



Committee and Date
StrettonDale Local Joint
Committee

23 January 2014

7.00 pm Silvester Horne Inst.

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Public

STRETTONDALE LOCAL JOINT COMMITTEE

NOTE OF DECISIONS AND ACTIONS FROM THE MEETING HELD ON 7 NOVEMBER 2013 AT CARDINGTON VILLAGE HALL 7.00 PM – 9.30 PM

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Committee Members Present:

Shropshire Council

Tim Barker (Chair), Burnell Electoral Division

Lee Chapman, Church Stretton and Craven Arms Electoral Division

David Evans, Church Stretton and Craven Arms Electoral Division

Town/Parish Councils

Paul Harris, Leebotwood and Longnor Parish Council

Tony Madeley, Eaton-Under-Heywood and Hope Bowdler Parish Council

Mel McFarland, Rushbury Parish Council

Allan McVittie, All Stretton, Smethcott & Woolstaston Parish Council

Steve Pennington, Cardington Parish Council

Hilary Claytonsmith, Church Stretton Town Council

Co-opted members

Nicola McPherson, Strettondale Area Partnership

Also present: -

Matt Johnson, Transport, Shropshire Council

Lisa Bedford, Community Action Officer Shropshire Council

Kate Adams, Streetscene, Shropshire Council

Steve Paige, Shropshire Fire & Rescue

PC Damon Preston, West Mercia Police

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

ACTION

1. Apologies for absence and substitutions

Apologies were received from.

Cecilia Motley, Corvedale Electoral Division (Shropshire Council)
Lynne Gray (Eaton-Under-Heywood and Hope Bowdler Parish Council) (Mr Tony Madeley substituted), Richard Hubbard (StrettonDale Area Partnership)

2. Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

Paul Harris declared an interest in the application for funding from Longnor Village Hall, and left the room whilst it was considered.

Hilary Clayton-Smith declared an interest in the application for funding from Church Stretton Town Council.

David Evans declared an interest on the grounds of bias in the application from Mayfair in relation for funding for Ring and Ride scheme, and left the room whilst it was considered.

3. Notes of the Meeting held on 27 June 2013

AGREED:

That the notes of the meeting held on 21 February 2013 be approved and signed as a correct record.

TB/LB

4. Public Questions and Suggestions for Agenda Items for Future Meetings

A question was raised as to whether or not changes to the planning system would be put out for consultation. The chairman responded that the proposals would be put to cabinet in December but there would not be any consultation and there are not significance changes.

A49 Closure:

The meeting was informed that the A49 would be closed from 8pm from Church Stretton to Wistanstow from 4 November for 30 nights.

Road closures were also planned for Sandford Avenue and Walls Bank.

Concern was raised about the lack of publicity regarding scheduled road closures, especially to neighbouring parishes.

AGREED:

That the LJC would write to express their concerns and that the

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Chairman would raise with the Portfolio Holder.

5. Community Safety Update

PC Preston gave an overview of the crime figures for the previous quarter. In summary there were 322 incidents, 30 recorded crimes, and 20 incidents of antisocial behaviour.

The team based out of Church Stretton (and also covers Craven Arms) now has 3 PCSO's, who now have additional powers, 4 special constables, PC Preston and Sgt Woolley.

The local police have been working in partnership with agencies such as South Shropshire Housing Association to manage and evict tenants.

Excellent work and initiative was shown by PCSO O'Neil in relation to enabling the arrest of a suspect for a burglary in the area.

Over the summer, speed checks were carried out in areas of Church Stretton, All Stretton, Hope Bowdler and Longville in the Dale as a result of these checks 44 motorists were advised and educated on speed awareness and two motorist were reported for summons.

More proactive work around speeding, community safety, and anti-social behaviour is planned in the coming months.

Steve Paige – Fire Service

The meeting was informed that there is currently a consultation taking place regarding the budget restrictions. All present were urged to visit the website <http://www.shropshirefire.gov.uk/> and have your say.

A public meeting is taking place in Clun (a station highlighted for closure) on Friday 29th November, 6pm at the Memorial Hall.

Final consultation results would be available in February 2014.

6. Briefing from Streetscene

Kate Adams, Streetscene Manager for the area gave an overview of the work undertaken in relation to dog fouling and the legal processes involved in prosecution.

The Commissioning work in Church Stretton had highlighted dog fouling as a cause for concern in the community.

Proactive work has taken place regarding patrols at different times of the day based on feedback from the community, and talks are currently planned for local groups and the police and the council are

working with year 10 and 11 pupils at the secondary school in relation to a community safety project they are carrying out. It is hoped that the young people will pass on the key messages to their wider family and friends.

Concern was raised by members of the public regarding the dog exclusion zones of 5 metres from a play area and suggested a fence needed to be erected around the play area on Brooksbury. It was reported that the Town Council and the parents involved are investigating the provision of suitable planting to act as a natural barrier as there is not funding available for fencing.

AGREED:

Church Stretton Town Council meets with those in attendance raising the concerns above.

CSTC

7. Rural Transport Update

Matt Johnson from Shropshire Council gave an overview of the last 6 years of transport provision for rural areas, including the recently ceased Shropshire Link. On detailed analysis there were only 300 users countywide of the Shropshire Link which cost £650,000 per year to run.

The current situation is that a similar service is now provided by the community transport schemes across the county with a minimum of one day a week provision to the market town. There are still the commercial routes available such as the 435 and 540. In Church Stretton the Ring and Ride has been an essential means of transport for a number of years and the Good Neighbours Community Car scheme is also an extremely important part of the transport options available to local residents.

Members requested a summary of the transport options to be provided back to the committee.

MJ/LB

8. Shropshire Council Budget

The chairman explained that there budget was not yet finalised, and suggested that it be discussed at the January meeting when it would out for consultation.

LB

9. StrettonDale LJC Funding Report

Members considered applications received for funding from the LJC. The Community Action Officer took the meeting through the report and representatives of the organisations seeking funding answered questions.

RESOLVED:

Organisation	Summary	Amount Agreed
Rushbury Millennium Green Trust	New strong oak bench at Millennium Green / Play area	£369
2 nd Church Stretton Guides	Funding towards purchase of outdoor equipment	£1000
Church Stretton Samurai Rugby Football Club	Funds towards new storage and training equipment.	£1500
Hope Bowdler Village Hall	Replace windows and faulty room heaters	£975
St Michael and All Angels Church	Upgrading of facilities to include; accessible toilet and refurbish vestry to allow for refreshments and wider community use.	£1000
Longnor Village Hall	Funds towards resurfacing of car park	£650.00
Long Mynd Gliding Club	Costs towards collision avoidance equipment	0
Strettons Area Wildlife Group	Costs of producing the annual report, costs of the AGM and some training on identification for the volunteers.	£100 – for training only
St Lawrence's Church	Funding is towards the costs of setting up the food bank and food parcels.	£1000 Towards capital set up costs only
All Stretton Village Society	Funding towards the provision of a public access community defibrillator	£350
Long Mynd Camera Club	Funding towards the costs of a laptop for their activities.	0
Church Stretton Town Council	Costs towards the upgrade the suitable street lights in the town to be part night lighting	0
Mayfair Community Centre – Ring and Ride	Funding towards annual costs of the ring and ride scheme	£2498

LB to process all grant payments

All funding for the financial year is now allocated.

10. Updates and Issues from the Parishes

Parish Council representatives updated the meeting on issues and events within their parish areas. This included the provision of local broadband solutions, drainage, wind turbines, parish planning, a new business forum in Church Stretton, the health and well-being centre and the proposal for an electric car charging point in the Town.

11. Flood Forum

Cllr Chapman gave an overview of the work of the flood team, and emergency planning unit and highlighted two completed projects in Ascot Close and on the A49.

Residents raised concerns about the state of the pathway at Ascot Close. Cllr Chapman agreed to report this in to the council.

LC

12. Commissioning Update

An update on the commissioning activity in Church Stretton was circulated for information.

13. Date of Next Meeting

It was noted that future meeting of the StrettonDale LJC would be held on: -

All to note

Thursday 23 January 2014, 7.00pm at the Silvester Horne Institute, Church Stretton.

The meeting closed at 9.30pm

Signed **Chairman**

Date: **2014**