



Committee and Date  
Bridgnorth, Worfield,  
Alveley, Claverley  
and Brown Cle  
Local Joint  
Committee

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup>  
March 2017

Item No

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Public

**NOTES FROM THE BRIDGNORTH, WORFIELD, ALVELEY, CLAVERLEY  
AND BROWN CLEE LOCAL JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON  
WEDNESDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2017 AT 7.00 PM AT THE PEOPLES HALL  
EVANGELICAL CHURCH, ST JOHN STREET, BRIDGNORTH, WV15 6AG  
(7.00 – 9.00 p.m.)**

**Responsible  
Officer**

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**Committee Members Present:**

**Shropshire Council**

Christian Lea  
John Hurst-Knight  
Tina Woodward  
William Parr

**Town/Parish Councils**

Sue Morris, Astley Abbots Parish Council  
Chris Noble, Alveley and Romsley Parish Council  
Howard Lane, Billingsley, Deuxhill, Glazeley and Middleton Scriven PC  
Richard Cotham, Claverley Parish Council  
David Cooper, Bridgnorth Town Council

**West Mercia Police**

PCSO Sue Eden

**Shropshire Fire and Rescue Service**

Fire Officer Ashley Brown

1. **Welcome, Introductions and Apologies for absence**  
Cllr Christian Lea welcomed everyone to the people's hall.

Apologies were received on behalf of the following: -

Michael Wood, Shropshire Council,  
Les Windwood, Shropshire Council  
Mark Mitchell, Tasley Parish Council  
Liz Wakelin, Badger Parish Council,  
Lawrence Chitty – Quatt Malvern Parish Council,  
Roberta Jarvis – Neenton Parish Meeting,  
Stephen DeLauney, Ryton & Grindle Parish Council,  
Sgt Jak Walshaw,  
PC Stuart Lippett.

2. **Declaration of interest**

None

3. **To consider and approve the notes of the meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> November 2016**

The notes were amended, agreed and signed by the Chair.

4. **Community Safety**

- 4.1 Shropshire Fire and Rescue

Fire Officer Ashley Brown stated that deliberate fires and arson remained low. There was the fire at Innage Lea which was currently under investigation. The fire service will start from April onwards going to running a Safe and Wellbeing campaign, which would be a holistic approach looking at 4 health priority areas:-

- Social isolation
- Warm homes
- Healthy Lifestyles
- Trips and falls risks

website: <https://www.shropshirefire.gov.uk/>

## 4.2 West Mercia Police

PCSO Sue Eden informed the meeting of the recent work that the local police team (LPT) have been working on which included working with Low Town Action group dealing with people using Cartway and Friars Street as a cut through. The LPT were stopping cars cutting through.

The LPT had been working with young people in Claverley, with them completing a 6 week course covering things such as forensics, safety, security and being safe using IT/social media – 9 pupils passed the course.

The LPT thanked Pam Beck the Bridgnorth Town CCTV coordinator and volunteers who have help to identify and report incidents especially recent incidents in Low Town.

The LPT had also been promoting Stop Thief in rural areas particularly business and farms.

Please look at website for other police initiatives eg Stop that Thief and We Don't Buy Crime and Watch Schemes. website: <http://www.westmercia.police.uk/watch/>

Safer Neighbourhood team based in Bridgnorth and how to contact them and how to find out crime information in the area at street level to use the following website: <http://www.police.uk/>

- **Police ASB Telephone No:101**
- **Police and Emergency Services Telephone No: 999**
- **Shropshire Council ASB Telephone No:0345 678 9020**

Cllr William Parr mentioned the pre-arranged fight involving 14 individuals, a police car turned up but then drove off – PCSO Eden knew of the incident but not the detail and would report back. PCSO Eden mentioned that they were aware of young people at St Mary's Church and the LPT were doing regular patrols in the area.

Cllr Tina Woodward asked if operation Triumph was going ahead this summer. PCSO Eden informed the group that operation Triumph would be operating from the 1<sup>st</sup> April and the bike beware signage would be out. PCSO was also aware of some off road vehicles green laneing in the area the police had pulled over two vehicles in Alveley but they were legal road users.

Cllr Richard Cotham commented on the recent issue of young people knocking on doors and running. PCSO said they had a couple of young people interviewed at the station and believed that this was enough to stop the incidents.

PCSO  
Eden

#### 4.3 Domestic Abuse

Cllr John Hurst-Knight informed the group regarding the work of the Domestic Abuse Forum, which originally developed as a task group from Bridgnorth District Community Safety Partnership. Over the years the forum had set up several projects which included providing domestic abuse helpline, counselling session, transportation to refuge, providing emergency care packages, promoting the helpline number via various materials (lip balm, ladies toilet stickers, posters, beer mates, etc). The group still meets today at the fire station meeting room. John commented that the seriousness of DA impacts on family, children, schools etc and at one time this was a hidden crime, but now more and more organisation work to together to help prevent DA

In 2016, there were 51,500 victims of DA in the UK, 36,700 were women and 14,800 were men. Of all recorded crime in the West Mercia Police Area 12% is DA related. There was 1,439 DA convictions in the West Mercia Police Area

Cllr Karen Calder thanked John Hurst-Knight for being at the forefront of working on domestic abuse projects over the years and that Shropshire Council was currently looking at the Domestic Abuse strategy in Shropshire.

#### 5. **Presentation 1: Healthy Lives and Resilient Communities – Cllr Karen Calder, Shropshire Council Portfolio holder for Health & Well-being and Tom Brettell, Shropshire Betterment Care Fund.**

Cllr Karen Calder, Portfolio holder for Health and Well-being informed the group that Shropshire Council is committed to working in partnership with our communities and other services to improve the health and well-being of people living in Shropshire. Cllr Calder commented that some of the conversation being had at a local and national level can be distracting and believes strongly that by working together in localities we can concentrate on what is important to people, what motivates people to adopt healthy lifestyles and how services can support people to do this.

Tom Brettell, Shropshire Betterment Care Fund introduced the presentation (presentation available via email on request)

Tom Brettell commented that by working together through an Asset Based Community Development approach we are working closely with our communities and our health and care colleagues. The Resilient Communities programme is core to bringing the community and services together. Using the resources we have to connect people and communities for health and wellbeing

Working with:

- The Fire Service
- GP practices
- Social Care
- Voluntary and Community Sector
- Public Health
- People

In summary, we are using an asset based community development approach – Resilient Communities – to support the Healthy Lives Programme. An example of this is Social Prescribing where practitioners will refer patients or clients to a social activity designed to improve their health and well-being. All of this work is fundamental to the wider Neighbourhoods programme – part of Shropshire’s Sustainability and Transformation Plan.

## **6. Public Questions/Future Agenda items**

Cllr. Marshall asked if the group (LJC) had a future due to the low turn out again. Cllr. Marshall questioned why there was such poor turnout of Shropshire councillors, parish councillors, LJC members and members of public to the LJC meeting. Cllr Karen Calder commented that large numbers do turn up if it is a hot topic for the community for example Whitchurch had several people attend because it was about parking.

Tracy Johnson informed the group the Bridgnorth LJC is publicised via a press release and poster with all SC Cllrs., LJC Members, Parish and Town Council Clerks, Community contacts, Shropshire Council Website, Communication team and democratic services. The press release was sent out 2 weeks before the meeting to the Shropshire Star and Bridgnorth Journal. It was also posted on facebook.

Cllr. Christian Lee reminded people that there was still time to take part in the Big Conversation deadline was 13<sup>th</sup> March 2017.

Future Agenda items: none

## **7. Date of Next Meeting : October 2017 TBA**

**Signed .....**Chairman

**Date .....**