



Longden, Ford and
Rea Valley Local Joint
Committee

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**LONGDEN FORD AND REA VALLEY LOCAL JOINT COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 21.07.14
HANWOOD VILLAGE HALL
7.00 – 9.35pm**

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Committee Members Present:

David Leeson	Minsterley Parish Council
Bill Clyne	Ford Parish Council
Roger Evans	Shropshire Council
John Fox	Great Hanwood Parish Council
Neil Evans	Longden Parish Council
John Pritchard	Pontesbury Parish Council
Tudor Bebb	Shropshire Council (Chair)

Officers present:

Neil Wilcox, Local Commissioning Manager
David Fairclough, Community Action Officer
Chris Lloyd-Gwillam, Shropshire Fire & Rescue
Claire Cox, Economic Growth commissioning

There were ten members of the public present.

1. Election of Chairperson

The outgoing Chair Tudor Bebb nominated Cllr Roger Evans as Chair; this was seconded by Neil Evans. All were in favour.

The new Chair wished to place on record his thanks to Cllr Bebb for Chairing the LJC for the past year. Cllr Evans then nominated Cllr Bebb as vice-chair. This was seconded by Bill Clyne. All were in favour

2. Welcomes and apologies for absence

Minsterley Parish Councillor Geoff Brown and P.C Jon Summerfield

3. Substitutions

David Leeson substituting for Geoff Brown

4. Declarations of Interest

No declarations were recorded.

5. Notes of Last Meeting

Cllr Bebb mentioned an alteration for misspelling. The new correct minutes need to be signed by Cllr Evans following the meeting.

6. Fire Service Update

The fire service has had another resignation from the service; however a new person is currently in training. Currently 13 still serving from Minsterley. There have been recent incidents of Barns catching fire. No causes have yet to be determined.

Brigade – are pushing the online consultation. The Fire Chief was on radio and TV discussing - Shaping Your Service, 2020 in which £900,000 needs to be saved from fire service budgets. There is potential for the Control room to move from Shrewsbury to Worcester. The Fire services are still looking for volunteers in the area for day cover.

TB Question: What is the potential for the Fire Station in Minsterley to close?

Answer: No likelihood that Minsterley will close as things stand as the station is not in the 4 earmarked savings stations.

7. Community Road Safety partnership

Rod Lake, Traffic management advisor for West Midlands Police gave a presentation regarding Community Speed Watch. The scheme isn't new but for West Mercia and Safer Roads partnership it is relatively new. In West Mercia something similar happened in Shifnal historically.

CSW has been raised again by Bill Longmore PCC. The running will come under the safer roads partnership. At the moment, there are two pilot schemes in Worcs and Hereford and early indications are that they're running OK. Intention is to introduce it force-wide this year.

The CSW Scheme involves trained volunteers, at least 3 per trip out. All kit and training provided by West Mercia Police. Notices can be sent out to the perpetrators of speeding but not convictions.

Locations the CRSP would have to investigate to ensure CSW volunteers would remain safe. 30/40mph speed limit zones. Min 6 volunteers, min 3 expected to carry out a check (health and safety reasons). All data - given to local Police and they'd do the admin behind this, e.g. letters.

CSW should be classed as another string to the bow, but not the only tool to be used. Pilot scheme doing well but will always need volunteers, perhaps 1 hr per week.

Q: Our LJC Area wishes to apply - How will this work?

A: Publicity launch and communities can apply via website or through local Policing teams. It must fit the criteria.

Q: Pilots – Will the Community Support Officer have to be with volunteers?

A: No - Just volunteers

Q: Cost:

A) None - All gear can be kept at local volunteers house (the radars) and will be provided by West Mercia Police.

Q) How many lots of equipment will Shropshire get?

A) All groups will get one unit per group, unless they wish to share. In total, 10 schemes will exist throughout West Mercia, with perhaps Shropshire getting 2-3 schemes if they fit the criteria.

Q: Volunteers must restrict themselves to just speed?

A: Yes - can't check mobile phones etc

Q: Volunteers won't be able to prosecute the speeders. If speeder drives through many times?

A: Speed, Time, Location, Reg plate all noted - And Then Police will send out the letters. 1) Letter, 2nd offense - a stern letter, 3rd time a visit from the Police.

8. West Mid Ambulance Service - Defibrillators

Cliff Dorricott, Community Response Manager gave a presentation to the LJC regarding defibrillators

There are over 140,000 out of hospital cardiac arrests in the UK. 80 - 90% of these attacks can be helped by using defibrillators. The WMAS offer 4hr training course & 2hr refresher courses to train residents in using defibrillators.

Q. What is a resident hurts someone?

A. Following a cardiac arrest the patient is already not alive hence needing to use the machine. Therefore, what's the worst that can happen?

The community defibrillators battery will last for 4years. The machine costs £800 with a 7 year guarantee and batteries can be replaced within 24hrs for £125-136

Q. Councillors have heard that boxes are expensive to store the machines in?

A. There are many companies who offer various styles. The WMAS are happy with any box, with a lock that can be opened by members of the community. They don't have to be expensive.

Q. What about graffiti and young people messing about with the machines?

A. Since 2008 only one machine has been interfered with, and so at present this is not deemed to be an issue.

Statement from the public: I think this is an excellent idea and something the Parishes and LJC should be looking to introduce.

Q: Who has to buy the machines?

A: All communities will go about it in a different way. Most have raised money and have had support from British Heart Foundation in the form of subsidy for £400

Q) What's the biggest community barrier to being a volunteer?

A) Fear and training. The more people can see the machines, see they're easy to use and have access to training, MWAS hope to remove the fear from residents.

Q) How many volunteers would be needed?

A) Start with 6 or 10 and then continue to grow from there.

9. The Future of the Local Joint Committee

Neil Wilcox, Commissioning Manager at Shropshire Council gave a presentation about the future role of LJC's.

All LJC's have missed having the grant funding, although contrary to this, some LJC's don't miss funding as it had changed them in to something they didn't want originally intend to be.

Strategically - The idea and approach of local commissioning has taken off. The opportunity for communities is to identify the priorities and how communities can take control and solve these issues. The LJC's will be able to look at all assets the local community has - and look at how further coordination of this can benefit residents. More designs need to be given locally and therefore more money too.

LJC's are the best starting point for these discussions and will be given the delegated authority to spend money. CET will continue to enable the community to help develop action plans etc. e.g. through the place plans. Shropshire Council is committed to this idea.

An example of locality commissioning is where the LJC's can do the speed watch scheme and point out where the best place for the cameras to go etc. The first pilot scheme is likely to be Young People

10. Economic Growth Pilot

Claire Cox presented at the LJC about a Shropshire Council project in economic growth.

In mid-March the authority asked the question 'How can we deliver economic growth Shropshire Wide'. This question has led to prototyping in 7 weeks in Minsterley & Pontesbury area. The team will be based in Pontesbury youth centre for the next seven weeks.

JP: Pleased to see it happening but frustrated that it's happening now in the School holidays.

All: Agree

Claire: Agreed, however, due to timescales set by management this was necessary to do.

11. Shared funding proposal

The clerk at Longden wasn't sure the LJC could do this under section 137

DF read out a reply from Karen Roper - Area secretary of ALC who stated it could technically be done, however it would need the agreement of all concerned.

Ford & Pontesbury Parish Council's agree in principle to the idea, subject to the potential process.

Longden, Hanwood & Minsterley would like to explore this further with their Clerks and other parish councillors.