

**Craven Arms & Rural Local Joint Committee****Notes of Decisions and Actions of the Meeting Held at 7.00PM on Wednesday 4 June at Wistanstow Village Hall****Present:****Shropshire Council**

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

**Town/Parish Councils**

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| Andrew Pike      | Culmington Parish Council       |
| Richard Rallings | Munslow Parish Council          |
| Tony Willetts    | Craven Arms Town Council        |
| Mike Hardingham  | Clee St Margaret Parish Council |
| David Clarke     | Hopesay Parish Council          |
| Donald Brookes   | Abdon and Heath Parish Council  |
| David Bytheway   | Wistanstow Parish Council       |

**Co-opted Member**

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| Mark Trafford | Sibdon Carwood Parish Meeting |
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**Shropshire Council Officers**

Kate Garner, Locality commissioning Manager  
 Lisa Bedford, Senior Community Action Officer

**Other attendees:**

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| Valerie Meehan   | Grow, Cook, Learn            |
| John Stringer    | Grow, Cook, Learn            |
| Ann Sutcliffe    | SSHA                         |
| Rebecca Deakin   | SSHA                         |
| Neville Stephens | Craven Arms Area Youth Group |
| Rosemary Collie  | SSFS                         |
| Andrew Corbett   | Craven Arms Business Network |

**1. Appointment of chairman****ACTION**

Cllr David Evans was elected as chairman of the LJC for the coming year.

**2. Apologies for absence**

The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting. Apologies were received from Brian Norgrove [Hopton Cangeford and Stoke St Milborough PC], Caroline Magnus [Onibury PC], Mandy Fowler [Diddlebury Parish Council], Robin Gatehouse [Stanton Lacy Parish Council], Cllr Lee Chapman [Shropshire Council].

**3. Appointment of Vice Chair**

Mike Hardingham [Clee St Margaret Parish Council] was elected as Vice Chairman of the Local Joint Committee for the coming year.

**4. Disclosable Pecuniary Interests**

No interests were raised

**5. Notes of the meeting held on 19 March****RESOLVED:**

that the Notes of the meeting held on 19 March 2014 be approved as a correct record.

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**6. Public Question Time**

Craven Arms Business Network representative highlighted that the network was still operational and had an event coming up shortly.

**7. Future of Local Joint Committees**

Cllr Motley gave an overview of the current situation and opportunities regarding the Local Joint Committee.

It was explained that it is a changing landscape in terms of how council operates, moving towards being a commissioning council, alongside needing to save money. The current changes are looking to meet the needs of the residents of Shropshire by working together more efficiently.

These changes are an opportunity for the LJC to be at the forefront of this work at a locality level, putting ourselves forward to pilot new ways of working.

Cllr Motley explained that this session is to begin the work to look at what we know, what can we do and how can we make a difference in our area. This work may need to continue at another meeting.

The LJC may look and feel different going forwards but we will still operate within the existing constitution for the time being, including powers to co-opt

Possible roles for the LJC include:

- local decision making about services and assets and local commissioning
- co-ordinating the roles of parish councils and their strategic partners

- discussing and endorsing the contents of the Place Plan
- supporting and enabling the local delivery of the Place Plans – turning priorities into projects

Each parish representative outlined their parish plan or parish priorities. The meeting was then divided in to two and facilitated discussions took place with a plenary at the end of the session. Notes of this are attached in Appendix 1.

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

It was agreed to continue the discussions regarding the future working of the LJC at a closed meeting in July.

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The meeting closed at 9.00 p.m.