



West Dorset partnership

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Meeting Theme: Housing developments in West Dorset

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10.00	1.	Introductions and welcome	
10:05	2.	Community Led Housing Fund & Community Land Trusts - Dorset Councils Partnership – Paul Derrien	Presentation
10.25	3.	Accelerated Home Building Programme - Dorset Councils Partnership – Clyde Lambert	Presentation
10.40	4.	Discussion on housing issues	
11.15		Refreshments	
11.30	5.	Notes of the last Meeting To confirm the notes of the last meeting held on 30 October 2017	2 - 6
11.35	6.	LGR Update	
11.45	7.	Partner updates	7 - 20
12.00	8.	LAP matters – items of common interest or of concern	
12:15	9.	To agree theme for next West Dorset Partnership meeting – date and venue to be confirmed	
12.20	10.	Any other business	

West Dorset Partnership
30 October 2017

Notes of the West Dorset Partnership meeting held on 30 October 2017 at South Walks House, Dorchester.

Present:

Organisation	Name
Chairman	Paul Overall
Beaminster & Villages LAP	Rosemary Beeny
Bridport Local Area Partnership	Maureen Jackson and Katy Graham
Dorchester Community Forum	Emma Scott
LymeForward	Wendy Davies and Adrian Ragbourne
Magna Housing Association	Sharon Ball
Dorset Association of Town and Parish Councils	Cllr Alan Thacker
West Dorset District Council/Dorset Councils Partnership	Matt Prosser (Chief Executive DCP), Cllr Ian Gardner (WDDC), Cllr A Alford (WDDC), Jane Nicklen (Community Planning & Development Manager), Susan Ward-Rice (Community Development Team Leader), Hugh Delong (Community Led Development Officer), Linda Quinton (Democratic Services Officer) .

Apologies:

Organisation	Name
Dorset Councils Partnership	Hilary Jordan & Stephen Hill
Dorset & Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service	Jason Rogers
Dorset Community Action	Alex Picot
Magna Housing	David Aldwinckle and Christine Bolland
Natural England	John Stobart
Age UK	Lisal Holmes
Dorset Police	Ian Roe
Dorset Wildlife Trust	Maria Clarke

Also Attending :

Brian Wilson	Rural England & Rural Services Network
Amanda Evans, Gordon Sneddon, Elizabeth Shaw	Dorset County Council
Phillip Sankey	WATAG
Julian English, Fiona Kent-Ledger and Erica Pretty	POPP representatives

1. Introduction and Welcome

The Chairman welcomed all parties present to the meeting , the theme for which was Rural Transport. Each attendee introduced themselves.

2 LGR Update – Dorset Council’s Partnership

Matt Prosser, Chief Executive of the DCP spoke on the latest position with regard to the local government review in Dorset. A “ minded to” decision from the Secretary of State was still awaited, following a meeting between the Leaders and Chief Executives of the different Councils and Rt Hon Sajid Javid at the DCLG in September.

In the meantime, the Dorset Authorities were collectively working towards the possibility of a new authority being created by April 2019, however, the later the decision, the tighter the timetable to achieve this.

A joint committee comprising representatives of the County Council, East, West and North Dorset councils, Weymouth and Portland and Purbeck District council had met twice to date and was chaired by Cllr Rebecca Knox of the County Council.

In response to questions, Mr Prosser advised that no details at this stage had been forthcoming with regard to community planning and parish councils’ input. Any information would be pushed out as and when it became available. A significant factor of the reorganisation was who would provide which services.

The Chairman thanked Mr Prosser for joining the meeting.

3 Rural Transport – A rural perspective

Members received a detailed presentation from Brian Wilson of the Rural Services Network.

Rural England had undertaken an exploration into the following issues with regard to rural communities:

- Buses and community transport
- Welfare services
- Access to cash
- Further education
- The retail sector
- Mental health services
- Older people’s services
- Public health services
- Community assets

The study also examined the travel needs of individuals in rural areas and car ownership in relation to income brackets.

Members heard that nationally, between 2014 – 2016, 346 bus services had been withdrawn and 522 reduced or altered. Dorset was one of the most affected counties in this regard. Mr Wilson highlighted alternative methods of transport for rural areas including community transport, vehicle sharing and negotiation with commercial operators. Members heard of initiatives that were used in rural areas in Lincolnshire and Suffolk, situated in between larger settlements. Neighbourhood schemes also existed, to assist vulnerable people in communities with their transport needs for

shopping and medical appointments, etc, however this was heavily reliant on volunteers. There was a significant number of such schemes throughout the country and varying models of delivery.

The Chairman thanked Mr Wilson for his informative presentation.

4. Dorset Travel: Rural Transport Provision.

Gordon Sneddon and Amanda Evans from the County Council gave a detailed presentation on rural transport provision in the County.

A public and school transport review had been undertaken last year following a reduction in subsidy of £1m for public transport and £850,000 in school transport. These savings had to be achieved within the current financial year 2017/18. Remaining subsidy would be used for the core route network and transport for a number of middle and secondary schools was available for public use. Community Transport schemes could feed into the core network. Within the presentation were slides showing the proposed wider area transport network for Dorset inter urban and mainstream home to school.

Amanda Evans presented an overview of Community Transport schemes operating in Dorset and the benefits that were achieved for people in isolated areas with no means of transport. Options included:

- Dial-a-Bus
- Volunteer community car schemes
- Car share (carsharedorset.com)
- Taxi share
- Car Clubs (Co-Cars)

There were currently 64 established schemes and 31 trial schemes in operation, with more than 720 volunteer drivers. The Community Transport Team at DCC had created a tool kit to assist in setting up a transport scheme and included:

- Gathering evidence and identifying need
- Setting up and operating a scheme
- Funding
- Marketing and publicity
- Useful contacts list.

Grants were available for capital, revenue and match funding and seed funding was also available from POPP (Partnerships for older people programme). Further information was available on the Dorset For you website and it was anticipated that the use of social media and the internet would encourage community engagement. There was a drive to involve the younger generation.

The Partnership discussed the Community Transport Scheme with contributions from the POPP representatives and the following points were made:

- There is an assumption that the DCC core routes are secure;
- Commercial operators have withdrawn services in the past

- POPP representatives are trying to work collaboratively with providers
- POPP acts as a channel for peoples' frustrations
- Some TAGs (Transport Action Groups) are failing
- DCC are in dialogue with the operators
- The Seed funding of up to £2,000 can be for items such as a phone or a laptop
- Schemes are run by the community for the community
- Needs are checked when bids are received
- Finding volunteers is a significant problem
- The impact of the public service licence is awaited and could impact
- Peak days need to be identified (Maiden Newton reduced from 5 to 2 days per week)
- Should not assume everyone has access to the internet
- Apps may not work where phone reception is particularly poor
- Public checks for volunteers are essential
- Bus timetables are not readily available any more
- Supermarkets could/used to provide shopper transport (S106 money from Blandford Lidl had been used for a bus service)
- TAGs could negotiate with DCC to tailor routes
- A 2012 survey identified big gaps in medical transport
- TAGs are reliant on Parish Council reps with transport experience
- The CCG are launching a consultation on how to access medical appointments – LAPs think this should be more co-ordinated
- Transport officers work across borders into neighbouring counties
- Parish councils had set up CTGs in Thorncombe, Bere Regis, Sixpenny Handley, Stratton and all parishes between Blandford & Salisbury
- Younger involvement and volunteers was seen as a barrier
- School use of commercial buses was restricting public use during those routes and times. DCC was looking to find a balance in this respect.
- The viability of towns was reliant on village transport .

The Chairman thanked Gordon Sneddon and Amanda Evans for their informative presentations.

5. Notes of the last meeting.

The notes of the previous meeting on 20 February 2017 were agreed.

Matters arising :

- The Housing Enabling Team Leader would be asked to return to the next Partnership meeting for an update on affordable housing provision in the District.
- The Draft Local Plan would be going out to consultation next year. Last year's housing figures were just below the threshold and the Council was close to delivering a 5 year housing land supply.
- Draft minutes to be circulated and published (in draft form) as soon as as possible after the meeting.

- Minutes of the Annual General Meeting to be amended to reflect designations and for re-publishing and signing at the next AGM.
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6. WDP Annual Report

J Nicklen would re-circulate the annual report to all Partnership members for agreement and to publish on the Dorset For You website.

7. LAP matters and partner updates – reports previously circulated.

Bridport – in negotiations with DCC to address rough sleepers and the use of a building. Do not neglect town and parish meetings in the LGR discussions.

Dorchester – better networking was being established, whatever the LGR decision.

Lyme Regis – nothing to add – a full report had been circulated.

Beaminster – Dementia Friendly was meeting monthly and had appointed a new chairman and an AGM was held in September after 18 months of operation.

8. Date and theme of next meeting.

Monday 22 January 2018, 10am at South Walks House.

The changes in housing policy and legislation to be the theme.

LGR update to be provided.

The meeting closed at 12.20pm.

Chairman

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**Beaminster and Villages
Local Area Partnership**



BAVLAP REPORT TO THE WDP DECEMBER 2017

Key Achievements since October 2017

Living and Learning Centre Project: The Living and Learning team have met with some Town Councillors and the Town Clerk. They are looking at ways of using not only the Children's Centre but also the Pavilion and the Public Hall to deliver services in Beaminster.

BAAD: A funding application to Dorset Leader for £85,000 was submitted in November. This represents 80% of funding needed for the play area and skate park. Planning Permission to be sought in the New Year.

Dementia-friendly update: The terms of reference for the steering group – a sub-group of BAVLAP - were circulated. There are representatives from DCC, DCA, Yarn Barton, WDDC, and the TC. The Alzheimer's Society now has no-one locally in post to come to the meetings. Training will be offered to the villages, their shops and churches by three Dementia Friendly champions who received training in August 2017.

The Secretary of State has indicated support for the proposals for a Unitary authority. A six month consultation period closes on the 8th January. After this the Secretary of State will give his opinion and Parliamentary orders will be begun to set up the new arrangements. The councils have set up joint committees. The date for becoming a unitary authority is April 2019. Elected members are keeping DAPTC and other bodies informed.

Thorncombe are still fighting for their bus service. Thorncombe and Villages bus users group has been set up – TAVBUG. £1660 has been collected but £2,000 is needed annually to keep the service going. Although Dorset Community Transport lost the Marshwood schools contract they won the Beaminster contract so are able to continue the Thorncombe service. Seed funding had been received from DCC and other parishes had indicated they are willing to contribute. The bus that goes to Axminster is subsidised by Devon County. Beaminster TC were ready to provide volunteers to run a bus on Saturdays but this was not as sustainable as a regular scheduled service. All services provided by local authorities are being stripped back to the statutory minimum. Communities will have to step in to fill the gap.

Local people have been urged to respond to the South West Railways consultation on their proposed timetable which indicates discontinuing stops at Clapham Junction and Woking. As Clapham Junction and Woking are essential for people getting to Gatwick and Heathrow, this proposal was not welcome. The WDDC strategy Committee has discussed this.

Yarn Barton's work continued and the centre was busy. Wyvern Savings and Loans have raised funds to pay for the rent of the room at YB to provide regular outreach.

BAVLAP was able to welcome Stephen Hill Strategic Director for North Dorset District Council, West Dorset District Council and Weymouth & Portland Borough Council at the December steering group. He spoke about community engagement and noted that only in West Dorset was there a good level of local partnership working. He commended the efforts of volunteers in keeping these partnerships going. It is not yet certain how the new Unitary authority will view or support partnership working. The benefits need to be explained and promoted. WDDC is working with DAPTC and Town Councils on the issue but it was suggested that LAPs should also be involved. The group agreed that the Town Council should be sending a representative to BAVLAP and that there should be a standing agenda item on reports from DAPTC. The importance of attending LAP meetings and of getting LAP voices heard was restated. Beaminster is, however, fortunate that both Cllr Rebecca Knox and Cllr Tony Alford are on the committee dealing with the transition to unitary and can keep BAVLAP informed.

The position of Chair of BAVLAP is now vacant as Rosemary Beeny is stepping down as from December. It was suggested there should be an interim chair until advertisements can go out in Spring. Jo Keats was proposed for this interim position.

Future Works

BAVLAP is continuing to work within the three priorities set in the 2015-2018 Action Plan

1. Rural Deprivation and Isolation
Building Dementia Friendly group and working towards being nationally recognised qualities of a Dementia Friendly Community.
2. Rural Community Transport and Buses
Continuing to hear back from representatives of BAVLAP who attend local transport meetings and there has been an active campaign to keep a local bus going. There is a sub group involved with this.

3. Rural Economy

Partnerships with parish councils underway for information/updates, ongoing, concerns about public transport being cut as people need this to get to work and to support local businesses by shopping. Local businesses are being supportive of Dementia Friendly , we would like to encourage more to sign up now that we are recognised nationally.

Living and Learning Team will get back in touch in the New Year about delivery of services in Beaminster.

Review Action Plan and ensure BAVLAP is compliant with new GDPR legislation

Following on from the workshop held by WDP on food banks, the next will be on Universal Credit and other aspects of welfare such as fuel poverty. It will be held on 9th February. Details will be circulated. It was suggested that members of Wyvern Savings and Loans should attend. Kaye Kerridge from Wyvern is also on the Fuel Poverty group.

Action with Rural Communities in England (ACRE) whose latest project is #Village Halls Week, 22 – 25 January 2018, is keen to support digital inclusion in rural areas. An event will take place at CLaRC in Wimborne celebrating village halls on 25th January.



REPORT TO THE WDP

January 2018

Organisation Name: Bridport Local Area Partnership

	Priority 1	Priority 2	Priority 3
Your organisation's priority/ priorities	BLAP's role as a consultation facilitator	Provision for homelessness	Preparing for Local Government reorganisation at the parish level
Objective/s (what are we seeking to improve?)	There are several big-impact strategic projects underway in the BLAP area. As these projects are being lead broadly by the district and county councils, there is a role where BLAP can help to bridge the communications gap between the grass roots communities/organisations and the local authorities to enable meaningful and productive consultation.	Looking at what local action the partnership can undertake to improve the support offered to local homeless/rough sleepers	The likely move to a unitary authority raises many potential impacts and opportunities at the parish level. Certain services are under threat of being reduced or removed altogether, but by working together, the town and parishes could be a more effective delivery vehicle to ensure rural communities continue to receive the services they need.
Evidence of Need	Feedback from the partnership and also requests from other organisations.	The initiative for BLAP having a working group to look at need for homeless/rough sleepers was conceived by the Chair of BLAP, Maureen Jackson and the Manager of the CAB, Rovarn Wickremasinghe and ratified at the Partnership's Annual Assembly in March. The evidence of need was put forward by our CAB and reports from the local food banks.	The BLAP area has good experience of what joint working can achieve, through projects such as the Lengthsman scheme (initiated by BLAP). The consultation on the Local Government Review reflected a lack of consideration or awareness of what is going to happen or what can be achieved at the community level, so the BLAP parishes have decided to

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		<p>There are a number of people, who are known to be homeless locally. Rough sleepers have been identified at open spaces in the town</p> <p>This project is also very timely with the introduction of Universal Credit in Bridport as from December 2017.</p>	<p>take action themselves and get into a strong position in time for the new council structure.</p> <p>At a meeting in June 2017, the parishes agreed that the joint meetings were very useful and BLAP should continue to co-ordinate them.</p> <p>WDDC has established an External Board to discuss with town councils the potential devolution of services under local government reorganisation. The terms of reference for the Board state that its purpose is" To ensure input into the devolution/ delegation process initially by town councils, as the bodies most likely to be invited to manage some delegated services at this stage and to encourage partnership working with their surrounding parishes in providing services that are important to and valued by the wider town area."</p>

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	Priority 1	Priority 2	Priority 3
Action (how will we achieve this?)	Through communication with partners and wider organisations and taking action where needed	By working with key organisations that provide homelessness support and related services to explore where there may be gaps in provision and/or additional resources or facilities required.	Joint parishes meetings and actions as required and agreed in preparation for the move to a unitary authority. .
Led by (name of person/ Organisation responsible)	BLAP	BLAP	BLAP
Timescale (date to be completed by)	Ongoing	Ongoing, but hoping to achieve an outcome of additional support being in place by Spring 2018.	Ongoing through the move to unitary and potentially continuing afterwards.
Key outcomes (how will we measure success?)	Target for the next 6 months: To be the conduit for local consultation on at least 4 key local, resulting in the sharing of information and collating and submitting local feedback	More effective partnership working to provide the best service for local homeless people/rough sleepers Additional support/facilities to extend the current support on offer	Continue to meet as a cohesive area and identify assets and services that are important to protect, and could be more effectively managed at the local level. Number of services jointly managed, supported or delivered locally.
Progress Update (what has been achieved as at the date of review, how are you progressing against your planned outcomes)	Completed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health and Wellbeing strategy • Council reorganisation consultation • Clinical Services Review • Vearse Farm Masterplanning 	Completed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Three meetings with key organisations to explore the local issue, what services/support is currently on offer and any perceived gaps in provision. 	Completed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Four meetings have taken place so far with very good attendance and support from the town and parish councils. Ongoing: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parishes to identify

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Antisocial behaviour order <p>Ongoing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Neighbourhood Plan • Bridport Connect project • Strategic input of BLAP to issues related to Health and Well Being and lobbying for the joined up thinking between Social Care and the CCG 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Production of a contacts list of local agencies and organisations for the local Food Bank and others to pass on to users • A snap poll 'perception survey' of homelessness in Bridport undertaken at the Melplash Show <p>Ongoing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local organisation survey of homeless numbers and needs • Examining potential for a 'Food Bank Plus' to offer extended services to those in need with e.g. personal and clothing washing facilities, access to a microwave to heat food, kettle, tea and coffee etc. plus advisors on hand for a variety of needs • Initial discussions have taken place with County Council and Magna regarding possibility and options for existing empty buildings to be utilised as 	<p>services important to their area and the group to consider options for joint working to deliver some of these services at a local level. Also looking at the support of parish councils for town centre services that may be devolved.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Next meeting is in January • These meetings also enable the views of the local councils to be fed into the External Programme Board.

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		extended facilities for the food bank as above. Also established a sub group to draw up Business/Management Plan for this potential facility.	
Comments (Barriers to progress – reviewed action to overcome barriers)	None – good progress has been made	A working group has been set up with members from appropriate organisations including Magna, Cupboard Love Food Bank, Footprint, Pilsdon Community, the CAB and others with related experience. This has already identified some gaps in communication, which, by meeting as a collective, can be overcome more effectively.	Very good progress has been made and these meetings have been very well attended and welcomed by the Town Council and parish councils.
RAG (red/amber/green)*	Green	Green	Green

Any questions about this report to Bob Gillis, Town Clerk Bridport Town Council r.gillis@bridport-tc.gov.uk 01308 456722.

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Community Action Plan – summary of projects/actions 2018

1. Culture, Heritage, Tourism, Leisure

1. Help to develop Heritage Tourism strategy for instance by:
 - a. Mapping existing reports and evidence for need to develop heritage tourism
 - b. Hosting accommodation providers event
2. Help plan/deliver WW1 commemoration projects
3. Support project to update town signage

2. Transport & Access

1. Continue to support Dorchester Access Group particularly
 - a. To create an accessibility guide for Dorchester
 - b. To lobby for better access at Dorchester South Station
 - c. To do an accessibility audit of Brewery Square

3. Community

1. General – continue to advise and support local groups – particularly those at risk
2. Complete Try This Dorchester website and run 2 x events
3. Keep contact database updated
4. Complete and share online venue directory
5. Support development of a community events diary
6. Develop 2 x shows to broadcast on Ridgeway Radio
7. Promote better networking between statutory bodies and local community – for instance through events including:
 - a. 2 x Community Lunches per year
8. Lead/support 8 key community events

4. Health

1. Put on a health and well-being fayre with partners
2. Develop pilot project with Thomas Hardy School to support young people with their mental health

5. Housing



1. Continue to support the Dorchester Area Community Land Trust
2. Research if there is demand for & look to develop a Homeshare scheme



6. Economy, Training/Education & Volunteering

1. Hold a community/voluntary group networking and training conference
2. Liaise with Citizens Advice to look at developing a financial advice pack for young people
3. Help set up First Aid training session/s for 30 young people

7. Environment

1. Support completion of the Poppy Trail Project
2. Support plans to develop the Great Field

	<p>REPORT TO THE WDP</p> <p>January 2018</p>		
Organisation Name:	LymeForward		
	Priority 1	Priority 2	Priority 3
Your organisation's priority/ priorities	Joined up Health Provision that meets the needs of Lyme Regians	Maximising Benefits of funding streams for Lyme Regis & area economy, in particular the Coastal Communities Fund.	Finding a source of expert management support for the community's efforts to keep provision for Young People going following the withdrawal of DCC.
Objective/s (what are we seeking to improve?)	The provision of Health services to the far West of Dorset.	Specifically, the enhancement of the visitor experience to encourage visits especially out of beach season.	Activities for young people in a rural isolated location.
Evidence of Need	The difficulties routinely experienced and reported to PPGs of accessing healthcare on the other side of Dorset (or Devon). This evidence continues to grow, despite the best intentions of local health teams, patients are not seeing an improvement in their own outcomes. In particular this relates to mental health, elderly and young people.	Reports from the Business Group and individuals that it is difficult for them to maintain their businesses out of high season.	The Hub was set up after a long and widespread community campaign as there was nothing similar in the area. Anecdotal evidence of the benefit is the statement from the local police that when the Hub opened, incidence of anti-social behaviour dropped to almost nothing and has not re-appeared.
Action (how will we achieve this?)	By engaging closely with the emerging CCG plans; by gathering evidence at joint PPG meetings and feeding through to Healthwatch and the CCG. Once plans are finalised, by developing local solutions to outstanding issues.	By continuing to work closely with Business Group and other traders and to formulate plans in readiness for next round of CC funding.	Young People at present being encouraged to raise funds themselves, advice being sought from Dorset Youth Association, and other funding streams being pursued.

	REPORT TO THE WDP January 2018		
Organisation Name:	LymeForward		
	Priority 1	Priority 2	Priority 3
Led by	LymeForward Health & Wellbeing Group coordinating local groups such as PPGs.	LymeForward Coastal Communities Team	Terri Tipping, Lyme Regis Development Trust
Timescale	ongoing	ongoing	ongoing
Key outcomes (how will we measure success?)	No more horror stories resulting from people being discharged from hospital with no home support, not being able to access appropriate medical care, there being a full complement of community health staff and GPs/practice staff within the three surgeries or of difficulties in accessing medical services on the far side of the County.	Successful delivery of the CCT projects resulting in positive visitor feedback and positive national publicity for Lyme & Charmouth as an out-of-season destination leading to more out-of-high season visitors.	The Hub remains able to offer open access "Youth Club" type activities on at least 2 evenings a week, with short term sustainable funding and professional management in place.

<p>Progress Update (what has been achieved as at the date of review, how are you progressing against your planned outcomes)</p>	<p>We have in place a joint PPG meeting across the practices plus good contacts with both Healthwatch and the CCG. (We also have contact with the NEW Devon Success Regime) but ongoing financial problems in the Health Service as a whole mean we face the prospect of more cuts rather than improvement. We compiled a paper outlining the local requirements, which was submitted to the CCG prior to a local consultation event arranged jointly by LF and Dorset CCG to discuss primary Care needs in our area. Members of the H&W group have subsequently met with a number of senior CCG staff and local practice staff to drive forward the tendering process for primary care. In addition, the group have focused on identifying issues relating to access to services due to lack of or unaffordability of, public transport. As a part of this, we worked closely with LRTC and arranged a transport meeting to ensure the continuity of our town bus (71) service. Meetings with various members of the CCG, Health watch, and DHUFT have been held over the last quarter (2017) to help relay our message about the service provision gap and our local needs moving forward.</p>	<p>Having secured funding for our main project, the LymeTrail upgrade (£275k) and four other collaborative projects (including WiFi and litter free project), we presented our CCT at the National Coastal Team conference in Hull earlier this year, receiving mention from the coastal minister for our projects. The LymeTrail project is on track for completion summer 2018. We held a successful workshop in July attended by 60 local people (and staff from DCLG) to identify potential projects for a collaborative seafront enhancement bid for the 2018 CCF grant. Over 50 opportunities were identified and through subsequent meetings were categorised into priority. Alongside the Charmouth seafront project (improvements to the front and new access to the beach) this would afford us an overall project across Lyme and Charmouth focused on improvements to the visitor experience (quality) that would also positively impact the residents experience of living in the area. A number of key projects are being worked through by the CCT before shortlisting for submission in 2018 for the CCF grant, or other funding opportunities. The CCT meet regularly to progress individual projects (such as waste, Chamber of Commerce, WiFi) and set the strategic plan for the remainder of 2018 and foreseeable future.</p>	<p>With short term funding, the Youth provision in Lyme remains open but is not sustainable. Charmouth's youth club has closed. The stage area has been re-purposed and the back room prepared as a studio to draw additional income. The Hub remains open to wider groups, and LymeNet has moved into the existing library site to provide careers and job counselling most days. In the longer term, we are working collectively to determine a longer term sustainable model covering a wider range of services to support young people (for example the creation of a youth council)</p>
<p>Comments</p>			
<p>RAG (red/amber/green)*</p>	<p>A</p>	<p>G</p>	<p>R</p>

Any questions about this report to Adrian Ragbourne, LymeForward Coordinator on 01297 441224 or adrian@lymeforward.co.uk

Sherborne Community Focus

In February 2018, an event working as a Community Forum will be held in Sherborne for the town and the outlying villages.

Sherborne Local Area Partnership had run its course and was closed in July 2017. Although the idea originally was good, latterly, it had become very insular with little community engagement and input.

The new way of working would be a community forum where existing local groups and organisations can network, share ideas, find ways of collaborating and attend workshops relevant to their sector. Example as of these would be : Top tips for getting yourself ready to write funding bids, safeguarding, data protection and the different types of organisation that you can become.

There would not be a board, this is a networking and training opportunity that would be at no cost to Sherborne Town Council which will be supported by DCA and WDDC.

Evidence has shown in areas such as Weymouth, Portland, North Dorset, Purbeck and Dorchester that community group events work really well as it gives people and organisations an opportunity to network as well as attending workshops of interest to them to help them keep up to date with current legislation and best practice. Given that people have busy lives, people find it easier if they can attend an event local to their area. There is regular attendance in these areas of 40 – 50 representatives of local groups. Quarterly events work very well, they are run in the morning with a light lunch to follow or over a lunchtime period.

This event to test support for this proposal will be held in the first week of February. This would provide an opportunity to reach as many local groups as possible and offer opportunities afforded to other communities in West Dorset that are not currently offered in Sherborne. .

Why hold such an event? Simply so that we can speak to community/voluntary/charitable groups to see how we can support them in today's changing climate. Charities and voluntary sector organisations are facing challenging times as are statutory organisations. DCA and WDDC want to support those groups with advice and training with good governance, applications for funding, improving the groups' sustainability etc. It is particularly important that with proposed changes in local government, local voices are not lost. Sherborne Town Council are keen to show support for such an event.