

NOTE OF DECISIONS AND ACTIONS ARISING FROM THE GOBOWEN, SELATTYN, ST MARTINS & WESTON RHYN LOCAL JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 13TH OCTOBER 2015 AT 7.00 PM AT ALL SAINTS CHURCH HALL, GOBOWEN

7.00 p.m. – 8.30 p.m.

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Present:

Members of the Committee: Cllr Robert Macey, Cllr David G Lloyd, Cllr Steve Davenport, and Cllr Angela Bright

Officers: Corrie Davies and Kate Garner

There were approximately 16 members of the public at the meeting.

ACTION

1. Welcome and Introduction from the Chairman

Cllr Robert Macey introduced the meeting and explained that the items had been reshuffled to allow a representative to get back to the West Midlands.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr John Stevens and Cllr Sara Heap

2. Disclosure 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 Previous Meeting

AGREED: That the notes of the meeting held on 16th June 2015 were approved. Confirmed: Cllr David Lloyd Seconded: Cllr Steve Davenport

4. PARTNERS AND COMMUNITIES TOGETHER

West Mercia Representative Mark Moth and Kate Le'Clere updated on local policing issues in the area. Kate updated that they had been

carrying out an operation with Trading Standards which had supported a number of positive outcomes. Kate noted that local residents should also look to utilise businesses that are reputable. She noted that you should not be forced to take business with someone that you feel uncomfortable with. Kate noted that she had always thought having a local telephone number indicated that the person or business was based locally. This was however not the case as it is possible to buy a local number and not actually be based in the area. Cllr Robert Macey asked if there were any other questions from the audience.

5. NHS Future Fit

The committee and members of the public received a presentation from Harpreet Jutlla a member of the NHS Future Fit Team.

NHS Future Fit is about meeting health needs for everyone living and working in Shropshire, Telford and Wrekin and mid Wales for the future. Local patients, doctors, nurses and other health professionals are all working together to improve care at local hospitals using the latest medicines and technologies that will last for many years. There are a number of factors that mean we need to ensure sustainability for the future including people living longer, more people using health services, keeping these services for years to come means changes are needed, to meet everyone's needs, hospital and health services will have to work in a different way. By bringing our hospital services up to date we will be able to attract and retain doctors, nurses and other healthcare professionals. The people involved in NHS Future Fit will work together to plan future health services that are right for local people.

HJ updated that they were disappointed that the programme was unable to complete the appraisal process that instead health leaders are discussing and coming together to create a plan for a system wide local health economy deficit. However this would mean that whilst this work is being undertaken the team had more time to come out and talk to local people about the components of the clinical model and how they could impact them. This was the position of the board made at their last meeting and they would be meeting again on the 11th of November. HJ noted that they want to get it right now so they will also be using this time to look at urban urgent care centres and rural urgent care systems ensuring what will be available to local people. Rural urgent care systems would need to be identified including community hospitals for example providing assurances to local people that what was locally available may change but services will not be taken away.

'Community fit' identifying and looking at GP surgeries and communities more closely - what is happening there. It was explained that the Future Fit team are working hard to carry out engagement with communities and have been contacting parish councils, being available on market days, carrying out telephone surveys, talking to hard to reach and identified pockets of people who have specific needs including homelessness for example. Designated groups were accessing health services in different ways.

The new timeline for decision to be made on options had been moved to summer 2016 but this is dependent on current work of business planning to reduce the local health economy deficit.

Cllr David Lloyd noted that he sits on the local health group who have really wanted to ensure pressure on A&E is looked at. The local health group are entirely supportive of the project. Cllr David Lloyd noted that we were entering another phase of developments with Telford wanting to join in with a combined authority with the Black Country. Cllr David Lloyd noted that Telford had closer access to Staffordshire and Wolverhampton. He felt that given the recent decisions it was great that Future Fit had still been willing to come out and talk to local people.

The floor was opened for questions and answers session.

Cllr Bright mentioned that some local residents here access Powys for the local GP and noting that those people couldn't access the orthopaedic and should go to Wrexham. HJ noted that she felt there needed to be patient choice. Cllr Bright felt there is a movement that we pay taxes to Shropshire and so why then should we go cross border. HJ noted that Future Fit was never there to look at the now but to ensure quality future healthcare services to meet a developing population. Cllr Steve Davenport explained that it made sense that your illness will determine where you go and that as mentioned if you have a stroke you would always go to the nearest specialist hospital at Wolverhampton. HJ noted that there are pockets of people who lean on services where they feel comfortable and so there are natural tensions there. A resident explained that she works with a children's group in Wrexham and single mothers finds it easier to get to Wrexham rather than go to Telford. She noted that there is pressure from Shropshire Midwives to utilise Shropshire services and the orthopaedic. Wrexham people also don't have the choice to then use our services. HJ thanked the resident for her valuable feedback.

Kate Garner explained there is a natural correlation with the Better Care Programme which was a vital piece of work looking at reducing the number of people having to go to hospital but also building the ability and the resources within the community locality. It was challenging but pulling those pieces of work together would be worthwhile.

6. Update on Youth Commissioning

Cllr Robert Macey updated that the committee were now in a position to formally confirm youth providers that have been commissioned to deliver youth activities locally.

Corrie explained that since the last meeting the brief had been confirmed and put out for local providers to put forward their quotes and applications. Two providers had approached on supporting youth club sessions at Weston Rhyn, three for outreach and diversionary holiday sessions, one provider under rural learning and outdoor learning and then no one applied under the supporting existing youth clubs and development of activities. With this in mind

the committee had some hard choices to make but wanted to enable as many providers as possible to allow for a wide range of activities to take place. The budget was tight and with having no applications under the fourth outcome the committee wanted to retain budget to support this, which meant working with the existing providers that had come forward to reduce costs further. The providers worked with the committee to look at budgets. From there Fusion Arts were agreed as the provider for the youth sessions at Weston Rhyn. For the outreach TNS were agreed as the lead provider but would be working with Fusion Arts, Oswestry Fencing and Tom the Apple Man to provide across the two outcomes. Those providers were due to be commencing with their delivery and Jay updated he would be starting pre half term on the 19th. Jay noted that the work that they had carried out across the summer had been popular, though they were struggling with young people in Weston Rhyn, and asked for local support in promoting the new activities. Jay noted they would be working on external bids to make themselves more mobile, so they could go out with equipment more easily. They were also thinking of a take to the street event as a launch with the other providers to increase knowledge of new developments.

Corrie noted that they had met with TNS and three over providers to commence joint working and monitoring which would be undertaken termly. This enabled further ideas and joint working to be explored.

Kate Garner thanked the Committee and providers for their support and achievement in delivering partnership working within the youth commissioning model. She had an overview of youth commissioning across the county and had witnessed the dedication of the committee to this piece of work.

7.

Update on Gobowen Library

Cllr Robert Macey updated that the partnership group continued to meet and had positively reached an agreement that three partners would look to see if they could feasibly input revenue into the project. Three key partners were looking at investing in the development of a new community hub which would enable the library to run alongside. These partners included Shropshire Town and Rural Housing, Parish Council and Big Local.

The committee would be submitting an application to the Big Local and this was a real opportunity for the Big Local and partners involved to develop an exciting new community hub project. Cllr David Lloyd updated that the Parish Council had agreed in principal to support the project for three years. A Council Cabinet report was now live and due to be considered by Cabinet tomorrow. This could be viewed publically.

Cllr John Davies asked about the condition of the building and Cllr Robert Macey was able to confirm that they had received the conditions report and that the building was sound and fully serviceable, with only small internal redecoration needed. The local librarian also vouched that this was the case.

Kate Garner explained that they would also work to carry out a

statutory consultation and so were very happy to work with the Parish Council on this point. Kate noted it was really a chance for partners to put their money where their mouth was and support what could be a wonderful asset for the local community in partnership with others. It was a sign of positive times that everyone could work together, act and create a plan

The project would enable the community to develop the project over a period of 3 years whilst SC still held onto the management. Kate explained that they had contracted the support of an organisation called Locality, providing some external support to the project and develop. This session was planned in coming weeks and would support partners further. Cllr Robert Macey said members could look at the Locality website and have a look at all the projects they were involved with that provide creative ideas about what could be possible.

Cllr David Lloyd noted that at previous meetings they had received good backing and ideas from the community that were now being worked into the Gobowen Central Project. It was great to have so many people supporting the project.

8. Big Local Update

Nick Heard was present from the Big Local to update on the Trust's activities. The trust were making a new plan for the year ahead. To date the Trust had given a total of £60,000 out in small grants with a couple of bigger grants. They were now in a position to expand their community grant chest with a larger grant pot for big projects.

They were working on a Calendar that would have a list of reminders and advertising material. This would enable the local community to be more in touch with what happens in their community. They are starting a savings club in schools which would be led by young people to encourage those young people to understand money, budgeting and saving for the future. First aid courses have been ran and they had approved a grant for a first responder's car alongside another funder. They continued to work with Fairshare on supporting those local people with debt advice for example. They were looking at an email update that would go to all those with computers as a way of engaging the local community.

They were looking at how they could support tourism and a cohesive approach and improved knowledge linking the World Heritage Site. Nick was keen to look at an engineering project that would bring young and old together to learn and potentially consider engineering as a potential avenue for employment.

Nick updated on an application that had been received but unsuccessful. They felt that this particular application did not meet their objectives as it stood.

The Trust are recording where they are to date. The local Trust were one of 150 around the country and were 4 years into the project. It had taken four years to get going but they were seen nationally to be delivering very well.

9. Public Questions

Cllr Robert Macey asked the public in attendance if they had any further questions. Cllr Macey raised that the idea of having a Defib project in the area would be welcomed. Cllr Steve Davenport noted that this was and had been very successful in Ellesmere, Dudleston and St Martins. It would be great to see this across the LJC area and Cllr's noted external funding that could be potentially available including Rotary. Jay noted that he would be willing to support fundraising around this through his role as Chair of the youth rotary and engage local young people.

Cllr David Lloyd highlighted pre fab building that had gone up on the travellers site had not been agreed though planning. They would be pursuing enforcement with planning team. Cllr David Lloyd also highlighted intrusion to local wildlife haven.

Resident highlighted the issue of the towpath and in interest to maximise the value of the heritage site and asked why the application to Big Local had been rejected. Cllr Davenport noted it needed connecting in with wider tourism and looking at CIL and any larger infrastructure funding. Big Local explained that all applications need to meet their objectives.

10. Date of Next Meeting

Pencilled for the 9th of February at St Martins Community Centre at 7pm. Date and venue to confirmed further.

Chairman:.....

Date:.....