

**Craven Arms & Rural Local Joint Committee****NOTES OF DECISIONS AND ACTIONS OF THE MEETING HELD AT 7.00PM ON WEDNESDAY 15 JULY 2015 AT CLEE ST MARGARET VILLAGE HALL****Present:****Shropshire Council**

David Evans	Church Stretton and Craven Arms Electoral Division
Cecilia Motley	Corvedale Electoral Division

**Town/Parish Councils**

Mandy Fowler	Diddlebury Parish Council
Richard Rallings	Munslow Parish Council
David Bytheway	Wistanstow Parish Council
Brian Norgrove	Hopton Cangeford and Stoke St Milborough PC
Mike Hardingham	Clee St Margaret Parish Council
Clive Leworthy	Craven Arms Town Council

**Co-opted Members**

Mark Trafford	Sibdon Carwood Parish Meeting
Rebecca Deakin	Shropshire Housing Group
Neville Stephens	Craven Arms Area Youth Group
Andrew Corbett	Craven Arms Business Network
Janet Radford	Grow, Cook, Learn

**Officers in attendance**

Jason Norgrove, Shropshire Fire and Rescue Service  
 Hannah Owen, Technical Support, Shropshire Council  
 Lisa Bedford, Senior Community Enablement Officer, Shropshire Council  
 Sgt Adrian Woolley, West Mercia Police

There were approximately 10 members of the public present at the meeting.

**ACTION****1. Appointment of Chairman****RESOLVED:**

**That Cllr David Evans be appointed chairman for the year**

**2. Welcome and apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from Cllr Lee Chapman, Andrew Pike [Culmington PC].

**3. Appointment of Vice Chairman****RESOLVED:**

**That Cllr Mike Hardingham be appointed vice chairman for the year.**

**4. Disclosable Pecuniary Interests**

Neville Stephens declared a personal interest in item 11 on the agenda as Chairman of the Craven Arms Area Youth Group

**5. Notes of the Meeting held on 27 February 2015**

**AGREED:**

That the notes of the meeting held on 27 February be approved and signed as a correct record.

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**6. Public Question Time**

The issue of broadband provision in rural areas was raised by more three members of the public from the parishes of Stanton Lacy and Stoke St Milborough.

**ACTION:**

**LB to contact the connecting Shropshire broadband project and ask for an update on those two parishes, with the response to be sent on to the parish clerks.**

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**LB to also check if LJC representation on the Broadband partnership has to be a formal LJC member or an interested community group.**

**7. Community Safety Update**

**Fire Service:**

Jason Norgrove from Shropshire Fire and Rescue service gave a brief overview of the working currently being undertaken in the local area including free smoke alarms and home checks <http://www.shropshirefire.gov.uk/>.

Advice was also given in relation to barn or rural fires:

- Once out of property / safe distance, get someone to the road to direct the engine more quickly
- Have water source information ready for the fire service
- Safely move any vehicles / implements which may also be at risk
- A grid reference number will help

**Police:**

Sgt Woolley explained that overall, crime in the area remained low. Recent work undertaken by the SNT (Safer Neighbourhood Team) included; talks in schools, multi agency stop check day in Craven Arms where 85 vehicles were stopped and numerous offences detected. The annual initiative to decrease speeding and raise awareness with bikers along key routes in south Shropshire including the Corvedale is underway.

A Shropshire wide initiative called we don't buy crime is in the process of being developed which includes equipment loan for rural businesses who have been victims of crime, working with second hand dealers, night time disorder and integrated community management in the larger towns.

Vacant properties initiative is continuing to raise awareness of measures that could be put in place at reasonable cost such as window alarms, PIR alarms, indoor and outdoor simple to install mains powered cameras.

Queries were raised as to whether or not there was any CCTV evidence for recent hanging basket thefts in Craven Arms. There was also a concern that properties where there was a dog in the house were being marked. It was explained that this had been communicated on facebook, but no reports to the police have been made.

## **8. ESIF and LEADER European funding**

Hannah Owen from Shropshire Council gave an overview of the European Structural funds which would be available in Shropshire (Appendix A). The funds sit underneath a strategy for the marches (Herefordshire, Shropshire and Telford) area and called the European Structural Investment Fund.

The three main strands of funding and the amounts available in the Marches area were outlined as:

- European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) - £57 million
- European Social Fund (ESF) - £42 million
- Growth Programme – Rural Development Programme (RDP) - £7 million, plus Shropshire Hills Leader programme.

Details of what could be funded were outlined on the slides. Contact details for each of the above schemes were also distributed.

Ultimate decisions on funding schemes would be made by Department for Communities and Local Government and DEFRA.

Views were expressed that the following needed support through these schemes; start ups, improving uptake of empty units.

## **9. Diddlebury Village Hall**

Representatives from Diddlebury Village Hall were in attendance to give an overview of their plans to upgrade the village hall (see appendix B).

The decision to upgrade the hall was made in 2011 and the following year was spent carrying out initial community consultation to shape the development plans. A development grant from the lottery was awarded in 2014 and this was used to draw up detailed plans. Planning permission was granted on 14<sup>th</sup> July and the final funding bid to the lottery is to be submitted by the 31<sup>st</sup> July.

There is still a funding shortfall and the meeting was asked for ideas.

If funding is approved, the refurbished hall will be complete by August 2016.

#### 10. **Youth Commissioning**

The Community Enablement Officer summarised a report which had been circulated in advance, outlining the process and progress made to date.

It was agreed that the proposals were accepted as outlined in the report.

- £1500 towards youth club provision (up to 13 years)
- £1000 towards adhoc diversionary activity (targeted at those over 13 years)
- £500 as a small grants scheme

It was also agreed that the £500 allocated to the grant scheme this year would be combined with the allocation for 2016/17 and be distributed in one round in Feb / March 2015 unless demand meant it needed to be considered sooner.

#### 11. **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 – Recent break in at the Green room at the village hall.

Munslow PC – Richard Rallings – concerns about parking at the Swan. Request made to discuss the future of Parish Councils at the business meeting

#### **ACTION: LB to agenda for the business meeting**

Diddlebury PC – Mandy Fowler – key parish councillor, Patrick Linton has sadly passed away. Village Hall development is a key priority.

Clee St Margaret – Mike Hardingham – parish looking to install 3 defibrillators.

Stoke St Milborough – Brian Norgrove – Summer fun on the 15<sup>th</sup> August.. Speeding signs are to be installed on the main road.

Sibdon Carwood – Parish Meeting in August to appoint new chairman. 25

houses to be completed soon.

Stanton Lacy – Robin Gatehouse – parish plan survey result being analysed by the community council.

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.

Any flooding issues to be reported to [flood@shropshire.gov.uk](mailto: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 September and the public meeting will be in November, venue TBC.

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The meeting closed at 9.00 p.m.