

The Presteigne & Norton Town Council (PNTC)

Assets and Services Consultation

How was it organised?

IN THE BEGINNING

Presteigne and Norton Town Council, (PNTC), has been working on a number of proposals to try and save important local assets and services for the Community threatened by Central Government cutbacks. Before proceeding with the proposals they decided to consult the community. Supported by Presteigne Area Community Development Group (PACDG), a detailed leaflet was prepared to inform residents of the current situation and to provide an opportunity for residents to share their views.

HOW WAS IT DELIVERED?

Over 1250 paper copies of the consultation were hand-delivered by volunteers from PNTC, PACDG and members of the community to every household in Presteigne and Norton. The leaflets asked residents to respond with their thoughts about how important the listed assets and services are to the community.

Alongside the paper copies, a free-to-use Google Forms online version was produced for ease of data compilation at the end of the month-long consultation period. Interestingly there were more paper copies returned than online versions, even though many of those came from people who regularly use computers, and despite three prizes being offered to those who replied online. (See below for the winners).

It was very important that paper copies were available for those who do not use computers. Three drop-off points in the town were made available for the paper replies forms, which were emptied regularly. However, this was not the preferred option as all the paper submissions had to be manually entered. This was done by members of PACDG.

AFTERWARDS

The results: Once the consultation had ended on the 7th March, the results were compiled by PACDG, and presented to PNTC at their council meeting on 15th March 2017.

Online prize winners: To choose the winners for the online submissions, all email responses were numbered. Rhiannon Hooson, our librarian, was asked to pick three numbers. The prizes were won by Zena Gordon, David Johnstone and Peter Gibbons.

THANKS

The Town Council wishes to thank residents for taking the time to respond to the consultation. The results in respect of their proposals for asset transfer demonstrated strong support in the Community and they will very much assist the Town Council in their negotiations with Powys County Council. They will also be tremendously useful in support of grant funding applications in due course.

The responses about currently provided assets and services were also mostly strongly supported. A few were less so. As it happens some of these have already had their support withdrawn in the precept for 2017/18, and the Council will consider the others in precept for 2018/19.

The Council also want to thank the 90+ responders who went to the trouble of adding individual comments to their responses. These have been passed to all Councillors for consideration.