 24.3 Members commented that any new routes must be justified as there was no point in creating routes where there was no requirement. It was agreed that there was need to look at the existing ROW system and identify any gaps.
- 24.4 The Chairman commented that local councils had a role to play in the delivery of any scheme

- 24.5 It was agreed that a draft response to the consultation would be drawn up. Members were asked to feed any further comments to the Outdoor Partnerships Enterprise Manager.

25 Shropshire Great Outdoors Strategy

- 25.1 The meeting received the report of the Outdoor Partnerships Enterprise Manager which summarised progress to date with the Shropshire Great Outdoors Strategy.
- 25.2 The Outdoor Partnerships Enterprise Manager advised members that a working group had been set up to review the Strategy, and Partner organisations had taken part in consultations either via one to one meetings or online. She informed the meeting that a workshop would be held and that the various forums would have a workshop session on their next agenda based around the initial consultation questions. She then took the meeting through the proposed timescales for the production of the Strategy.

26 Items for Information

- 26.1 Members received and noted the following: -

The minutes of the following meetings:

- (i) Central Walking Forum
- (ii) North Walking Forum
- (iii) South Walking Forum
- (iv) Shropshire Riding and Carriage Driving Forum

27 Date of Next Meeting

- 27.1 Members were reminded that the next meeting of the Shropshire Great Outdoors Strategy Board would be held on 19 March 2018 at 10.00am

Signed (Chairman)

Date: