

## Llanfair Waterdine Parish Council Report

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### Report:

This report is of the Public meeting held at the SpArC Centre Bishops Castle on October 13<sup>th</sup>.

The main topic of the evening was the future of the SpArC Centre, with presentations given by Richard Whately and Jean Shirley from don t let the SpArC go out campaign, Chris Edwards's head of infrastructure and communities at Shropshire Council, and Neil Cummings Chair of Teme Leisure Board.

The Campaign group had raised £44,000-00 so far and was awaiting the decision by M&S about funding for a new pool cover. Mathew Mead is supporting them with drawing up a business plan, and the group is seeking to become a Community Interest Company with 12 appointed trustees.

Chris Edwards stated that Shropshire Council had agreed not to reduce funding for the next financial year, although there would still be a shortfall due to changes in joint use funding.

Mr Cummings informed the meeting that Teme Leisure was committed to finding a sustainable future for SpArC, whatever that may be. He was questioned about funding and opening hours and was able to give a figure of £180,000.00 as the total shortfall for South Shropshire, but no speaker was able to be specific as to the shortfall for SpArC. He said the opening times were down to funding issues.

A large map in the Hall showed usage of the Centre by Parishes in % . Interestingly Llanfair Waterdine Paish was not marked on the map at all, as it scored Zero.

### Grant Funding

Two applications were considered, South Shropshire Engineering Ambassadors and Brockton and Worthen Defibrillator Group. They were each awarded £150-00 ,

Discussion on the grant scheme followed and it was decided that it did provide worthwhile funding and it should continue. Town and Parish Councils would again be asked for donations along with local businesses .A logo would be produced and organisations receiving funding would be asked to publicise the fact.

Next Public Meeting February 9<sup>th</sup> 2017 Venue TBA.