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Committee and Date  
StrettonDale Local Joint  
Committee

12 February

7.00pm

Rushbury Village Hall

Item

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## **STRETTONDALE LOCAL JOINT COMMITTEE**

### **NOTE OF DECISIONS AND ACTIONS FROM THE MEETING HELD ON 12 FEBRUARY 2015 AT RUSHBURY VILLAGE HALL 7.00 PM – 8.45 PM**

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#### **Committee Members Present:**

Shropshire Council

Lee Chapman, Church Stretton and Craven Arms Electoral Division

#### Town/Parish Councils

Paul Harris, Leebotwood and Longnor Parish Council

Lynne Grey, Eaton-Under-Heywood and Hope Bowdler Parish Council

Mel McFarland, Rushbury Parish Council

Jeremy Dale, All Stretton, Smethcott and Woolstaston Parish Council

Steve Pennington, Cardington Parish Council

Hilary Claytonsmith, Church Stretton Town Council

Lee Crowhurst, Conover Parish Council

Gareth Ball, Acton Burnell Group Parish Council

Richard Hubbard, StrettonDale Area Partnership

#### Co-opted members

Nicola McPherson (SAP and Mayfair), Mike Walker (CSTC), Dianne Williams (SSHA),

Also present: -

PC Damon Preston, West Mercia Police

PCSO Lisa Thomas, West Mercia Police

Lisa Bedford, Community Enablement Officer, Shropshire Council

There were approximately 12 members of the public present at the meeting.

#### **1. Welcome and apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from Cllr Cecilia Motley (Shropshire

Council), Michael Braid (Church Stretton Town Council), Cllr Tim Barker (Shropshire Council), Cllr David Evans (Shropshire Council), Bob Welch (CSTC)

**2. Disclosable Pecuniary Interests**

None declared

**3. Notes of the Meeting held on 6 November 2014**

**AGREED:**

That the notes of the meeting held on 6 November 2014 be approved and signed as a correct record.

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**4. Public Question Time**

No questions were raised.

All were asked to let the Community Enablement Officer have any suggestions for future topics to be considered.

**5. Community Safety Update**

PC Preston explained that crime trends were still low. The three months from 21<sup>st</sup> October to 21<sup>st</sup> January showed:

38 recorded crimes  
16 reports of Anti-social behaviour  
38 reports or concern for welfare  
216 overall incidents reported to police

Recent work undertaken by the team includes:

- Educational and preventative work at the schools
- Supporting countywide roll out of crime reduction campaign
- Regular PACT meetings – Weds 25<sup>th</sup> March Mayfair Centre

The two fatal collisions on the A49 in December are still being investigated.

A question was raised regarding Speedwatch. It was explained that the locations have to be assessed against criteria and calculations as to whether or not it is suitable for Community Speedwatch.

A question was also raised regarding the number of calls regarding concern for welfare. PC Preston explained that these were commonly due to dementia; not taking correct medication etc and the police are called to support.

**6. The Care Act**

Ruth Houghton – (Head of Social Care, Efficiency and Improvement) from Shropshire Council gave an overview of the Care Act which comes into effect on April 2014, with some further changes on financial proposals in April 15.

A copy of the presentation is attached

Key change include:

- support for carers – now on an equal footing with those they care for,
- continuity of care across the whole country with improved inter county working
- statutory duty around prevention
- safeguarding requirements – duty to make enquiries if suspect abuse
- 2016 changes are around funding and are not confirmed as yet

Ruth offered to attend the meeting again once further details of the 2016 changes were know.

## **7. Youth Commissioning in the StrettonDale LJC area**

Cllr Chapman gave an overview of this new approach to youth service.

From April 2015 there will be a change in how council supported youth activities are delivered across the county. The proposal is that the commissioning of services will be based on need and will be commissioned by locality through the LJC's. Those areas with highest need get the most funding, StrettonDale area gets an allocation of £3000 due to its rural location.

The following recommendations were unanimously approved:

- A That the StrettonDale Local Joint Committee seeks to use its funding of £3000 to provide grant support to the numerous voluntary sector organisations in the StrettonDale LJC area. to deliver better outcomes for young people including those potentially disadvantaged by living in rural locations in the year 2015 - 2016
- B The LJC will form a sub group, which will be opened up to key stakeholders following approval of this report, to develop the detailed youth commissioning intentions and the process for awarding grants.
- C The youth survey undertaken as part of the Youth Board pilot project in 2014 is considered and used as appropriate in terms of providing evidence of youth engagement and priorities.

- D The LJC continues to support and consult with youth representatives and young people through the Community Enablement Officer and the recently established Youth Stakeholder meetings.

Outcomes that will have to be demonstrated are:

- i) Ensuring all Children and Young People are safe and well looked after in a supportive environment
- ii) Narrowing the achievement gap in education and work
- iii) Ensuring emotional wellbeing of Children and Young People by focusing on prevention and early intervention
- iv) Keeping more Children and Young People healthy and reducing health inequalities

All beneficiaries will also have to comply with the required safeguarding protocols.

## **8. The future of the services delivered from the library building in Church Stretton**

Cllr Chapman updated the meeting regarding the library building and the services it houses. He explained there is currently a 6 week formal consultation on proposal to relocate the library to the school. Information and response forms are available from the library, town council office, leisure centre and mayfair or online at the council's website – get involved pages and search for church Stretton library round 2. The deadlines for comments is the 16<sup>th</sup> March.

The final decision will be made by Steve Charmley the relevant Portfolio holder.

Visitor information relocation to a town centre location in partnership with a local organisation is progressing. There have been expressions of interest already for delivering this.

The Council customer information service relocation to the Town Council and Mayfair is also being planned ready for implementation in the coming months.

Concerns were raised by members of the public regarding the loss of trained visitor information staff, the security of the school going forwards and the benefits that the school will gain.

## **9. Updates from Parishes**

Rushbury – 40 mph speed limit buffers being investigated and speed check work in Longville and Wall

Eaton under Heywood and Hope Bowdler – issues with planning and recent solar farm application

Cardington – issues with litter on the approach to the village, believed to be locals. Concerns also about hedges not being trimmed properly by landowners and unfortunately they had not received much support from Shropshire Council.

All Stretton, Smethcott and Woolstaston – currently issues around planning, linked to holiday accommodation.

Leebotwood and Longnor – a village tidy contractor has been appointing and this is working really well in the parish. Traffic issues with the local anaerobic digester and ongoing road drainage issues.

Acton Burnell group – concerns raised by the PC regarding planning permissions. Also issues with policing, Parish Council to meet with the PCC regarding the lack of response to local thefts.

Church Stretton – Rectory wood transfer is ongoing. Needs assessment of the playing field requirements is being undertaken alongside looking at the pavilion and changing requirements. Planning application for 12 dwellings on the wetlands and an extension for comments on the New House Farm until 23<sup>rd</sup> February as new documents had been provided.

#### **10. Flood Forum**

A hand out was circulated to all present regarding recent works and support available from the council.

All were asked to forward any local concerns to their Shropshire Councillor or Community Enablement Officer.

#### **11. Future meeting arrangements**

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> June, 7pm, Venue - Pitchford Village Hall, SY5 7DP

Meeting closed at 8.45pm

**Signed..... Chairman**

**Date: 2015**