

CRAVEN ARMS & RURAL LOCAL JOINT COMMITTEE**NOTES OF DECISIONS AND ACTIONS OF THE MEETING HELD AT 7.00PM ON WEDNESDAY 27 FEBRUARY 2015 AT THE DISCOVERY CENTRE, CRAVEN ARMS****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
Paul Smith	Munslow Parish Council
David Bytheway	Wistanstow Parish Council
Brian Norgrove	Hopton Cangeford and Stoke St Milborough PC
Andrew Pike	Culmington PC
Jill Owen	Onibury PC
Gary Huse	Hopesay PC

Co-opted Members

Mark Trafford	Sibdon Carwood Parish Meeting
Anne Sutcliffe	Shropshire Housing Group
Neville Stephens	Craven Arms Area Youth Group

Officers in attendance

Lisa Bedford, Senior Community Enablement Officer, Shropshire Council
 Sgt Adrian Woolley, West Mercia Police
 Mike Sharon – NHS
 Sian Sansome - NHS

There were approximately 15 members of the public present at the meeting.

1. Welcome and apologies

The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting. Apologies were received from Caroline Magnus [Onibury PC], Rebecca Deakin [SHG]

2. Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

Neville Stephens declared a personal interest in item 7 as chairman of Craven Arms Area Youth Forum.

3. Notes of the meeting held on 19 November 2014**RESOLVED:**

that the Notes of the meeting held on 19 November 2014 be approved as a correct record.

ACTION**LB**

4. **Public Question Time**

Ray Hughes from Shropshire Council gave a brief overview of a proposal to create a 200m inclusive cycle track at the Discovery Centre. Flyers were circulated and comments were requested to be sent back to ray.hughes@shropshire.gov.uk

5. **Community Safety Update**

Sgt Woolley explained that overall, crime in the area remained low. There had been some thefts of landrovers in nearby areas as well as house breaks. He explained that the police are developing an initiative to protect empty properties as these have a higher chance of being targeted. They would be working with estate agents, care homes, council social services etc to increase awareness of protecting properties as soon as they are vacant (holidays, hospital, into care homes etc). Products will be made available for people to purchase or loan in some cases to try and prevent incidents occurring.

It was also explained that new tools and powers to tackle anti-social behaviour came in to force from last October. A handout summarising these was distributed (Appendix A), and further information is available from the council's website <https://www.shropshire.gov.uk/crime-and-criminal-justice/anti-social-behaviour/>.

A question was asked regarding enforcement of responsible dog ownership. It was suggested that the Parish Council contacts Kate Adams from the Streetscene Team.

6. **Future Fit, healthcare in Shropshire**

Mike Sharon from the NHS gave an overview of the Future Fit programme and the options being considered for Shropshire (Appendix B).

Future fit is about providing people with the highest standard of healthcare that is sustainable and safe across the board from self-care to acute and emergency hospital care.

A short list of options is being further developed currently with preferred options to be agreed in July, further consultation will be undertaken for the remainder of the year.

Emergency care centres (ECC) would treat blue light emergencies only and an emergency treatment centre (ETC) would sit in front of the ECC for other emergencies. The NHS is looking at Ludlow and Bridgnorth as possible Urgent Care Centres (UCC) which would be open 16 hours per day, 7 days per week.

Other rural areas such as the Scottish Highlands are being looked at in terms of their approach, which includes a higher level of training for GP's to be able to deliver more services.

The options developed will be scored based on benefits of each, accessibility will be used as a key measure.

Questions and concerns were raised from the audience including:

- Distance from Telford
- What will the rural urgent care centres look like and offer, and where will they be?
- Ambulance response times need to be factored in to these decisions
- How will the public know where to go for what situation?
- Will there be more ambulances to deal with these changes?

The Chairman thanked Mike Sharon for his presentation and asked that the meeting be kept informed of progress.

7. **Youth Commissioning**

Cllr Chapman gave an overview of the policy behind the plans to commission out the youth service currently delivered by Shropshire Council from next year financial 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 (or grant aid) 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.

Any activity would need to meet the following outcomes and meet the safeguarding requirements :

- 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 and Young People healthy and reducing health inequalities

AGREED:

- A That the Craven Arms and Rural Local Joint Committee seeks to use its funding of £3000 to provide support to youth club**

provision, adhoc diversionary activity and a small grant pot to deliver better outcomes for young people including those potentially disadvantaged by living in rural locations in the years 2015 - 2017

- B The LJC will work alongside the Craven Arms Area Youth Group, 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 That the LJC continues to support and consult with youth representatives and young people through the Community Enablement Officer and the youth partnership, specifically those young people and parents/guardians potentially affected by the intended approach.**

Further implementation details will be discussed at the next business meeting and subsequent public meeting.

8. Parishes/Community Update

Parish and Town Council representatives and co-opted members provided an update on local issues and local news updates.

Wistanstow – David Bytheway – road closure of B4370 at Marshbrook until 2nd March. The PC is adopting a phone box kiosk at Bushmoor. The solar farm planning application has also been high on the agenda.

Munslow PC – Paul Smith – concerns about traffic in the parish, particular Aston Munslow.

Diddlebury PC – Mandy Fowler – Village Hall is through to the next stage of lottery funding to renew the hall. Business plans and details will now be developed.

Hopesay – Gary Huse – PC now appointing someone to carry out grass cutting in the parish. Issues around dog fouling and using shop bin to dispose of waste which has issues for the shop. A survey revealed that residents did not wish for the precept to be used to install a dog waste bin.

Stoke St Milborough – Brian Norgrove – speeding issues along the main road from Ludlow to Burwarton particularly from motorbikes. It was a possibility that the enforcement work along the Corvedale could have diverted the problem. It was suggested to approach Shropshire Council for advice regarding measures to be taken and signage.

Hopesay / Sibdon Carwood - speed restrictions at Long Meadow end had

made a real difference.

Onibury – Jill Owen – weekend closure of A49 had caused significant problems in terms of the use of back roads, inconvenience and the litter left from the contractors was an issue, which has been reported to Shropshire Council. There was also very short advance notice. Better signage should be in place.

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.

Relief drainage works at the railway bridge have taken place at Park lane.

Any flooding issues to be reported to flood@shropshire.gov.uk or to your local member or community enablement officer.

12. Date/Time of next meeting

The next planning meeting would be in May and the public meeting is scheduled for the 24th June, venue TBC

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The meeting closed at 9.00 p.m.