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Committee and Date
StrettonDale Local Joint
Committee

25th February 2016

7.00pm
Silvester Horne Institute

Item

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STRETTONDALE LOCAL JOINT COMMITTEE

NOTE OF DECISIONS AND ACTIONS FROM THE MEETING HELD ON 19TH NOVEMBER 2015 AT LEEBOTWOOD VILLAGE HALL 7.00 PM – 8.45 PM

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Committee Members Present:

Shropshire Council

Lee Chapman, Church Stretton and Craven Arms Electoral Division

David Evans, Church Stretton and Craven Arms Electoral Division

Cecilia Motley, Corvedale Electoral Division

Town/Parish Councils

Paul Harris, Leebotwood and Longnor Parish Council

Tony Madley, Eaton-Under-Heywood and Hope Bowdler Parish Council

Mel McFarland, Rushbury Parish Council

Jeremy Dale, All Stretton, Smethcott and Woolstaston Parish Council

Steve Pennington, Cardington Parish Council

Hilary Clayton-Smith, Church Stretton Town Council

Lee Crowhurst, Condover Parish Council

Gareth Ball, Acton Burnell Group Parish Council

Dave Ruck, Acton Scott Parish Meeting (co-opted)

Co-opted members:

Ann Sutcliffe, Shropshire Housing Group

Also present: -

PC Damon Preston and PCSO Lisa Thomas - West Mercia Police

Linda Cox – Shrewsbury Dial a ride

Debbie Stone – Church Stretton Ring and Ride

Emma-Jane Beattie – Emergency Planning Officer, Shropshire Council

Lisa Bedford, Community Enablement Officer, Shropshire Council

There were approximately 2 members of the public present at the meeting.

1. Welcome

2. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Tim Barker (Shropshire Council), Richard Hubbard (SAP), Nicola McPherson (Mayfair Centre),

3. Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

None declared

4. Notes of the Meeting held on 4th June 2015

AGREED:

That the notes of the meeting held on 4 June be approved and signed as a correct record.

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5. Community Safety Update

PC Preston explained that crime figures were still low in the area and residents can view crime data for their communities by visiting www.police.uk.

There was now a full complement of staff based in Church Stretton which includes three PCSO's, one PC and three Special Constables. PCSO Julia St John Martin has re-joined the team from Bishop's Castle.

Recent multiagency checks have been successful on the A49 and these will continue in the coming months.

Cyber crime and internet safety talks have been given in schools and is now being rolled out to other community groups such as scouts etc.

There will be a webchat with the South Shropshire Safer Neighbourhood team on Wednesday 25th November, 6 – 8pm <https://www.westmercia.police.uk/web-chat-with-west-mercias-police>

Over the next month there will be a number of campaigns in operation in the run up to Christmas which will include; fraud, cyber crime, vehicle security, drink driving etc. We Don't Buy Crime will also be launched on the 6th December which has a number of elements including working with scrap metal and antiques dealers to decrease the passing on of stolen goods. Victims of domestic burglary will also be given free smartwater.

Speed enforcement in Church Stretton, All Stretton and Hope Bowdler will continue.

6. Public Question Time

No questions were raised.

The topic of public and street clutter and signage was suggested for a future LJC public meeting.

Cllr Chapman gave an overview of the Big Conversation – a community engagement exercise to help Shropshire Council with its future planning and prioritisation <http://shropshire.gov.uk/big-conversation/> .

All were encouraged to take part.

7. Emergency Planning

Emma- Jane Beattie from the Council's Emergency Planning team gave an overview of what emergency planning is and what local Councils can do to prepare for local emergencies that may arise (See sides – Appendix 1).

It was explained that DCLG is responsible for the national emergency planning, carrying out the scanning horizon exercise to put in place national plans for how to respond, which local councils would then follow.

It was highlighted that informal emergency networks exist in rural communities but formalising those details into a plan is a useful exercise to undertake for all councils.

Excellent examples include the Church Stretton Emergency Plan and the work of the Culmington Flood Action group which developed into a wider emergency plan and now includes representatives from surrounding parishes.

Templates for various documents and ongoing advice and support are available from the emergency planning team at the Council. Contact Emma-Jane Beattie 01743 251783, Emma-Jane.Beattie@shropshire.gov.uk .

8. Community Transport in the StrettonDale Area

Linda Cox from Shrewsbury Dial a Ride and Debbie Stone from Church Stretton Ring and Ride were in attendance to give an overview of the service they provide and who is eligible to use their service.

Shrewsbury Dial a ride operate a service in the north of the LJC area and operate the Corvedale Buzzard, Clun and Ludlow Traveller, Church Stretton Ring and Ride covers the majority of the LJC area.

Their schemes are open to people who pay a small fee to become a member and who do not have access to transport or are not able to use public transport. Although the majority of users are elderly and the disabled, the service is not solely for that age group. Concessionary buses can be used for most trips.

Groups can also become members of the scheme and are then able to use the bus either with their own qualified driver or from the scheme if one can be found. This costs £15 per year. MIDAS training to enable the utilisation of a vehicle can be provided free of charge if volunteers are willing to help the scheme on an occasional basis.

Ring and Ride has 300 members and Shrewsbury Dial a ride has 600 members, 400 of those are active and 150 active members in the south of the county.

All volunteers and paid drivers are trained to the required level with MIDAS if relevant and PAS, (passenger assistance training) and all volunteers have a DBS check.

Church Stretton Good Neighbours also offers a community car scheme whereby volunteers utilise their own vehicles and are reimbursed 45p per mile (some of which is paid for by the Council). These schemes are used for medical appointments and some shopping.

Contact details for both schemes are:
Shrewsbury Dial A Ride - 01743 450350
<http://shrewsbury-dialaride.co.uk/>
manager@shrewsburydialaride.org.uk

Church Stretton Ring and Ride - 01694 720025
debbie.stone@mayfaircentre.org.uk ,
<http://www.mayfaircentre.org.uk/services>

9. Youth Commissioning in the StrettonDale LJC area

To date this year £1500 has been awarded to four youth projects in the local area. The grant scheme would now be reopened with a closing date of Friday 15th January. Decisions would be made at the LJC planning meeting on the 21st January. A further £3000 will be available for distribution in April.

ACTION: All to promote grant opportunity.

10. Updates and issues from Parishes

Leebotwood and Longnor – concerns about the location of the bus shelter on the A49. Passengers not visible to the driver and they are

unable to see the bus approaching. Parish Council to investigate the relocation. There are also some emerging drainage issues as a result of the autumn leaves.

Condoover – Defibrillators are to be installed in 3 out of 4 settlements in the parish. Rushbury Parish Council gave advice regarding the issue it has experienced with DBS checks and not being able to find out from the Ambulance Service which volunteers are able to go on the emergency response phone service.

Currently a consultation is underway regarding relocating the post office into the village shop from the pub.

Church Stretton – New House Farm planning application was withdrawn the day before the planning committee. A successful series of events has taken place at Rectory Wood. The lights are to be replaced on the railway footbridge (Coffin Lane). 21st November, 5pm is the annual Christmas Lights event.

Cardington – surveying the community to find out suggestions for the use of their CIL allocation. There has been success in dealing with mains water issues with dirty supplies and faulty filters. New pipes are now to be installed. Botvyle works have started to alleviate some of the local flooding issues.

Acton Burnell group – Looking to install defibrillators. Concord College is allowing access to the community for one of their boxes. Issues around grit bin locations have arisen. It was suggested that the request should be put in to Highways again on safety grounds.

Rushbury – Speed restrictions in Longville and Wall have been unenforceable as they were not adopted by the police. It is hoped that with some minor alterations to the speed limits this can be rectified.

All Stretton, Smethcott and Woolstaston – Defibrillator is being installed in Picklescott. The Parish Council had a half day session with Tim Sneddon to identify local issues. Planning and highways are the main topics discussed at Parish Council meetings.

11. Flood Forum

A hand out was circulated to all present regarding recent works and support available from the council.

All were asked to forward any local concerns to their Shropshire Councillor or Community Enablement Officer.

12. Broadband update

A written update from Connecting Shropshire was handed out alongside notes from the LJC representative who attended the Broadband Partnership.

Future meeting arrangements

Thursday 25th February, 7pm at the Silvester Horne Institute, Church Stretton.

Meeting closed at 8.45pm

Signed..... Chairman

Date: 2015