



<u>Committee and Date</u>	<u>Item No</u>
Albrighton Area Local Joint Committee  <b>5 February 2014</b>	Public

**NOTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 5 FEBRUARY 2014  
AT THE RED HOUSE, HIGH STREET, ALBRIGHTON**

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## Committee Members Present

Malcolm Pate	– Shropshire Council
Stuart West	– Shropshire Council
David Beechey	– Albrighton Parish Council
Rebecca Bennett-Casserly	– Boningale Parish Council
Fred Shelley	– Donington with Boscobel Parish Council
Peter Mycroft	– Tong Parish Council

**Officers present:**

Andrea McWilliams, Community Action Officer

**Also in attendance:**

Sgt Richard Bailey - West Mercia Police  
PC Nick Allbutt – West Mercia Police  
Paul Tulley - Shropshire Clinical Commissioning Group

## 1. Chairman's Introduction

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

## 2. Confirmation of Notes

RESOLVED: that the notes of the meeting held on 3rd July 2013 be approved and signed by the Chairman.

### 3. Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

None were disclosed

#### **4. Partners and Communities Together (PACT) – West Mercia Police and Shropshire Fire and Rescue Service**

PC Nick Allbutt updated the meeting on the latest crime statistics for the area. He highlighted the importance of reporting crime through 101 or in the event of an emergency 999 and reminded everyone of the twitter accounts available to follow shifnalcops, bridgnorthcops and southshropshirecops.

He advised that if he was invited and was on duty, he would attend parish council meetings if there was something specific to discuss. He also advised that he would attend the Albrighton Fayre in July as long as no other incidents occurred on the day.

Stuart West gave an update on behalf of the Shropshire Fire and Rescue Service to say that until the level of government grant was known there would be no decision on

closing stations. He assured the meeting that every effort was being made to limit the cuts for Shropshire.

#### **5. Clinical Services Review – Update from Paul Tulley, Shropshire CCG**

Paul Tulley updated the meeting on the ongoing review of clinical services for Shropshire. The review would look at a range of issues and would take into account future changes in population. Public consultation would be on-going throughout the process and he confirmed that this time next year they would have a better view of long term need. He confirmed that capital investment would be needed. Members of the committee and public agreed that access to services in such rural locations needed to be seriously addressed.

#### **6. Broadband – Connecting Shropshire Newsletter 2013**

Noted, that Albrighton would be one of the first villages to get connected to superfast broadband.

#### **7. Funding Applications Summary**

**RESOLVED:** that the following applications be approved:

Donington & Albrighton Nature Reserve	581.00
Albrighton & district Historical Society	610.00
2497 (Cosford) Squadron Air Training Corps	2000.00
Albrighton & District Footpaths Group	600.00
Say Yes, Shifnal & Albrighton Christian Youth Project	350.00
Albrighton Village Halls Trust	1950.00
Albrighton Patient Participation Group	371.50
Albrighton Arts & Heritage Forum	600.00
Albrighton Fayre Committee	500.00
Albrighton Traders' Association – Shopwatch Radio Link Scheme	250.00

#### **8. Other issues of concern raised at the meeting**

**Dog Fouling** – some concern was expressed about additional signage being required at Donington Nature Reserve. Concern was also expressed about there being only one Dog Warden for the whole of south Shropshire – ACTION complaint to be forwarded to the Street Scene Service.

**Council Tax correspondence** – a member of the public raised a concern about the generic nature of correspondence received from the Council Tax and Benefits Services and that it would be preferable to have contact details of more local offices and stamped addressed envelopes should be available – ACTION complaint to be passed to the Benefits Service.

**Shropshire Council budgets** - following concern being expressed about the state of the roads in Albrighton, the Chairman explained that cash flow was currently limited as there was a spending freeze in place. The public were assured that the contractors were being challenged about any apparent reduction in quality of work. The Chairman also explained that Shropshire Council was working towards being a commissioning authority and were working towards delivering services in a different way.

**STAR Housing** - noted that George Evans was now a voluntary representative on the tenants groups within the south east area.