

**Craven Arms & Rural Local Joint Committee****Notes of Decisions and Actions of the Meeting Held at 7.00PM on Wednesday 10 March at Aston on Clun Village Hall****Present:****Shropshire Council**

David Evans	Church Stretton and Craven Arms Electoral Division
Cecilia Motley	Corvedale Division
Lee Chapman	Church Stretton and Craven Arms Electoral Division

**Town/Parish Councils**

Mike Hardingham	Clee St Margaret Parish Council
Andrew Pike	Culmington Parish Council
	Wistanstow Parish Council
David Mills	Craven Arms Town Council

**Co-opted Members**

Mark Trafford	Sibdon Carwood Parish Meeting
Rebecca Deakin	Shropshire Housing Group
Neville Stephens	Craven Arms Area Youth Group
Catherine Collier	Grow, Cook, Learn
Marilyn DeWarren	CasCA

**Officers in attendance**

Miranda Ashwell, Physical Activity Lead, Public Health, Shropshire Council  
 Lisa Bedford, Senior Community Enablement Officer, Shropshire Council  
 Ben Walker, Connecting Shropshire, Shropshire Council

There were approximately 20 members of the public present at the meeting.

**1. Welcome**

Cllr Evans welcomed everyone to the meeting especially those

**2. Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from, David Bytheway [Wistanstow PC], Mandy Fowler [Diddlebury PC], Ann Sutcliffe [SSHA]

**3. Disclosable Pecuniary Interests**

No declarations were made.

**4. Notes of the Meeting held on 19 November 2015****AGREED:**

That the notes of the meeting held on 19 November be approved and signed as a correct record.

**5. Community Safety Update****ACTION****DE/LB**

PCSO Julia St John Martin introduced herself to the meeting, having returned to work in the area recently.

It was explained that there had been an increase in anti-social behaviour in the evenings in the town. This was low level and there is a group of 13/14 year olds that are causing upset in the town, including vandalism of litter bins and trees on Corvedale Rd. The area is being patrolled and action will and has been taken against those committing the ASB.

There have been problems on the car parks on Corvedale Road. A Section 59 notice has been issued in the last week. This means that if any further nuisance involving a vehicle is committed by the individual, the vehicle will be seized.

Two Community Protection Notices have been issued to youngsters as a warning, and if their behaviours continue, their activity will be controlled and monitored.

Suspicious vans are being reported in the rural areas. PCSO St John Martin asked for all to be vigilant and report any suspicious vehicles to 101 and get a registration number if you can.

Catherine Collier reported that there had been repeated vandalism on the polytunnel at the community garden. This will now be relocated. There are also three regular visitors at the weekends from the local area causing problems. **ACTION: PCSO St John Martin to visit and speak to the staff.**

## 6. Rural Broadband

Ben Walker from the Connecting Shropshire programme was in attendance to give an overview of the programme and options available to those that are not going to have access to a high speed fibre connection (See presentation attached).

Over 50,000 premises now have access to high speed fibre broadband connection through phase one of the programme. Phase two will run until 2018 and will enable a further 1000 premises to have access to high speed fibre broadband. There is an additional phase which is funded by BDUK and the Marches Local Enterprise Partnership which will fund those not included in the previous two phases. Additional funding will be available from BT proportionately to the update of fibre broadband in the county.

Mobile phone coverage is also being looked at as part of the programme. Regular meetings are being held with the main providers, MP's and Shropshire Councillors with the next meeting taking place in April. All were advised to check the Ofcom website <http://www.ofcom.org.uk/mobile-coverage>. EE has shown a big increase in 4G coverage in Shropshire in recent months.

There are wireless broadband companies operating in Shropshire (see presentation), plus you can access satellite broadband. There is also a

broadband subsidy scheme which assists with set up costs for satellite connections.

## **7. Everybody Active Every Day**

Miranda Ashwell, Physical Activity Lead from Public Health was in attendance to give an overview of physical activity and the everybody active every day initiative (see presentation).

The contribution of physical inactivity to ill health is much higher in the UK than in the USA, France and the Netherlands.

Public Health England recommend the following:

0 – 5 = 3 hours of activity per day

5 – 18 = 1 hour per day

18+ = 150 minutes per week

65+ = 150 minutes per week including muscle strengthening

Sedentary behaviour is a separate risk factor for health.

67% of men and 55% of women report they are meeting their targets for physical activity. In reality this figure is much lower. The UK is one of the most inactive countries in the world.

Only 20% of 5 – 18 year olds meet the target and only 10% of 2 – 4 year olds. Older adults are the most inactive, but muscle loss is reversible and therefore it is never too late

Everybody active every day is an initiative to help counter this downward trend. The aim is to create an active lifestyle that is classed as normal through working in communities, with professionals and create active environments.

Up to £30,000 will be available to Craven Arms to run a competition to fund physical activity projects that will increase activity levels in the town. It is a pilot initiative alongside three other locations (Wem, Whitchurch, Broseley) to test out if a social movement will have more impact than traditional grant funding sources. Funding will be allocated based on a public vote. A local working group will be formed that will support the process and assist in promotion.

The first working group would meeting takes place on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> March, 2.30pm at the Gateway in Craven Arms. This initiative will be co-ordinated locally by the community enablement officer, Lisa Bedford.

## **8. Youth Commissioning**

An update on the use of the funding was circulated at the meeting. The use of the funding for the next financial year will be discussed at the next business meeting of the LJC. All funding for this financial year has been allocated as detailed in the paper (see attached).

**9. Parishes Update**

Sibdon Carwood – the parish meeting is very active at the moment. They have recently met with the housing association regarding the new development in the parish. They are also lighting a beacon for the Queen's birthday.

Hopesay – currently looking to apply for an Awards for All grant to carry out some works at the village green.

Culmington – almost finished the review of the parish plan.

Craven Arms – planning a beacon for the Queen on 21<sup>st</sup> April.

Discovery Centre – has recently been successful in obtaining a grant from Tesco for children's play equipment.

SSHA – have been working to decrease ASB in the area with tenants. They are also working to identify the communal land in the town. There is still funding available in the Community Development fund.

**10. Flood Forum**

Slides giving useful information were circulated at the meeting (see handout).

As usual, please direct any enquiries to [flood@shropshire.gov.uk](mailto:flood@shropshire.gov.uk), your local member or the community enablement officer.

**11. Date/Time of next meeting**

The next public meeting will take place on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> July, 7pm.  
Venue TBC.

The meeting closed at 8.45 p.m.