

**MINUTES OF A COMMUNITY COMMITTEE MEETING OF ALCESTER TOWN COUNCIL  
HELD AT 8pm ON MONDAY 18 APRIL 2011 AT GLOBE HOUSE, PRIORY ROAD,  
ALCESTER (SEGGS LANE ENTRANCE)**

**Present** Cllr E. Payne (Chair) Cllr M Gittus Cllr P. Carr, Cllr J.Kenyon, Cllr L. Cumberbatch, Cllr C. Gough, Mr. D. Wade, Cllr Mrs S Adams, Mrs J Theobald

**Public participation at discretion of Chair**

None present

**Apologies**

Mr J. Hodges, Cllr W. Malin, Cllr D. Hancox

**2. Declarations of Interest**

None declared

**3. Minutes of Last Meeting**

The minutes were approved and signed.

**4. Emergency Planning**

Flooding & drainage – Work at the rear of HSBC is continuing. The next Flood Forum is on Thursday 21 April and Redrow have been invited to speak on alleviation of sewage on the Captains Hill development. The installation of flood pump in Bleachfield Street is complete, the Gas House Lane pump is awaiting the connection of the electricity supply.

**5. Health and Inequalities.**

Cllr Cumberbatch and Mr J Hodges to develop a draft strategy and will bring to the Community Committee when complete.

Health Centre - Some progress on discussions between the Strategic Health Authority and NHS Warwickshire.

**6. Business Support**

Tourism – The Blue Sails workshops due to be held on 16 March had been cancelled owing to a low take up of attendees as businesses and hoteliers were working at full capacity during Cheltenham Cup week.

Alcester Town Council supported local businesses and traders at the Business Show on March 30 along with The Chamber of Trade and Food Festival committee.

**7. Town Development Working Group**

An article on Alcester has been sent for inclusion on the "Discover Stratford" website.

The design of the "Fairtrade" sign was approved and will be added to the Alcester Town entrance signs during the month of May, the damaged Alcester sign at Oversley Green will be replaced at the same time.

**8. Senior Citizens' Issues**

Cllr Cumberbatch and Mr Hodges are to discuss WCC adult care proposals.

It was thought that the effect on residents from the Gt. Alne Older People's development would be minimal as the complex would "stand alone" rather than be part of the Gt. Alne community.

**9. Community Safety**

Sgt Andy Moss had addressed ATC's Forum to give an update on future police presence in Alcester, the new local beat manager, Peter Essex, will be invited to a future Forum.

**10. Youth Issues**

Youth Council - 5 pupils from Alcester High and 9 from St. Benedicts attended the last meeting. Gail Newood from WCC gave a presentation on how to run meetings to introduce the young people into ownership of the Youth Council meetings.

Alcester Youth Project– the WCC rural outreach bus attendance at the Conway Fields is coming to an end although 30 – 35 young people congregate around the Pavilion. Pressure is on to recruit volunteers to help run youth activities at the Depot when it is completed. The chair is advertising for volunteers and requesting help from WCC youth services for training and CRB checks for volunteers. The Celebration of Youth Event is being organised to celebrate the opening of the Depot and enlist volunteers and funding is being sought to employ youth workers.

Positive about Young People – PAYP currently support the junior youth club but are moving services from WCC to a third sector organisation. In future their Holiday Activity Play programmes can only be commissioned from within a voluntary or community sector.

**11. Community Venues**

a) The Pavilion – work is progressing to timescale. Use by the football club will cease by 23 April.

- b) Greig Hall – SDC are holding their decision to sell the conveyance until consideration has been given to the comments from the Greig Hall Action Committee.
- c) Malt Mill Lane – The residents have commented that watering the 30 hanging baskets is becoming difficult for them. An article asking for volunteers will be put in the Newsletter.

**12. Communication**

- a) Surgery – the next surgery will be held after the elections
- b) Newsletter - Articles for the next newsletter to be received by May 13.

**13. Correspondence**

- a) NALC Legal Briefing – changes to frequency of local authority newsletters
- b) Street Market 12 June – theme for the street market is “Day at the Seaside”
- c) Alcester Chamber of Trade thanked ATC for sharing an exhibition stand at the Business Fair
- d) Notification of the Greig open day on 23 April 11am – 4pm.

**15. Proposition to Full Council**

none

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

Monday 23 May 8pm at Globe House