

Craven Arms & Rural Local Joint Committee**NOTES OF DECISIONS AND ACTIONS OF THE MEETING HELD AT 7.00PM ON WEDNESDAY 19 NOVEMBER 2014 AT ONIBURY VILLAGE HALL****Present:****Shropshire Council**

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

Town/Parish Councils

Mandy Fowler	Diddlebury Parish Council
Robin Gatehouse	Stanton Lacy Parish Council
Richard Rallings	Munslow Parish Council
Tony Willetts	Craven Arms Town Council
Mike Hardingham	Clee St Margaret Parish Council
Donald Brooks	Abdon and Heath Parish Council
David Bytheway	Wistanstow Parish Council

Co-opted Member

Mark Trafford	Sibdon Carwood Parish Meeting
Anne Sutcliffe	SHG
Jean Jarvis	CasCA
Neville Stephens	Craven Arms Area Youth Group

Shropshire Council Officers

Lisa Bedford, Senior Community Enablement Officer
Ian Kilby, Head of Planning Services

There were approximately 10 members of the public present at the meeting.

1. Welcome and apologies

The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting. Apologies were received from Brian Norgrove [Hopton Cangeford and Stoke St Milborough PC], Andrew Pike [Culmington PC], Caroline Magnus [Onibury PC], Rebecca Deakin [SHG]

2. Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

No interests were raised

3. Notes of the meeting held on 4 June 2014**RESOLVED:**

that the Notes of the meeting held on 4 June 2014 be approved as a correct record.

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4. **Public Question Time**

A member of the audience asked questions and made comments regarding the railways station at Craven Arms as a member of the Craven Arms Rail Users Association. It was suggested that this could be considered in the future as an agenda item at a public meeting.

5. **Community Safety Update**

PC Preston gave an update regarding the Safer Neighbourhood Team and the crime in the area. There is currently one CSO and one police officer based in the Church Stretton and Craven Arms area, all based at Church Stretton police station. This is due to some vacancies that have arisen which have not been filled as yet. But there are also volunteers and special constables supporting their work.

Crime statistics at a local level are now available at www.police.uk

Overall there is a decrease in crime and ASB in the local area, although there are still incidents of shed / outbuildings being broken in to, oil, catalytic converters and metal theft.

Stop check activity in partnership with other agencies to target rouge traders are still continuing. Recent activity has been in Bishop's Castle and Craven Arms.

6. **Co-option on partners on to the Local Joint Committee**

Following on from the discussions over the previous 5 months regarding the future role and operation of the LJC, the proposals to co-opt key local partners were discussed.

AGREED:

It was agreed by those present to co-opt the following organisations on to the LJC with immediate effect:

SSHA, CasCA, Business Network, West Mercia Police, Craven Arms Area Youth Group, Grow Cook Learn.

7. **Planning**

Ian Kilby (Head of Planning Services, Shropshire Council) gave an overview of the current situation with regards to planning in Shropshire. The information is included in Appendix A.

There were a number of questions and comments from the audience which included:

- Concerns regarding the planning committee consideration of an application for affordable housing in Sibdon Carwood where committee members were not given objection letters in advance.
- Concern from Parish Councils wanting to see development in their

parish, supporting local applications only for them to be turned down and the location is deemed unsustainable.

- Queries regarding the weight given to comments in relation to the AONB.
- Requests were made to see and decrease in the time allowed for approvals to begin.
- Requests made for more notice to be taken of Parish Councils.

Ian Kilby explained he was to visit the MP with responsibility for planning with Mal Price (Portfolio Holder). Any further suggestions to be put forward to be emailed through to the Community Enablement Officer to be forwarded on.

8. Place Plans and CIL

An overview of place plans was given (see presentation Appendix B) and the change in the annual review process was explained. It was agreed that the LJC would look at the collective responses from all of the parishes in the spring to identify any common issues that could be looked at collectively.

It was agreed to defer the discussion around the Community Infrastructure Levy until a future meeting on account of the time.

9. Youth Commissioning

Cllr Motley gave an overview of the policy behind the plans to commission out the youth service currently delivered by Shropshire Council from April next year (See Appendix C).

For the Craven Arms LJC area, this change will directly affect the Girls Group based weekly at the Community Centre.

Craven Arms LJC has been allocated £3000 per year to commission youth activity. This funding has been allocated based on the levels of rurality in the area, and any provision would need to be promoted to those rural areas, although it could be based in the town. The aim was to complete the commissioning of youth activities by April so there is no gap in youth provision.

AGREED:

It was agreed to ask the newly co-opted Craven Arms Area Youth Group to look at the details of this and report back to the LJC next year with regards to possible ways forward. Any member of the LJC would be able to attend this meeting to contribute to this work as a task and finish approach would be taken.

The matter would be discussed again at the Business Meeting of the LJC in January.

10. Parishes/Community Update

Parish and Town Council representatives provided an update on local issues and local news updates.

Abdon and Heath – Don Brooks – the parish plan survey is currently out with residents to seek their views.

Wistanstow – David Bytheway – planning issues are taking up a lot of time. The village hall is continuing to arrange a number of successful events.

Munslow PC – Richard Rallings – concerns about traffic flow in the parish and looking into what can be done regarding empty properties.

Diddlebury PC – Mandy Fowler – ongoing issues regarding the shared car park at the village hall between the school, PC, Church and Village Hall.

Stanton Lacy – Robin Gatehouse – parish plan survey is currently out with residents for completion.

Clee St Margaret – Mike Hardingham – the PC are looking in to purchasing a defibrillator

Sibdon Carwood PM - Mark Trafford – issues regarding the planning application and committee process for the affordable housing in

11. Flood Forum

An update from the flood team at the council was handed out at the meeting regarding local activity and where to access support.

12. Date/Time of next meeting

The next planning meeting would be in January and the public meeting is scheduled for the 25th February at a venue in Craven Arms.

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The meeting closed at 9.15 p.m.