



Committee and Date

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## **SOUTH WEST SHROPSHIRE LOCAL JOINT COMMITTEE**

### **NOTE OF DECISIONS AND ACTIONS STEMMING FROM THE MEETING HELD ON 13<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2016**

**AT**

**THE SpArC CENTRE BISHOPS CASTLE 7PM**

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#### **Committee Members Present:**

##### **Shropshire Council**

Heather Kidd

Jonny Keeley

Nigel Hartin

Chirbury and Worthen

Bishop's Castle

Clun (Chair)

##### **Town/Parish Councils**

Jonathan Kemp

Andrew Craig

Jonathon Roberts

Andrew Beavan

Godfrey May

Bedstone and Bucknell Parish Council

Chirbury with Brompton Parish Council

Clungunford Parish Council

Llanfair Waterdine parish Council

Lydbury North Parish Council

#### **Officers Present:**

Chris Edwards, Head of Infrastructure & Communities, Shropshire Council

Nick Cummings, Chair – Teme Leisure Board

Tim Ward, Committee Officer

50 members of the public were in attendance

It was agreed that Councillor Nigel Hartin would chair the meeting

#### **1. Welcome and Apologies for Absence**

Mr Hartin welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies for absence were received from Jane Carroll and other members of Bishops Castle Town Council,

#### **2. Disclosable Pecuniary Interests**

No members of the Committee disclosed any pecuniary interests on the agenda items

### **3. Notes of Previous Meeting (Item 1)**

The minutes of the previous LJC which was held on 14 April 2016 were agreed as a correct record

### **4. Update on the future of SpArC**

Mr Hartin welcomed Richard Whately and Jean Shirley from the “Don’t Let the SpArC Go Out” Campaign., Chris Edwards, Head of Infrastructure & Communities at Shropshire Council, and Nick Cummings, Chair – Teme Leisure Board

Ms Shirley thanked all those who had helped the campaign in any way. She advised that the campaign had submitted a strong response to the draft Leisure Facilities Strategy Consultation.

Mr Whately updated the meeting on progress to date which included

- £44,000 had been raised to date
- M & S Pool Cover vote – still awaiting the formal result which will be announced on the 31 October
- The Action Group was receiving support from Mathew Mead and Locality to enable them to produce a business plan
- An application has been made to the Charity Commission to register a Community Interest Organisation which in the short term could manage the fund raising and in the longer term if necessary could run the centre.

Ms Shirley advised the meeting that they would be looking to appoint 12 trustees for the CIO, some of which would come from user groups and that they also would be looking for volunteers with specific skills to become trustees and that if anyone was interested they should contact her.

Mr Edwards advised the meeting that Shropshire Council had agreed not to reduce the funding for the next financial year which would give a little breathing space, although there would still be a reduction in funding due to the change in the way joint use funding was allocated. He informed the meeting that the consultation into the draft facilities strategy consultation had finished and that the consultants were considering the submissions and what amendments to the strategy were needed in the light of the submissions, prior to Officers preparing a report to go to the Cabinet later in the year.

Mr Cummings informed the meeting that Teme Leisure was committed to finding a sustainable future for SpArC. In response to a question he advised the meeting that the total amount of funding lost through the reallocation of Joint Use Funding was £180,000 over the whole of south Shropshire.

A discussion followed and the following points were made: -

- Need to look at increasing income as well as making savings. Possibly look at the benefits of opening longer and at different times – need to weight the advantages against the disadvantages.

- A clear idea needs to be sought of what maintenance works need to be done prior to the community asset transfer
- Need creative thinking – can email ideas to Councillors but also need provision for those without internet – possibly a suggestions box in the town hall

The Chairman thanked the speakers for attending and thank all those present for their input and ideas.

## **5. South West Shropshire Grants Scheme (Item 2)**

Mr Hartin reported that the South West Shropshire Grant scheme had received two new applications since the last meeting. These were

### **South Shropshire Engineering Ambassadors (SSEA)**

SSEA have requested funding to help support the costs of the purchasing, developing and entering the Goblin cars in the annual competition in Stafford in 2017, and transporting the vehicles and children to the event.

The group had requested a grant of £150.

**Committee Decision: Grant of £150 approved**

### **Brockton & Worthen Defibrillator Group 2 Public Access Defibrillators**

Brockton and Worthen Defibrillator Group have been established to raise funds to purchase, install and operate two Public Access Defibrillators in the villages of Brockton and Worthen. In addition to the purchase of the units, local volunteers will be trained to use the defibrillators and be able to respond in an emergency.

The group had requested a grant of £150

**Committee Decision: Grant of £150 approved**

A discussion followed regarding the future of the scheme. Mr Beavan commented that originally it had been planned to gain funding from local businesses as well as Parish and Town Councils. Mrs Kidd commented that she was still keen for this to happen but was waiting for the production of the logo that had been agreed. Several members commented that it was a very worthwhile scheme and should continue. Mrs Kidd commented that not enough publicity was received from the grants given. It was suggested that there be a requirement for organisations that had received funding to publicise the fact that they had received a grant from the scheme.

It was agreed that

- The scheme should continue and that donations should be sought from Town and Parish Councils and local businesses
- That the Logo previously agreed should be produced
- That there be a requirement for organisations that had received funding to publicise the fact that they had received a grant from the scheme

## **6. Public Question Time**

No questions were received from the public

## **7. Future Agenda Items**

The following items were suggested for inclusion on the agenda for the next meeting:

- Update on SpARc
- Broadband Update
- SC Funding and Budget update
- Ways of Closer Parish Working

## **8. Date of next meetings**

Proposals were made to hold the next meetings on the following dates.

**Planning Meeting** - Thursday 12 January 2017, 7pm

**Full Public Meeting** - Thursday 9 February 2017, 7pm

Chair: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_