

**MINUTES OF A COMMUNITY COMMITTEE MEETING OF ALCESTER TOWN COUNCIL HELD AT 7pm ON MONDAY 10 OCTOBER 2011 AT GLOBE HOUSE, PRIORY ROAD, ALCESTER (SEGGS LANE ENTRANCE)**

The start of the meeting was delayed until 7.15 as a key to Globe House was unavailable.

**Present:** Cllr Payne, Mr J. Hodges, Cllr A.Brown, Cllr. Y.Morrison, Cllr J Kenyon, Cllr C Neal-Sturgess, Cllr. W.Malin, Cllr. C. Gough, Cllr Y. Hine, Mrs J. Theobald

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AT DISCRETION OF CHAIR** – no public present

**1. Apologies:** Cllr J. Styles, Cllr M Gittus, Mr D. Wade, Cllr P. Carr, Cllr S. Adams, Cllr L. Cumberbatch

**2. Declaration of Interest** – none recorded

**3. Minutes of Last Meeting** The minutes of meeting held on 12 September 2011 were approved and signed.

**a) Updates**

**b) Public Works**

Sewerage Work on A46 – work has been delayed for two weeks as ancient remains have been found in the field. Work along the road will not be affected.

Crossing Pole at School Road – the flattened pole at the crossroads has been dealt with.

The highway sign near the Greig Hall has been removed.

**c) Health and Inequalities**

Hospital site – Work has begun on the health clinic and is progressing to the new schedule for opening next year.

**d) Business Support**

The Mayor and Mr Wade were attending the Chamber of Trade's open meeting. No report submitted in Mr Wade's absence.

**e) Town Development**

Signage - Quotes are being sought for new town signage directing people from the car park to the High Street.

Town Guide – The draft Town Guide was not satisfactory and it may be several months before it is published. Once completed, Cllr Hine and Cllr Brown will approach local hotels with the guides.

**f) Senior Citizen's Issues**

A new indicator trail for means testing is being conducted over the next 2 years to assess what deprivation mean in our community. Mr Hodges also highlighted the fact that benefits for older people are not widely advertised and Councillors may have the opportunity to inform and explain the assessment when talking to residents.

Bus Services - Mr Hodges to collect information by mid January.

**g) Community Safety**

Plans are to incorporate the Flooding Emergency Plan into the Community Safety brief. The Depot was closed for a week following a bad behaviour incident. Reports of car racing in the streets are being investigated.

**h) Youth Issues**

Alcester Youth Council meeting was held at the Depot and 11 students from St. Benedicts attended. Cllr Styles to contact Alcester Academy and Alcester Grammar to request that they are represented. A questionnaire asking for young people's opinions on the withdrawal of evening bus services is being circulated.

Junior Youth Club – Attendance has doubled since the club has run from the Depot.

**i) Communication**

Pedestrian markings on the High Street will be done in the near future. It was noted that these are unofficial crossings and motorists give way as a 'duty of care' rather than a requirement.

The information screen has not been updated and still reports that surgeries run from Church House rather than Globe House.

**j) Alcester Olympics**

The next meeting is on 17<sup>th</sup> October with the two committees working together.

**k) The Queen's Jubilee Celebrations**

Arrangements to be made for the Street Market to be moved to Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> June and the Jubilee party to be on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> June. HRH is to write the Grace for the Town. This item to be added to future Community Committee Agendas.

**4. Community Facilities**

**a) Grants**

A decision to be made on Grants at the next meeting. This item to remain on the agenda.

**b) Globe House**

Copies of the lease has been sent to all the councillors and will be discussed at the next Full Council meeting.

**c) Greig Centre**

The Agenda has been agreed for the meeting between the Trustees, the Mayor and the Clerk to discuss the future of the Greig Centre.

**d) The Pavilion**

e) A report from the Pavilion Interim Management Group was submitted to Full Council. Disabled access is required to the function room before it is used. A Stratford District Council inspection has requested fire doors.

**5. Correspondence – none received**

**6. Propositions to Full Council**

To request that a Vice Chairman is appointed to Community Committee

**7. Date and Time of Next Meeting –**

7pm Monday 14 November at Globe House