

MINUTES OF A COMMUNITY COMMITTEE MEETING OF ALCESTER TOWN COUNCIL HELD AT 7pm ON MONDAY 13 FEBRUARY 2012 AT GLOBE HOUSE, PRIORY ROAD, ALCESTER (SEGGS LANE ENTRANCE)

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AT DISCRETION OF CHAIR – no public present

- 1. Apologies:** Cllr J. Styles, Cllr. Y. Morrison, Cllr J. Kenyon, Cllr M. Gittus
- 2. Declaration of Interest** – none recorded
- 3. Minutes of Last Meeting** The minutes of meeting held on 9 January 2012 were proposed to be accepted by Cllr Malin, seconded by Cllr Hine and approved.
- 4. Updates**

a) Public Works

The Flood Forum met on 13 February. The High Street is now open with an anticipated opening of Stratford Road within the next few days. The agencies have removed defunct underground services and an up-to-date record of current services will be passed to ATC. Severn Trent did not comment on the effects of a possible extra 350 houses in the area but WCC public health will undertake to check planning applications to see if services are adequate and report back to ATC. The next Flood Forum is on 26 March. There will be no parking in Gas House Lane on 21 February to allow training for operating the flood pumps.

b) Health and Inequalities

A sign showing the design of the new health centre has been erected on Kinwarton Road. The Mayor is to meet with the Health and Wellbeing minister. A request for information on current older people's services has been sent to the portfolio holder of WCC.

c) Business Support

Cllr Cumberbatch to contact Mr Wade to offer ATC's support of the role and future function of its business champion.

d) Town Development

A TDWG meeting was held on 9 February. The draft of the Events' leaflet was discussed and an extra meeting is to be held to 23 February to agree the amendments.

Information to update the Town Plan and determine housing needs is required. It was agreed to commission an Action for Market Town's benchmarking exercise with funding sought through ATC and CoT.

- e) CCTV** – funding for the 3 year programme has been approved. This item will be removed from future agendas.

f) Senior Citizen's Issues

Mr Hodges thanked Community Committee on behalf of recipients of community grants awarded last year.

The next SCAN meeting is on March 8th and will cover housing development in Alcester and primary care. Cllr Cumberbatch will attend to answer questions on how the Town will address responsibility for vulnerable people.

g) Community Safety

Cllr. Neal-Sturgess requested that a number of portable heaters be held in stock for emergencies to address chronic heating problems experienced by vulnerable people living in private or social housing. Enquiries to be made to see if local organisations can provide heaters. Mr Hodges to look at grants available for community needs.

A meeting of the Emergency Committee took place on 25 January.

Exercise Watermark is to continue and wardens are to be appointed. A list of required emergency equipment was agreed. Vision for Alcester group to be approached regarding funding.

An incident at Globe House has prompted the need to review ATC's Lone Working policy.

h) Youth Issues

The sample of a potential Youth Council badge was disappointing and a request was put to the Committee to fund badges of an improved design. It was agreed that 50 better quality badges would be purchased out of the Mayor's Charity Fund.

i) Communication

Attendance was low at the last surgery in Globe House and ways to attract people to future surgeries was discussed.

Reports for the March Newsletter to be in by 17 January.

The website is currently being updated. Information regarding Town Council's Meetings are posted on notice boards in Alcester.

Cllr Malin was thanked for providing reception cover at Globe House.

j) Alcester Olympics

Next meeting to be held on 5 February. The Olympic Torch will be pass through Alcester on 1 July.

k) The Queen's Jubilee Celebrations

The Jubilee celebrations are being led by the High Bailiff and Chamber of Trade, the Mayor attends on behalf of ATC. The request for the Beacon to be on St. Nicholas church tower was declined and looking at possible location on Primrose Hill.

5. Community Facilities

a) Grants

New applications will be processed once next year's community grant has been set. This item will be removed from the agenda until further notice.

b) Globe House

The Museum trustees have expressed a wish to be included in ATC's lease when their current lease comes to an end.

c) Greig Centre

The correspondence received from groups and organisations wishing to use the Greig Hall if available have been sent to the MP, Chief Executive of Stratford District Council and the Charity Commission. No further correspondence received from the Greig Trustees.

d) The Pavilion

Materials to complete the floor and ceiling have been purchased and quotes are being sought for the installation.

Vision for Alcester have asked that past invoices for work done at the Pavilion be passed to them for payment.

6. Correspondence

None received

7. Propositions to Full Council

Item d - To seek the Council's approval of £1000 towards an AMT benchmarking exercise.

8. Date and Time of Next Meeting –

7pm Monday 12 March 2012 at Globe House