

MINUTES OF A COMMUNITY COMMITTEE MEETING OF ALCESTER TOWN COUNCIL HELD AT 7.00pm ON MONDAY 12 SEPTEMBER 2011 AT GLOBE HOUSE, PRIORY ROAD, ALCESTER (SEGGS LANE ENTRANCE)

Present

Cllrs E Payne, L Cumberbatch, S Adams, J Styles, A Brown, J Kenyon, C Neal-Sturgess, W Malin, C Gough, Y Hine, David Wade, Chris Wright (Clerk), P Haggerty (Assistant Clerk).

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AT DISCRETION OF CHAIR

No public present

1. Apologies: Cllrs Gittus and Morrison, J Theobald, J Hodges

2. Declaration of Interest

No declarations of interest were received.

3. Minutes of Last Meeting

The minutes of the last meeting held on 8 August were approved and signed.

4. Updates

a) Public Works

Cllr Payne read out statements from Cllr Gittus:

Resurfacing of the High Street was a good end result. The contractors were prompt and completed all the work within the timescale promised, reducing the imposition on the residents and businesses. The crossing points would all be redressed with the buff tarmac finish in about a fortnight when the new surface had fully set.

Sewerage works road diversion A46 - after settling some issues with Warwickshire Police and the Highways Agency, the plan is to burn off all the road markings, single carriageway, 30mph restriction, safety reserve, 400m advanced signing and lighting at the junction. All planning issues had been discharged so it was all go for 19th September.

b) Health and Inequalities

Hospital Project - Cllr Cumberbatch reported that a licence issue had been resolved and the contractors were due on site on 21st September.

c) Business Support

David Wade reported that the Stratford Business Show was due to be held soon and he had invited the Chair of the Chamber of Trade.

Waitrose was now a stand-alone branch in Alcester.

d) Town Development

Cllr Adams reported that a meeting of the next Town Development Working Group would be held on 15th September at 10am, and she would report to the next Community Committee meeting.

e) Senior Citizens' Issues

Cllr Hine reported that one of the lunch clubs was returning to The Pavilion.

f) Community Safety

Cllr Neal-Sturgess reported that he had attended the Neighbourhood Watch meeting and he was now the point of contact for the Police. 330 people were now on the database.

g) Youth Issues

The Depot - The Clerk reported that he had been asked to provide information re liability insurance, responsibility document, fire regulations, extinguishers (which had now been organised), first aid kit and accident book, health and safety regulations, a 24 hour contact person (key holder), and TV aerial/satellite dish.

Bill Bayley was to form a committee with Kirsten Forbes as the link. Cllr Hine offered to be a temporary key holder. CRB checks are to be arranged. Cllr Styles reported that she was attending a Youth Project meeting on 14 September and a Youth Council meeting on 29 September at The Depot. The Youth Council needed a boost and Julie was to Chair it. The good and positive things that young people do needs to be communicated. Julie will find out what their issues are and also help them with their newsletter. Cllr Cumberbatch had attended the Nail Cross service at St Nicholas church with children from the local primary schools. It was a lovely service and he then went with them to the Rugby Club and they handed over the cross to Coughton School.

h) Communication

Cllr Malin reported that there were few visitors at the Surgery. Tourist information had been given out as none was available at the library. It was agreed to take the new town guides to places around the town. There were currently a lot of tourists in town and coach parking was needed. Cllrs Payne and Adams were to investigate this with Stratford DC for Bulls Head Yard car park. It was agreed that our newsletters would be taken round the shops and volunteers were needed to take them. Cllr Brown agreed to be our Tourism Champion.

i) Alcester Olympics

Cllr Cumberbatch reported that the next meeting had been postponed until October. A fundraising event 'Cocktails and Canapes' for ladies was being held at the Rectory on 21st October.

5. Community Facilities

a) Alcester Pavilion

The Clerk reported that the contractors had not left the site in a satisfactory condition and he needed support from the committee to address the problems before final bills are paid. A list was to be drawn up and sent to the contractors formally via the Premises & Buildings sub-committee.

b) Globe House

A meeting has been arranged with Stratford DC on Wednesday to discuss a 5-year review on the lease. There would be no cost for 4 years. If all agreed a 50 year lease will follow. There are issues to be clarified and reported back to Presidium. Proposals to Council will follow.

c) Greig Centre

The Clerk reported that the planning proposals for the site had been refused. The Mayor had written to the Chair of the Trustees inviting them to meet us. The covenant was still in place.

d) Malt Mill Lane basket watering

Cllr Payne reported that Orbit had no problem with this and it needs to be in place by next May.

6. Correspondence

None received.

7. Propositions to Full Council

None.

8. Date and Time of Next Meeting

Monday 10 October 2011 at Globe House, Alcester