

**A COMMUNITY COMMITTEE MEETING OF ALCESTER TOWN COUNCIL WAS  
HELD AT 7.00pm ON MONDAY 16 APRIL 2012 AT GLOBE HOUSE,  
PRIORY ROAD, ALCESTER (SEGGS LANE ENTRANCE)**

**Present**

Cllr Payne, Cllr. W.Malin, Cllr S Adams, Cllr J. Kenyon, Cllr. C. Gough, Mr J Hodges and the Town Clerk C Wright.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AT DISCRETION OF CHAIR**

No public were present

**1. Apologies –**

Apologies and reasons for absence were received from Cllr L. Cumberbatch, Cllr. Y. Morrison, Cllr C Neal-Sturgess, Cllr A Brown, Cllr M. Gittus, Cllr Y. Hine, Cllr P. Carr, Cllr J. Styles, Mrs J. Theobald.

**2. Declarations of Interest**

No Declarations of interest were received

**3. Minutes of Last Meeting**

The minutes of the last meeting held on Monday 12 March 2012, having been circulated, were proposed to be accepted by Cllr Adams

**4. Updates**

Cllr Payne gave an update on Public Works stating Morgan Sindall were finishing off the Big Tank Project, the improvements to the path up to Cherry Trees was going through and the replacement trees would be planted in October.

Cllr Payne gave an update on Health and Inequalities issues stating Cllr Cumberbatch had organised a meeting with Brian Stoten to discuss Town Councils involvement with the new Warwickshire Well Being Board he chairs. Concern remains over the NHS and Social Care joined up working programme which does not appear to be successful. Doctor Lambert will be the leader of the older persons policy at the new Alcester Health Centre.

Cllr Adams gave update on Business Support stating the Ragley Business Show had been a success and they met the new Alcester Chamber of Trade Chairman, Sam Rath. The Mary Portas Pilot Bid had been completed and received with help from the clerk. Waitrose have also indicated their car park will be accessed from Priory Road in May, with no change to the current layout. Concern was raised over direction signs within the car park, SDC to be alerted.

John Hodges gave an update on Senior Citizens issues. Key elements included the lack of transport in the town including taxis and Sunday bus Services, there was concern at AGE UK with their loss of income impacting on services and low volunteer numbers mainly due to family commitments. The Citizens Advice Bureau were also reporting an increase in the number of senior citizens seeking advice. There was also a need for Community Wardens to help monitor Vulnerable people. Cllrs considered that ways of getting more volunteers must become a priority. Mr Hodges also gave out statistical information on the higher ageing aspects of the UK population. All Councillors considered Community Transport was a key factor, particularly with older people and the need for communities to use the new facilities the Health Centre will offer from as far afield as Bidford and Studley.

The Clerk gave an update on Community Safety stating the Emergency Committee had met in the last week and Volunteers for Emergency Wardens was also an issue. Councillors must be made aware though of their own responsibilities in the event of

an emergency, as they will be at the top of the Communication Pyramid. A Forum is to be organised for councillors' benefit.

The Clerk gave an update on Youth Issues, stating there had been a restructuring of the leadership of the Depot Youth Club following Bill Bayley moving aside. Concern was raised on the support needed for the Volunteers and a meeting is to be organised to enable a dialogue with the leaders to ascertain their needs. Professional help and training opportunities were a consideration.

Cllr Malin gave an update on Communication, stating 6 people had attended the Surgery last weekend and action had been taken on a number of issues, none under the Town Council's control. Consideration was also being given to where the Surgery should be held and advertising it to increase footfall. Concern was also raised regarding the notice in the Police Station pointing to Globe House as the Police contact point, Cllr Gittus is to be contacted.

Cllr Adams gave an update on Alcester Olympics Celebrations stating the next meeting was due Wednesday, the budget had been completed for the events and the Roman Museum had been requested to dress up for the Olympic Torch.

There was no update available on the Queen's Jubilee Celebrations.

## **5. Community Facilities**

The Clerk gave an update on progress at the Alcester Pavilion, stating that now the Mezzanine floor, the suspended ceiling and the floor were in place in the Community Room the cheapest way of providing a floor covering, possibly carpet tiles, the plastering of the walls or not and the heating were being considered. This would allow the Community Room to be used.

The Clerk gave an update on Globe House, stating he had sent the details of the lease to our solicitor and asked for the cost for their involvement. A question was asked if the District Council may offer assistance toward this cost as a way forward.

The Clerk gave an update on the Greig Centre stating there was no further news on the Greig Trustees financial position even though all dates had passed that were given as crucial by the trustees, the Unity Trust bank and the Insolvency Practitioner. Cllr Gough reported on the perceived condition of the Hall following the winter period, which was considered to be good. Reports had been received that the Electric Supply had been turned off to the Greig Hall, and that the Trustees had restructured their work force sufficiently to make a financial surplus.

In the absence of Cllr Cumberbatch there was no update from the Grants sub-committee.

## **6. To Review next stage of Community Committee and Progress on items on Agenda – Cllr Cumberbatch**

This item was deferred until the next meeting.

## **7. Correspondence**

No relevant correspondence had been received

## **8. Propositions to Full Council**

There were no propositions from the above items on the agenda.

## **9. Date and Times of Next Meeting**

The date and time of the next meeting, 7pm Monday 14 May 2012 at Globe House was noted.