



Committee and Date  
Loton, Longden, Ford and  
Rea Valley Local Joint  
Committee  
Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> April,  
7pm

Item  
  
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Public

**LOTON LONGDEN FORD AND REA VALLEY  
LOCAL JOINT COMMITTEE**

**NOTE OF DECISIONS AND ACTIONS STEMMING FROM THE MEETING HELD  
ON 10<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER  
7PM TO 9PM  
AT  
MINSTERLEY VILLAGE HALL, MINSTERLEY**

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**Committee Members Present:**

**Shropshire Council**

Roger Evans (Chair)	Longden Electoral Ward
David Roberts	Loton Ward

**Town/Parish Councils**

Roy Griffiths	Alberbury with Cardeston Parish Council
David Sandbach	Westbury Parish Council
Tony Hill	Montford Parish Council
Duncan Fletcher	Pontesbury Parish Council
Geoff Brown	Minsterley Parish Council
Neil Evans	Longden Parish Council
Bill Clyne	Ford Parish Council

**Officers Present:**

PC Jon Summerfield	West Mercia Police
Mathew Mead	Community Enablement Officer
David Fairclough	Community Enablement Officer
Sian Sansum	Engagement & Communications Officer Future Fit

**1. Election of Chairperson and Vice Chairperson**

Roger Evans was nominated and unanimously approved as Chairman of the meeting by the Committee. David Roberts and Tudor Bebb were nominated and approved as Joint-Vice Chairs of the meeting

## **2. Welcomes and Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for the meeting had been received from Shropshire Councillor Tudor Bebb; David Nunn (Great Ness and Little Ness); John Fox (Great Hanwood) and Patrick Siese (Alberbury with Cardeston)

## **3. Substitutions**

Roy Griffiths attended the meeting on behalf of Alberbury with Cardeston Parish Council

## **4. Declarations of Interest**

Councillor Sandbach declared an interest in item 8 as he received an NHS Pension

## **5. Notes of the last meeting**

Minutes of the last LJC on 5<sup>th</sup> March were presented to the committee and accepted as an accurate record of that meeting

## **6. Emergency Services Update**

PC Jon Summerfield represented the Safer Neighbourhood Team at the meeting. Overall the area was low in crime and anti-social behaviour but there were some “hot spots” of activity he and his team were working on.

Burglary and thefts from outbuildings in the Bomere Heath area had spiked in the last quarter, and there had also been issues of anti-social behaviour and drug use in Racecourse Lane and Shelton which had been the main focus of his teams work. More locally speed checks had been carried out and the DVLA had also been out with their camera van checking vehicles to make sure they had the correct insurance, MOT's and licences.

A new PCSO Tim Griffiths has joined the Safer Neighbourhood Team and the team's website had been updated to include details of all team members, crime statistics and details of the teams social media updates. The crime statistics for the area showed some issues of assault and violent crime, but these were of a domestic nature. The Police take these very seriously but should not be of concern to the wider community.

David Fairclough reported that Shropshire Council now had a crime prevention coordinator Melissa Bebb who would be undertaking a range of projects to help reduce crime in the area.

## **7. Community Speed Watch and Highways Update**

Ian Connolly from the Speed Watch team had to give his apologies for the meeting, but David Fairclough was able to update the group.

Locations for Community Speed Watch had been agreed in Pontesbury, Ford and Hanwood and training for volunteers would follow. There was a set criteria on where schemes could take place, and safety of volunteers was the main issue. Longden was therefore not brought forward as a site as speeds of traffic were too high. This would probably also be an issue in Alberbury too, so checks in these areas will continue by the Safer Roads Partnership.

The Community Enablement officers reported that concerns about highways issues on Highways England roads (Shrewsbury bypass; A488; A49) had been made but the organisation were not able to attend meetings locally. The Committee expressed a number

of concerns about Highways England schemes in the area, including the new layout of the Shrewsbury by-pass junctions, and lack of lines on the Dobbie's Roundabout. Officers reported that Highways England were very much driven by data modelling and national policy, and there seemed to be little room for local involvement in decision making. The Committee expressed their concerns about this approach.

## **8. Future Fit Presentation – Sian Sansum Engagement and Communications Officer**

Sian gave a brief background to Future Fit, whose aim was to try and develop a modern health service in Shropshire which tackled the challenges of Demographic Change; people living with long term conditions; the use of new technologies and the need to deliver a service in a period of austerity where there is pressure on budgets and finances. This included a range of options.

The basics of the programme are to look at how specialist emergency care can be offered in the county at a specialist Urgent Care Centre; and supported through more local Emergency Centres; Planned Care Centres and local surgeries, together with public health programmes. There are different models on how these can be delivered in Shropshire and a number

The location of the Urgent Care Centres (what most people refer to as Accident and Emergency Centres) was one of the key issues the public were concerned about, but it was important to stress that the whole programme was about far more than just Urgent Care Centres. Around 70% of people who attend A&E don't require specialist care, so could be cared for at more local Emergency Care centres, leaving the Urgent Care centres to deliver high quality specialist care. By locating these services in one site it would be easier to recruit specialist staff and deliver high quality care. However the programme did acknowledge the concerns of the public about potential travel times if there was just one Urgent Care Centre in Shropshire and Telford.

The number and location of the Emergency Care Centres was also an important issue the programme had looked at, with between 3 and 7 sites being looked at. It was important to remember that even if there was just one Urgent Care Centre, Shrewsbury and Telford would still have an Emergency Care Centre, so it was not a case of all services being lost from a site. Across the county each Emergency Care and Local Care Centre might operate differently depending on their location and level of need in each area. Local Care Centres would also be linked closely to the GP surgery.

GP surgeries would also take on more services and depending on the size of the practice might offer some planned surgeries, clinics and would also play a very big role in helping people receive care locally through use of new technologies and managing long term conditions through lifestyle changes and medication.

The Future Fit Programme had modelled a number of scenarios for how all the different services could be delivered in Shropshire, but no final decisions had been made. However the development of a new site for the Urgent Care Centre had been ruled out. Work was also needed on the costs of each scenario as NHS England stressed that schemes needed to be economically viable. Formal consultation on these proposals from October onwards, with further public consultation taking place in 2016 was planned

Members of the Committee stressed that a lot of people from mid-Wales used Shrewsbury hospitals services, and previously these issues hadn't really been addressed by the programme. Sian stressed that a lot of work on these cross boarder issues had now taken place. The role of ambulance services in taking people to emergency and planned care was also being looked at.

Committee members also asked when a realistic date was for the “new” services to actually start. Sian stated that it would be a phased approach. Some Local Centres could be set up quite quickly over the next few years, but the overall programme, particularly the development of a new Urgent Care Centre would have to go through further consultation in 2016 before a final decision was taken. Implementation of the new centre would probably be in 2020.

The chairman thanked Sian for her presentation and asked if Future Fit would attend meetings in the future to further update the Committee on progress.

## **9. Youth Activity Update**

David Fairclough outlined the progress of the youth commissioning project. The Shropshire Youth Association (SYA) had been approached to establish new clubs in Westbury and Minsterley. They were working with local halls to find the best days for clubs to run in these towns. Clubs would run one day a week in term time, and in each location some outreach work would take place before the clubs were launched to encourage young people to take part in the club.

Grants would also be given to existing clubs at Ford, Hanwood and Nesscliffe to support those clubs.

Professional staff were being recruited to run the clubs, but SYA were also able to support new volunteers to help out at the clubs, and had asked Parish Councils to help them recruit volunteers. Funding would also be available in 2016/17 but was unlikely to continue beyond this point, so it was important for the LJC to start thinking about how these clubs could be sustained in the future. This could be through increasing local precepts to meet the costs of paying staff, or through the recruitment and training of volunteers.

The new clubs would continue to be monitored through the year and regular updates made to the LJC

## **10. Public Question Time and future agenda items**

Members of the Committee asked if Shropshire Councils Planning Document – SAMDev had been approved by the planning inspector, as there were still speculative planning applications coming forward in the area which were giving cause for concern to Parish Councils.

The Community Enablement officers reported that the Public Inspection element of adopting the plan had taken place, but the Inspector had asked for some supplementary information. However it was anticipated the plan would be approved later in the year, and had gained sufficient weight for Shropshire Council to now use it as a material planning consideration when reviewing planning applications.

The Council were also much more confident that they had a 5 year land supply, and had won a number of planning appeals in the last 6 months

## **11. Date of next meeting(s)**

Future meeting dates will be set by the Enablement Officers in conjunction with the Councillors.

Chair\_\_\_\_\_

Date\_\_\_\_\_