



Committee and Date  
StrettonDale Local Joint  
Committee

22 May 2014

7.00pm  
Longnor Village Hall

Item

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Public

## **STRETTONDALE LOCAL JOINT COMMITTEE**

### **NOTE OF DECISIONS AND ACTIONS FROM THE MEETING HELD ON 22 MAY 2014 AT LONGNOR VILLAGE HALL 7.00 PM – 8.45 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

Cecilia Motley, Corvedale Electoral Division

##### Town/Parish Councils

Paul Harris, Leebotwood and Longnor Parish Council

Lynne Grey, Eaton-Under-Heywood and Hope Bowdler Parish Council

Mel McFarland, Rushbury Parish Council

Allan McVittie, All Stretton, Smethcott and Woolstaston Parish Council

Steve Pennington, Cardington Parish Council

Hilary Clayton-Smith, Church Stretton Town Council

#### **Co-opted members**

Richard Hubbard, StrettonDale Area Partnership

Also present: -

Chris Edwards, Area Commissioner, Shropshire Council

Kate Garner, Commissioning Manager, Shropshire Council

Tim Sneddon, Service Manager, Environmental Maintenance, Shropshire Council

Sgt Adrian Woolley, West Mercia Police

PCSO David Baron, West Mercia Police

Lisa Bedford, Community Engagement Officer Shropshire Council

There were approximately 15 members of the public present at the meeting.

**ACTION**

**1. Appointment of Chairman**

**RESOLVED:**

**That Cllr Tim Barker be appointed chairman for the year.**

**2. Apologies for absence and substitutions**

Apologies were received from; Nicola McPherson

**3. Appointment of Vice Chairman**

**RESOLVED:**

**That Cllr Mel McFarland be appointed vice chairman for the year.**

**4. Disclosable Pecuniary Interests**

None declared

**5. Notes of the Meeting held on 23 January 2014**

**AGREED:**

That the notes of the meeting held on 23 January 2014 be approved and signed as a correct record.

**TB/LB**

**6. Public Questions and Suggestions for Agenda Items for Future Meetings**

A question was raised as to whether transport could be considered for discussion at a future meeting which would include transport for all ages including college transport.

**7. Community Safety Update**

Sgt Woolley explained that crime trends were broadly similar across the LJC area and both policing divisions, with a small number of metal thefts, catalytic converters and other parts of landrovers, theft from vehicles and thefts from sheds.

WMP were continuing the stop check work on vehicles targeting metal theft and rogue traders. Speed checks were also taking place where capacity allowed.

Neighbourhood watch is being revitalised to be more responsive and able to deal in real time when crimes are taking place and also give feedback on results of investigations etc.

Volunteers are always welcomed either through becoming a 'special', or more traditional volunteers such as helping with research and office based projects to supporting operational work.

**Action:**

**AW to provide flyer around police volunteering to Eileen Roberts** **AW**

The crime reduction initiative was still continuing and all were encouraged to ensure their property is protected through locks, lights, smartwater etc.

A query was raised about the legality of enforcing a particular speed limit in Longville. Chris Edwards agreed to take that issue back to Shropshire Council and update at a future meeting **CE**

**8. The future role and operation of StrettonDale Local Joint Committee**

Cllrs Barker and Chapman led a discussion around the changes to LJC's and the opportunity to merge with the Local Governance Board which has been leading on the commissioning work in Church Stretton to date.

The governance board includes representatives from the council as well as other partners such as the police; voluntary sector, housing etc. It looked at evidence and intelligence and prototyped innovative new ways of working around aging well, in to employment and Stretton Pride, looking at the management of the communal / amenity spaces. The governance board now wants to widen its scope of reference but still looking to bring in time and resource against evidenced local need in a wider geography.

The LJC no longer has any funding and should look to how it can maximise the geographical buy in and potential from the parish representatives and link more closely with key partners.

The LJC would need to fulfil the current constitution which is 2 public meetings per year. But there could be flexibility around other meetings including wider partners to enable more collaborative working, building on trust and relationships. There could also be roles in terms of community consultation and place plan reviews on an annual basis.

It was also suggested that the geography may be enlarged to include some parishes to the north of the LJC area. It was agreed that in principle this would be acceptable as long as the revised geography was a fit with community identity of the StrettonDale area not just an administrative area from the council.

Questions and concerns raised by the audience included; more bodies being formed (the proposals would decrease the number of bodies). It was suggested that the area partnership may also be able to be incorporated if the members felt the LJC could meet their needs. It was also suggested that a terms of references would be useful.

All were in agreement that this should be explored further and brought back to a future meeting.

## **9. Church Stretton Town Plan**

Cllr Welch explained that the Town Council was in the process of developing its Town Plan for the next three years, in partnership with other organisations from the town. There would be community consultation being undertaken over the next two months with a draft plan available for consultation in the autumn.

## **10. Highways**

Tim Sneddon, Highways Manager from Shropshire Council gave an overview of the work of the Highways department.

There are no major schemes planned for the LJC area this financial year.

There were a number of questions raised including; winter gritting, pavement clearance, issues with landowners and hedge cutting, inspection of bridges and quality of workmanship on some recent repairs.

It was explained that winter pavement clearance was under review as it is not a specific duty of the council to keep them clear. All bridges are inspected annually. Mr Sneddon agreed to look into the quality of the workmanship at the repairs in Batch Valley in All Stretton and also the specific locations identified in relation to landowners not trimming hedges and verges.

Issues were raised by All Stretton and Cardington regarding hedges not being cut back.

## **11. Public assets review**

Cllr Chapman explained that there was a piece of working being undertaken through the Local Governance board with providers looking at services and assets in the town.

Cllr Chapman stressed that the library or the services delivered within it would not be closed.

**Tim  
Sneddon**

Further information would be provided as the work develops and community consultation will follow.

## **12. Updates from Parishes**

All Stretton, Smethcott and Woolstaston – currently issues around highways and planning enforcement.

Rushbury – Sewerage treatment plant now in operation

Eaton under Heywood and Hope Bowdler – Severn Trent undertaking works in the parish.

Leebotwood and Longnor – drainage issues in Longnor.

Cardington – nothing to report

Church Stretton – SamDev and 5 year land supply taking up a lot of time. Upcoming events on 31<sup>st</sup> May, Blues n Roots festival, 5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> June walking festival and 20<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> June Stretton Medieval Festival.

## **13. Flood Forum**

A hand out was circulated to all present regarding recent works and support available from the council.

All were asked to forward any local concerns to their Shropshire Councillor or Community Enablement Officer.

## **14. Future meeting arrangements**

The next meeting would take place in July.

Meeting closed at 8.45pm

**Signed..... Chairman**

**Date: 2014**