

**MINUTES OF A COMMUNITY COMMITTEE MEETING OF ALCESTER TOWN COUNCIL  
HELD AT 8.00pm ON MONDAY 10 JANUARY 2011 AT GLOBE HOUSE, PRIORY ROAD,  
ALCESTER (SEGGS LANE ENTRANCE)**

**Present** Cllr E. Payne (Chair) Cllr W. Malin, , Mr J. Hodges, Cllr J.Kenyon, Cllr D. Hancox;  
Cllr L. Cumberbatch, Cllr C. Gough, Mr. D. Wade, Mrs J Theobald

**Public participation at discretion of Chair**

None present

**Apologies**

Cllr M Gittus, Cllr Mrs Y.Hine, Cllr Mrs S Adams, Mr C. Wright (Clerk),

**2. Declarations of Interest**

None declared

**3. Minutes of Last Meeting**

Item 7 (a) change "training events" to "town events". Item 7b change "Town Developer" to "Blue Sail consultancy, Redivision".

The minutes were then approved and signed.

**4. Emergency Planning**

Cllr Payne reported in Cllr Gittus' absence

- a) The Environmental Agency have agreed to install the tank with permission from those residents of Corinthian Court that could be contacted. Relining of the old town drain has now been done. Listed building consent for work at Gunnings Bridge has been approved. Severn Trent are meeting with Town Council on January 19 to discuss plans for the overflow sewage tank.
- b) Snow emergencies will be looked at as part of the Emergency Plan. Four more grit boxes have been acquired for Gunnings Bridge, church end of High Street, Malt Mill Lane and outside the Post Office. More grit boxes can be ordered if necessary and regular checks are being made to replenish grit. The Town Hall and Baptist Church to be looked at as emergency premises for vulnerable people in the event of loss of electricity and heating in extreme cold weather.
- c) Operation Watermark A meeting to be held on Monday 17 January to discuss plans for households at risk of flooding in the Alcester area.

**5. Health and Inequalities.**

- a) Contracts have now been exchanged with PCT and demolition and building work will begin within the next two weeks. The PCT has retained some land and are conducting a feasibility study into a special care/learning disability facility on site.
- b) Ambulance Waiting time – South Warwickshire NH Trust are negotiating with PCT on ambulance waiting times in the area. Cllr Cumberbatch to report back results. Alcester has contractual arrangements with Worcestershire and Warwickshire ambulance service and regularly a first response team is on standby at Oversley Green. Cllr Cumberbatch has written to Warwickshire County Council and PCT requesting information on how review of Health and Social care services may affect first response services. Volunteers need to be recruited in the event of cut backs and training organised through first aid organisations. Red Cross to be invited to the Forum to speak on their services and training options for volunteers.

**6. Business Support**

- a) Negotiations are still ongoing with HSBC Bank regarding external maintenance.
- b) Tourism – Blue Sails have deferred their presentation to TDWG until February.
- d) The "Whispering Witch" are looking for funding to put on weekend events. This will be deferred until the next financial year.
- e) Cllr Payne and Mr Wade to attend the Chamber of Trade's open meeting on January 17<sup>th</sup> at the Holly Bush.
- f) ATC to apply for a stand at the Alcester Business Show to be held at the Greig Hall.

**7. Town Development Working Group**

Fair Trade – Cllr Payne has sent a written statement to the Community Forum saying Fair Trade logos on the bottom on Alcester Town signs will be hidden by the flower tubs.

**8. Senior Citizens' Issues**

The Senior Citizen's Champion reported on plans for the transition of Adult Services from providing services to commissioning services to keep older and vulnerable people as independent as possible in their own home. A Care & Quality Commission (C&QC) report

highlighted a local private organisation did not match the day to day problems of Alcester's residents. Mr Hodges appealed to ATC to question the findings and speak out on behalf of its vulnerable citizens.

**9. Community Safety**

No report in Cllr Carr's absence.

**10. Youth Issues**

- a) The next meeting of the Youth Council is to be held on 12 January. Schools had been approached to send more representatives to the meeting and the Mayor agreed to continue promoting the Youth Council on his visits to Alcester's schools.
- b) The next Youth Project meeting is to be held on 19 January. Letters of support for the Youth Service will be sent on behalf of the group to Warwickshire County Council, the portfolio holder and the MP.

**11. Community Venues**

- a) The Pavilion – a small problem with burst pipes during the cold weather have now been fixed.
- b) The Depot - plans for the Depot have gone out to tender with a closing date of 28 January. Use of the building may be limited once the building work starts but the football tournament in June shouldn't be affected.
- c) Greig Hall – The Greig Hall Action Committee gave a presentation in support of keeping the facility to SDC's cabinet meeting and will also take to a meeting on the 11 January and SDC's Full Council Meeting.

**12. Communication**

The next surgery will be held on 5 February 2011

- a) The poor condition of St. Faith's Road outside the junior schools has been passed to Cllr Gittus.
- b) It was reported that some copies of the Newsletter were not received and this will be passed onto the Scouts/Guides who make the deliveries.

**13. Committee Review**

The draft is complete and waiting for approval from ATC.

**14. Correspondence**

A reply to the Mayor's letter of thanks has been received from the Chief Constable.

**15. Proposition to Full Council**

No items were proposed for Council approval.

**16. Date and Time of Next Meeting**

**7.30pm** Monday 7 February 2011 at Globe House Alcester