

**MINUTES OF A COMMUNITY COMMITTEE MEETING OF ALCESTER TOWN COUNCIL
HELD AT 7.00pm ON MONDAY 9 SEPTEMBER 2012 AT GLOBE HOUSE, PRIORY ROAD,
ALCESTER (SEGGS LANE ENTRANCE)**

Present:

Cllr E. Payne, Cllr S Adams, Cllr A. Brown, Cllr L. Cumberbatch, Cllr Y. Morrison, Cllr C Neal-Sturgess, Cllr C. Gough, Cllr J Styles, Cllr J Kenyon, Mr J Hodges, Mrs Theobald

Public participation at discretion of Chair

No public were present

1. Apologies Cllr W. Malin, Cllr Y. Hine

2. Declarations of Interest

None declared

3. Minutes of Last Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 9 July 2012 had been circulated and were approved and signed

4. Updates

a) Health and Inequalities

Building work progressing well on the hospital site and the delay has been pulled forward to 2 weeks, anticipated hand over in December and occupancy in January 2013.

ATC and UK Health Safe have met to decide on a programme of distribution of defibrillators around the Town. Alcester will be put forward as first in the county to be fully equipped with defibrillators.

Cllr Cumberbatch is to attend a Public Health conference in October on the extent of additional services local authorities are required to deliver. Representatives from the 2 town practices have been invited to sit on the Clerical Governance Group.

Act.Com group will recommence in the autumn with a wider role.

b) Senior Citizens' Issues

A meeting to discuss sheltered housing concerns will be pursued.

Recent issues raised by residents of Malt Mill Lane and Jubilee Court have been resolved.

Adult Services - Chairs of the Senior Citizen Action Network (SCAN) groups are having difficulty getting a response from Adult Services on day to day issues. SDC are to investigate. Cllr Cumberbatch to meet with a senior officer of Adult Services to get clarity on the effect that reduction in resources and reorganisation of Government officers will have on services.

Mr Hodges called on the Town Council to prioritise help for older people and act as a contact point.

WCC to be informed when road works affecting Priory Road have finished and the new bus timetable to be established.

c) Resilience

Community Safety - The Safer Neighbourhood leaflets have been distributed. No major incidence of crime reported.

Road works - Priory Road Gas main replacement nearing completion and contractors to confirm the road will be open before closure of the High Street for the Mop 2/3

October. Bus companies are to be made aware of changes.

Flood Defence - Positive feedback from businesses after last 'Amber' flood alert.

Training for wardens to be pursued. First Aid training to be offered to councillors and wardens.

A Masters student has been assigned to look at the Town's flood defences.

Road Safety- the Resilience committee are looking at speed aware initiatives for the Town. The results will be taken to the Community Forum.

d) Business Support

Two food festivals are planned for May and October next year.

A Tourist Manager has been appointed for the Stratford District. A Council representative to attend meetings to support tourism in Alcester.

Towns unsuccessful in the Mary Portas' bid have been invited to apply again for a grant of £10,000. Some points raised out of Alcester's last application are being dealt with. Alcester Academy has given the outlet for their new school uniform to a retailer in Redditch. The Town Council is to write to the school pointing out the detrimental effect this could have on businesses and the community.

e) Youth Issues

Cllr Styles and the Town Clerk visited the Depot youth club and are to meet with WCC Youth Services manager over future youth projects at the Depot.

A course on cycle repairs has been offered if support can be provided.

The next Youth Council meeting is on 18 September. The Mayor has agreed to invite two Youth Council members to his civic dinner. The Youth Council is to have a web page on the Town Council site.

f) Communication

The autumn Newsletter is ready to be delivered to households in Alcester. Discussions are going ahead with SDC on cost of format for the website.

The Mayor is to answer directly to the author of a letter sent to the local press.

g) Broadband

Flyers are being distributed to businesses and residents in and around Alcester as well as local schools. Cllr Gittus has been appointed as the Kinwarton Broadband "champion" but a volunteer is needed for Alcester.

h) Alcester Olympics

The Alcester Olympics' events were successful. Some funding remains and schools are being consulted on how similar sporting events can continue each year. A reception for gold medallist Nick Skelton is being held in St. Benedict's School hall on 10 October.

The remaining Olympic bunting is to be removed.

5. Community Facilities

a) Alcester Pavilion

The floor covering in the community room and the Depot is finished. Work to improve the toilets has started.

An application has been submitted to Fields in Trust to nominate Conway Fields as a Queen Elizabeth II field. This will ensure that it is protected and, once nominated, grants are available to improve community facilities.

b) Globe House

Further clarification is required on a number of points before the Lease can be finalised.

c) Greig Centre

The latest proposals from the Greig Trustees will be taken to the Presidium for a decision on how the Town Council can proceed.

6. Correspondence – none received

7. Proposition to Full Council

A proposition to full council to approve a budget for First Aid Training for Councillors and volunteers and officers which work in direct contact with the public.

8. Date and Time of Next Meeting

7pm Monday 8 October 2012 at Globe House