



Committee and Date

Market Drayton and Rural Areas  
Local Joint Committee

23<sup>rd</sup> March 2015

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## MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 2<sup>ND</sup> MARCH 2015

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**Present:** John Cadwallader (Chair), David Minnery, Roger Hughes, Paul Wynn Stephen Clifford, Marius Coulon, Peter Eardley, Richard Wright, Chris Mackie and 14 members of the public

### 1. **Apologies for Absence and Substitutions**

Apologies for absence were received

### 2. **Pecuniary Interests**

Members were reminded not to participate in the discussion if they had a disclosable pecuniary interest and to leave the room prior to the debate.

### 3. **Presentation and to receive a recommendation from the LJC on Commissioning of Youth Activities**

Market Drayton has been awarded £24,060 to commission group youth activities for 10-19 year olds (25 year olds with learning disabilities) based on an assessment of need. Eight measures were used to calculate the allocation of funds including the number of young people living in the most deprived areas, recorded offenders, poor school attendance, those referred to social care in one year and incidents of ASB. Shropshire Youth Association in partnership with Energize will support community based youth organisations.

The Outcomes are based on the Shropshire Children's Trust

- Ensuring all children and young people are safe and well looked after in a supportive environment
- Narrowing the achievement gap in education and work
- Ensuring emotional wellbeing of children and young people by focusing on prevention and early intervention
- Keeping more children healthy and reducing health inequalities

Existing youth club activity – Market Drayton Youth Centre – two sessions per week Tuesday and Friday – very well attended.

The Market Drayton Youth Centre is currently on the community asset transfer list. Shropshire Council will meet the running costs of the building for the next 12 months.

The committee members have attended youth club sessions, undertaken a consultation with members of the youth club and School Council of the Grove School

There will be a six week public consultation following the LJC recommendation.

The proposal to the Market Drayton and Rural Area LJC Recommendation was:-

That the budget of £24,060 be used to:-

1. Commission a minimum of 2 evening youth club sessions per week (term time only) targeted at those young people of highest need
2. Provide targeted outreach work to address need
3. Provide a small grant scheme for youth clubs in the area administered by the LJC committee

Questions asked:

1. How is the LJC advertised? Press releases, Drayton Crier Facebook Site, email invitation to 90 plus invitees, personal invite to Youth Club and School.
2. What is the Shropshire Council budget saving by undertaking Youth Commissioning? £500k
3. What is the age range of the Friday youth session? The age range is 10 – 19 years and not 14 – 19 years as stated
4. Shropshire Council will meet the running costs of the Youth Centre for 12 months, what happens after that time? It is hoped a new organisation will take over the running of the building.
5. What happens in year two. This will depend on the successful applicant for the youth work contract. We can award a contract up until the 31<sup>st</sup> March 2016, we can award a contract for 12 months from commencement of contract or we can award a 2 year contract to a successful provider. At present I do not have a definitive answer to this question. The Shropshire Council funding for Youth Commissioning is for two years.

***An amendment to the above recommendation was put forward to reflect the need to understand the costs of the youth sessions before we can consider the feasibility of recommendation point 2 and 3. The amended recommendation was seconded:-***

***It was proposed that:***

**That the Market Drayton and Rural Local Joint Committee should commission cover for 2 evening youth club sessions per week in Market Drayton to run from 1<sup>st</sup> July 2015 until 31<sup>st</sup> March 2016.**

The recommendation was carried 7 votes in favour, 1 against and 1 abstention.

## **12. Future Agenda Items**

The Chairman referred to the pro forma's that had been circulated at the meeting, so that people could complete and return to officers, if they wished to suggest a future agenda item.

**13. Dates of Future LJC Meetings**

**Our next LJC Meeting will be on the 25<sup>th</sup> March 2015 at Adderley Village Hall 7:00 pm –**

Future Dates for 2015-2016 to be agreed and circulated.

**CHAIRMAN .....**

**DATE .....**