

MINUTES OF A COMMUNITY COMMITTEE MEETING OF ALCESTER TOWN COUNCIL HELD AT 7pm ON MONDAY 12 MARCH 2012 AT GLOBE HOUSE, PRIORY ROAD, ALCESTER (SEGGS LANE ENTRANCE)

Present: Cllr Payne, Cllr A Brown, Cllr. Y. Morrison, Cllr C Neal-Sturgess, Cllr. W.Malin, Cllr Y. Hine, Cllr J. Styles Cllr S Adams, Mr J Hodges, Mrs J. Theobald

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AT DISCRETION OF CHAIR – no public present

- 1. Apologies:** Cllr L. Cumberbatch, Cllr J. Kenyon, Cllr M. Gittus, Cllr. C. Gough, Cllr P. Carr
- 2. Declaration of Interest** – none recorded
- 3. Minutes of Last Meeting** The minutes of meeting held on 13 February 2012 were approved and signed.

4. Updates

a) Public Works

Councillors from ATC and neighbouring parish councils were invited to inspect the sewerage tank before the lid was secured. Morgan Sindall expressed how much they had enjoyed their time in Alcester and several residents praised the helpfulness of the workmen during the installation. Cllr Gittus to confirm details of the planned closure of Priory Road.

b) Health and Inequalities

Stratford District Council approved the proposed outer materials for the new health centre. Shrubs adjacent to the car park will be removed. Local schools are preparing material for a time-capsule to be buried during construction. A site visit to be arranged for Community Committee members.

c) Business Support

The Town Council have reserved two stalls at this year's Business Show at Ragley. Cllrs Hine, Adams, Brown, Payne and Cumberbatch will be attending to promote Alcester.

Sponsors are being sought for reprinting the Events Calendar.

d) Town Development

No further update

e) Senior Citizen's Issues

A presentation on CCTV monitoring in Alcester was given at the last Senior Citizen Action Group (SCAN) meeting. Also on the Agenda was the growth of the Town, housing needs for older people and community transport . Mr Hodges to report back on the results of a countrywide survey on volunteer recruiting, particularly for older people's services. Friendship groups may replace luncheon clubs in the future.

Mr Hodges circulated information on emergency SMS services that lets deaf, hard of hearing and speech impaired people in the UK send an SMS text message to UK 999 service and he is currently researching user-friendly mobile phones for those with hand mobility problems.

f) Community Safety

The emergency safety equipment stock is almost complete and the commission and training of volunteers is to begin shortly. The next Flood Forum is on 14 March.

g) Youth Issues

The next meeting of the Youth Council is on 21 March. Cllr Morrison is still pursuing the purchase of suitable badges for youth council members. The team of young people from the Depot were successful in the Alcester Games Tug of War competition.

h) Communication

Complaints brought to this month's surgery included litter problems in the Hopkins Precinct car park and fly tipping in Great Alne. A letter was received from a resident who is disappointed that two seats have been removed from Hopkins precinct. These concerns have been directed to Stratford District Council.

Arrangements are to be made to attract more people to the surgeries at Globe House. The next surgery is on 14 April.

i) Alcester Olympics

A Tug of War event was held on the Recreation Fields. The Dowager Marquises has agreed to be Patron and will present the Ragley Cup on March 21st

Details of the Torch run-through will be announced on 19 March

j) The Queen's Jubilee Celebrations

A decision has not yet been made on the site for the Beacon.

5. Community Facilities

a) Grants

A sub group lead by The Mayor is to be set up to look at the applications for Town Council grants.

b) Globe House

No further update

c) Greig Centre

No further update

d) The Pavilion

The mezzanine ceiling is now in place and the floor will be laid by the end of March.

6. Correspondence

None received

7. Propositions to Full Council

Following the approval of the last Community Committee minutes, a proposition will be made for approval of £1000 towards an AMT benchmarking exercise.

8. Date and Time of Next Meeting –

7pm Monday 16 April 2012 at Globe House.