

Alcester Town Council

Presidium

Report for Year May 2016 to April 2017

Membership consisted of:

Chris Brannigan (Chair), Mayor also latterly as Chair of Health and Well Being Board.
Yvette Morrison Deputy Mayor also as Chair of Communications Committee
Clive Neal-Sturgess, Immediate Past Mayor also as Chair of Strategic Planning Committee,
Andrew Foster, Chair of Community Care Committee
Jim Kenyon, Chair of Community Facilities Committee
Lennox Cumberbatch, Chair of Health and Well Being Board

Clerks:

Chris Wright to October, Kate Wright to March, Vanessa Lowe from late March.

Meetings and purpose:

The Presidium met the last Tuesday of each month, a week before Full Council to receive reports, discuss issues arising from them and to confirm the Agenda for Full Council.

The Presidium also confirmed, reporting to Full Council:

- That Presidium acts as a Finance Committee with the Town Clerk reporting and discussing details of finance. A report is subsequently made Full Council,
- The Mayor, the Deputy Mayor and Immediate Past Mayor acted as a Staffing Coming reporting to Presidium and subsequently to Full Council.

Reporting to Presidium and Council, The Staffing Group established a process for the appointment of a Town Clerk after the retirement of Chris Wright. Lennox Cumberbatch was co-opted to the Group. Advice was sought, the post advertised, interviews took place and an appointment was made.

A Note on Process:

The smaller numbers of people on Presidium should allow a forum for informed discussion. This has recently appeared to work quite well and potentially allows for direct communication and integration between the various Committees.

A Personal Note:

Large overly structured meetings and emails 'to all' do not provide a way for informed decision making involving all councillors and importantly transparency. Presidium provides a limited opportunity for discussion.

Professor Emeritus Cllr Chris Brannigan
May 2016