

NOTE OF DECISIONS AND ACTIONS ARISING FROM THE GOBOWEN, SELATTYN, ST MARTINS & WESTON RHYN LOCAL JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 16TH JUNE 2015 AT 7.00 PM AT ALL SAINTS CHURCH HALL, GOBOWEN

7.00 p.m. – 8.00 p.m.

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Present:

Members of the Committee: Cllr Robert Macey, Cllr David G Lloyd, Cllr John Stevens, Cllr Sara Heap
Officers: Corrie Davies

There were approximately 25 members of the public at the meeting.

ACTION

1. Election of Chair

The Committee were asked for nomination for Chair. Cllr David Lloyd nominated Cllr Robert Macey noting that it was important for the continuation of work around youth commissioning. Corrie asked the committee if there were any other nominations. There were none and the vote was unanimous.

2. Appointment of Vice Chairman

Cllr Robert Macey asked the committee for nominations for Vice Chair. Cllr Lloyd proposed John Stevens as the Parish representative for St Martins.

Welcome and Introduction from the Chairman

Cllr Robert Macey delegated to Cllr Lloyd. Cllr Lloyd explained that there were two important agenda items with reference to Gobowen Library, in which positive discussions were taking place and as a community library he was very keen to see develop. Cllr Lloyd noted that the committee would be updating on youth commissioning work.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Angela Bright from Weston Rhyn Parish Council and Cllr Steve Davenport

3. Disclosure Pecuniary Interests

Members are reminded that they must not participate in the discussion or voting on any matter in which they have a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest and should leave the room prior to the commencement of the debate.

4. Notes of the Previous Meeting

AGREED: That the notes of the meeting held on 26th March 2015 were approved. Confirmed: Cllr David Lloyd Seconded: Cllr John Stevens

5. PARTNERS AND COMMUNITIES TOGETHER

West Mercia Representative Dave Roberts updated on local policing issues in the area. There had been four or five fires started on scrub land with suspicion that this was young people. Dave asked that anyone with suspicions that they call in on 999.

An Operation Ardant was in process where local residents had been scanned. An investigation of scans via landline where claims had been made that they are a DC from Holborn. There were a reported 200 incidents. The majority of these cases had been realised has scans but it was important that local residents were diligent and aware. There seemed to be particular links to those with the surname Smith and Williams.

Corrie asked Dave if there were any further incidents around Whittington where some local residents had been conned out of money by a gentleman offering gardening services. Dave reported there had been a number of residents in that area and again important for local people to be aware.

Sue Schofield from St Martins asked the police what they were doing to tackle speeding in St Martins. Dave noted that it was a big area to cover with limited staffing. Sue asked if there were any plans to carry out community speed watch for example. Sue referenced safety around the school and that showing presence there particularly helped. Cllr David Lloyd highlighted issues around speeding in Gobowen and at Moors Bank. He asked if it would be possible to request the Safer Roads Partnership to be in the area. Cllr Lloyd noted works to be carried out at Gledrid and ensuring that this too was safe for local people.

Sue heard asked that thanks be extended to the police for their support to St Martins Youth Club. Dave noted the excellent work that they do at the youth club and congratulated the club.

6. Update on Youth Commissioning of the LJC area

Cllr Macey updated on youth commissioning for the area explaining that at the last meeting the Committee agreed their recommendations for youth commissioning in the Gobowen, St

Martins, Weston Rhyn and Selattyn area. The committee would be opening to applications for contract or grant on the 22nd of June with a closing date of the 10th of July. The committee would then be meeting week commencing the 13th of July to make recommendations on applications and involvement of young people in that process would be important. The hope would be to then be sending out offer letters or contractual agreements at the end of July with commencement of new provision and grants at the start of September. Cllr Robert Macey noted highlighted need for provision in Weston Rhyn that does not currently have a youth club. There was the need for a couple of volunteers to help with getting this going supported by Andy Rimmer from the Big Local and asked that those with an interest get in touch.

Cllr Macey asked if Corrie would like to add anything to the information. Corrie explained that the Shropshire wide consultation had started on the 11th of May and that was still in process for those wanting to have a look at other locality commissioning intentions for those with current existing provision. For those with an interest in what was happening countywide they would also be able to find information on the doing business with Shropshire website. Those with existing provision would be looking to launch for applications around the middle of July. Application forms are almost ready for those commencing and local providers could now get in touch. Corrie highlighted reference to the need for a level 3 youth worker and that for those existing projects looking for equipment or support with existing activities they would only be able to apply for up to £500. The emphasis here was on new provision and reference to Weston Rhyn.

Fusion Arts were able to update that for the summer they were looking to trial their activities in the area and Jay updated with information. They were awaiting confirmations on other external match funding to support this project. TNS were able to update on their involvement in the area based on PCC funding. Sue Schofield updated on St Martins Sports Hall having a new manager and they are looking to develop activities through the summer. The hope would be to have activities for the school holidays across the three parish's area.

7. Update on Gobowen Library

Cllr Robert Macey thanked local people for their feedback at the last meeting and for attending the LJC. The Gobowen Partnership Group had considered all the information gathered from the evening which support partners in the conversations they are having. Cllr Macey updated that the group were carrying out surveys with current users and a transport survey looking at access to the service which inform conversations. The group were looking to re-launch a Friends of Gobowen Library. Cllr David Lloyd highlighted that a Friends of Group would gratefully help with supporting partners and operation. It would also enable funding to be explored which so often public sector are unable to access. Cllr Robert Macey explained that a volunteer form was on the table and was a little long but the partner group would be very grateful of people filling those in. The feedback

from the last meeting was also on the table.

Questions from the community were asked included detail around the cost of the current service. Teresa, Library services was able to note the current costs. Funding would be very dependent on services there, running hours for example. Cllr David Lloyd noted the opportunity for Gobowen Library to become a community hub with a library and that there was real benefit to housing partners from being involved in the project and for partners to hot desk bringing them much closer to their clients. Hugh asked about the Shropshire wide libraries and whether others were going through the same process. Teresa was able to highlight that all libraries with the exception of those in the larger market towns were having local conversations to look at local options available. Hugh asked whether this included mobile libraries. Corrie highlighted the positive conversations with the Derwen who highlighted their commitment for the students who currently gain learning and confidence from being at the library and there are real chances to looking at entrepreneurship within the project to support a long term vision for the project.

Cllr Robert Macey explained that the Gobowen Partnership Group would keep residents informed of discussions and would feedback at a future LJC meeting.

8. Big Local Update

Sue Heard updated on Fairshare and their offer. They were slowly building up the loans and facilities. Some people can't get loans however NILs that runs in South Shropshire offer chance to purchase needed items such as a washing machine and then they pay them back over a period of time rather than an upfront loan. Car share as noted at the last meeting had been launched. The signage was at the highways depo ready. A first aid course has commenced and they will be running another course in a few weeks. Community Chest Grants have been running and they ratified the most recent grants last night – this included TNS and Fusion Arts towards activities this summer and partnership work. The big grants Scheme had also been launched. Sue Heard was working with Jed at St Martins Sports Centre to create a business plan and put together a good summer plan.

Wheels to work project was being explored. Information on this will be advertised soon. Three people using the scheme through Shropshire RCC already. Big Local had been carrying out a lot of work in Weston Rhyn in terms of volunteering to support a youth club. Big Local were working with Niall and TNS to put on some activities on the playing field.

Sue noted that the Annual Review needed to be submitted by the end of August with a plan for next year. The committee spent more from their community chest but they had sign off on this from Big Local. 20 grants over the last three years. All information on the Big Local website if local residents want more information.

9. Public Questions

Sue Schofield raised the speeding again and David noted it was important to look at the local issues and spoke about the new crossing in Gobowen. A resident asked if it would be possible to have a flashing Vehicle Activated Sign. The committee would take this back.

10. Date of Next Meeting

Pencilled for the 8th of September at St Martins Community Centre at 7pm.

Chairman:.....

Date:.....