

**MINUTES OF A COMMUNITY COMMITTEE MEETING OF ALCESTER TOWN COUNCIL
HELD AT 7.30pm ON MONDAY 10 MAY 2010 AT GLOBE HOUSE, PRIORY ROAD,
ALCESTER (SEGGS LANE ENTRANCE)**

Present

Cllr C Gough (acting Chair), Cllr W Malin, Cllr D Hancox, D Wade, Cllr P Carr, Cllr L Cumberbatch, J. Hodges, C. Wright (Clerk), Cllr J Kenyon Mrs J Theobald, Late attendance: Cllr S. Adams, Cllr E. Payne
Also in attendance: Cllr Mrs Y.Hine, Cllr P. Crabtree

Public participation at discretion of Chair

No public were present

1. Apologies Cllr Cllr M Gittus

2. Declarations of Interest

None declared

3. Minutes of Last Meeting

The minutes of the last meeting held on 12 April 2010 had been circulated and were approved and signed

4. Emergency Planning

a) Flooding - Cllr Payne gave an update on flooding In Cllr Gittus' absence. Issues have arisen over the first choice site of Bleachfield Street allotments for installation of the pump. A letter is to be sent to Secretary of State giving the second and third site choices. Formal plans have not been received from the Environmental Agency. A Flood Forum is to be held on 21 May 2010 at Globe House.

b) Emergency Parish Box – Concerns about the adequacy of the hard standing for the box has delayed installation but anticipated within next few days.

c) Emergency Plan – An emergency phone has now been received.

d) Fire Station – No further update

5. Health and Inequalities

a) The hospital will be closed on Monday 17 May following Health Care Services team vacating to the Moorfields school site. Arrangements have been put in place by the PCT and Warwickshire County Council to install a gate between the Hospital and Day Centre. A legal agreement is to be signed this week between PCT, WCC and doctors. The health centre is on track to be open by June 2011 and work to be done before then to integrate. J. Hodges to bring the Health & Wellbeing strategy to Act.com. The kitchen facilities for the Pavilion are to be removed before the closure.

b) No update on ACT.com

6. Business Support

David Wade reported the success of Alcester Food festival which attracted around 8000 visitors into the town (figures via Waitrose). Approximately £4000 was made from the event, £1500 will be donated to the Town Hall fund and the rest will go towards running the event next year. The Chamber of Trade meeting discussed the preparations for the Italian market on 17 July. A committee has been formed to look into holding regular monthly markets in the town. David Wade to pursue possibility of ATC having a complementary stall to distribute promotion guides at the Game Fair at Ragley Hall. The Clerk to contact the organisers for a list of stallholders attending. ATC to consider what can be done to attract visitors into the town. The Chamber of Trade contacting local traders for a donation to hire a coach to bring visitors into Alcester Town.

7. Town Development Working Group

No further meetings have been held since last reported. Cllr Adams attended a seminar on regeneration of Stratford town to get ideas for Alcester.

8. Senior Citizens' Issues

John Hodges reported that training for integration of the Health Care team was progressing. The Voluntary Sector supporting Senior Citizens have asked for an update on facilities at the Pavilion.

9. Community Safety

Cllr Carr informed the Committee on the new law on under 18's caught drinking alcohol. One 17 year old from Alcester has been prosecuted.

Motorbikes - Section 59 allows the confiscation of motorcycles from riders who cause a nuisance with a fine of £150 to retrieve it.

Work continues to reduce anti-social behaviour in Malt Mill lane. Residents are being involved in Neighbourhood Watch and Malt Mill Lane to be included in dispersal order.

Hopkins Precinct. Figures show 20 direct patrols by police up to 30 April and is still a priority despite recent calm in the area. St. Benedict's does not allow students to leave school during lunchtime and from September the High School will adopt the policy also. Latest figures show anti social behaviour is down this month, burglary down from 9 to 3 incidents but criminal damage up.

Information regarding replacements for the retiring sergeant and officer based at Alcester will be passed to Chris Wright.

10. Youth Issues

Six representatives from the Youth Council visited Nuneaton and Studley youth clubs to get ideas on young people's facilities in other areas. After lunch St. Benedict's hosted a workshop to work on the Youth Council's corporate image. The winner of the best logo would receive the Mayor's prize of £50. The next meeting on 12 May will discuss their involvement in the final round of the Norton foundation bid. Chris Wright reported that out of 49 applications ATC have been chosen as one of the four to be interviewed on 20 May. The outreach project team are working with the young people to put together an application to the Youth Opportunity Fund for £70,000 towards the extension of the Pavilion for a youth centre.

The Mayor will officially open the Multi-Use Games Arena on Thursday 13 May at 5.30. A barbeque will be provided by the ACT. The football club are holding their open day at the Conway Fields on Saturday 15 May between 10am – midday.

11. Community Venues

Work is to commence on the refurbishment of the Pavilion's kitchen with equipment from Moorfields school and the hospital. ACT.com has given funding for a new cooker. A management committee chaired by Cllr Mrs Hine has been formed called Pavilion Users Group (PUG).

12. Communication

Two people visited the surgery held by Cllrs Malin and Adams. Issues raised were the poor state of the crossings in the high street and the plastic bollards near Tesco's.

Requests for the newsletter to be delivered in Kinwarton area would have to be paid for by Kinwarton parish. ATC agreed to pursue the distribution to Arrow and villages. Items for the next newsletter to be sent to the Assistant Clerk by 18 May. Cllr Adams, Paula and Jenny have had Website training.

13. Correspondence

The County Matters magazine was passed to Cllr Gough
Warwickshire Vox are holding an event on 10 June 2010

Two applications for grants were received passed the deadline date and consideration of having two closing dates for grant application would ensure that all applications would be included.

14. Proposition to Full Council

To consider the proposition of two closing dates per year for the grant applications

15. Date and Time of Next Meeting

Monday 7 June at 7.30pm at Globe House