

**MINUTES OF A COMMUNITY COMMITTEE MEETING OF ALCESTER TOWN COUNCIL  
HELD AT 8.00pm ON MONDAY 8 FEBRUARY 2010 AT GLOBE HOUSE, PRIORY ROAD,  
ALCESTER (SEGGS LANE ENTRANCE)**

**Present**

Cllr E Payne (Chair), Cllr Mrs S Adams, Cllr C Gough, Cllr M Gittus, Cllr W Malin, Cllr L Cumberbatch, J Hodges, D Wade, C Wright (Clerk), Mrs P Haggerty (Assistant Clerk). Also in attendance: Cllr Hine, Cllr Crabtree, Jenny Theobald.

**Public participation at discretion of Chair**

No public were present

**1. Apologies**

Cllr Carr, Cllr Kenyon.

**2. Declarations of Interest**

None declared.

**3. Minutes of Last Meeting**

The minutes of the last meeting held on 11 January 2010 had been circulated and were approved and signed.

**4. Emergency Planning**

- a) Cllr Gittus reported that final funds for the pumps were in the balance, which included compensation for landowners. He and Cllr Adams had attended a Flood Defence meeting in Shipston on Stour last Saturday, and they had brought back a sample of an inflatable sandbag which would fit a door. These can be bought for £25. Cllr Adams was to visit home affected by flooding to gauge interest. Boards to slot in front of doors were £60. The Environment Agency was in town doing their surveys.
- b) Emergency Box – Cllr Gittus is looking at providing a metal container and consult with the fire station about siting it there.
- c) Emergency Plan – Cllr Payne and the Assistant Clerk had almost completed the Plan. A phone number for the Integrated Team was still needed. This would be completed soon and circulated.
- d) Fire Station consultation - the decision by Warwickshire County Council has been delayed until later in the year.

**5. Community Safety**

- a) PCSO Ali Streatfield gave a report on anti social behaviour in the town and answered councillors' questions. The best phone number to use to report non-emergencies was 01926 415000. A special operation was planned over the next week to curb anti social behaviour and a meeting was to be held on 23 February at Globe House re Hopkins Precinct.

**6. Business Support**

- a) David Wade reported that a Road Closure Order and Market Licence for the Food Festival had been applied for, and there had been an article in the Connection magazine. The Stratford DC Recycling Roadshow was attending the Food Festival. No stands had been sold yet. The Italian Market was to be held in July. David was attending a VASA meeting on 10 February and some training on regeneration on 15 February.

**7. Town Development Working Group**

Cllr Adams reported that a regeneration seminar was to be held on 15 February from 4pm to 7pm at Globe House. The Planning Committee was forming a small group re the Design Statement for Alcester. A meeting had been held with the Community Orchard Project team and an area had been identified for the orchard following a visit to Conway Fields. The committee would come under the umbrella of the Community Committee with Alcester Town Council holding the ring-fenced funds obtained through grants.

**8. Senior Citizens' Issues**

John Hodges reported that he had met with Dave Webb to identify services for older people and needs of carers. John had attended a carers' lunch at the Cherry Trees. Cllr Gittus was also on the committee looking at services for carers. It had been identified that lots of older people had not taken up free bus passes and John was working to help people apply. It was thought a good idea to put large print timetables for the local buses on our noticeboards. John handed out a short questionnaire on transport to those present.

**9. Health and Inequalities**

- a) Cllr Cumberbatch reported that a meeting was being held with Warwickshire CC and the PCT on 19 February at 11.30am and issues such as the contribution to the Integrated Team would be discussed. The doctors have appointed a design team. The Alcester Healthcare Project Full Business Case was to be put before the NHS Warwickshire Board on the 10 March. John Hodges had been asked to speak to the Carers' Support Group.

b) A meeting was to be arranged with Nancy Singleton re ACT.COM, to discuss the future of the group when its affairs are taken over by the Community Committee in March.

### **10. Youth Issues**

Cllr Payne reported that the MUGA had been started on site today. A sub-committee had been formed to obtain funding for a Youth Club at the Pavilion. An application for funding had been made to the Norton Foundation. Cllr Adams was preparing a Playbuilder application for a natural play area. St Nicholas' School PTA had been approached to apply for funding for shelters at the MUGA Area. Jenny Theobald was to act as a link to the youth until a Youth Champion was appointed.

### **11. Community Venues**

Cllr Hine suggested holding a meeting with residents on a Saturday morning in March re the Pavilion developments, including the Community Orchard. When a date had been agreed a piece would be put into the spring newsletter. The meeting re the Community Orchard held on 8 February had decided that a questionnaire should go out to residents and from April to August workshops will be organised. The riverbank would be cleared and a good large area near the Greig had been identified for the orchard. The Community Orchard Project team already had a good proportion of the funding in place. Cllr Gittus reported that an Olympic Committee had been formed and ideas were needed for events. Events would include Paralympics and would be opened up to the villages. This item was on the agenda for the next Local Strategic Partnership meeting.

### **12. Communication**

a) Cllr Malin reported that the Surgery held on 6 February, Sgt Wild attended and several matters were answered by him. A complaint had been received that the path to the rear of the cottages on the allotment site at Bleachfield Street was unfit for a resident to use his mobility scooter. Cllr Hine was to take this to the next meeting of the Amenities Committee. The next Surgery was to be held on Saturday 6 March from 10am to 12 noon at Church House.

b) The website continues to be updated, but any comments and items for inclusion were welcome.

c) The next newsletter was to be published at the beginning of March and articles were welcome by 19 February. The next meeting of the Communication sub-committee was to be held on Friday 19 February at 11.00am. Cllr Payne reported that Anne Tugwell had resigned as Press and Publicity Officer due to pressure of other work.

### **13. Correspondence**

a) Email from Stratford DC on Recycling Road Show - dates had been arranged for them to attend the Food Festival and the Street Market.

b) Poster from Warwickshire CC on Housing and the Home event was noted.

### **14. Propositions to Full Council**

None

### **15. Date and Time of Next Meeting**

Monday 8 March at 7.30pm at Globe House.