

MINUTES OF A COMMUNITY COMMITTEE MEETING OF ALCESTER TOWN COUNCIL HELD AT 7pm ON MONDAY 18 JUNE 2012 AT GLOBE HOUSE, PRIORY ROAD, ALCESTER (SEGGS LANE ENTRANCE)

Present: Cllr Payne, Cllr. C. Gough, Mr J Hodges, Cllr. W.Malin, Cllr Y. Hine, Cllr S. Adams, Cllr J. Styles, Cllr. Y. Morrison, Mr C Wright, Mrs J. Theobald

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AT DISCRETION OF CHAIR – no public present

- 1. Apologies:** Cllr L. Cumberbatch, Cllr A Brown, Cllr C Neal-Sturgess, Cllr J. Kenyon, Cllr M Gittus
- 2. Declaration of Interest** – non recorded
- 3. Minutes of Last Meeting** - Cllr Malin proposed that the minutes of meeting held on 14 May 2012 previously circulated were approved.
- 4. Updates**

a) Public Works

The Gas company's first planned public information day regarding major gas mains replacement work along Evesham Road did not take place. The site of the sewage tank has been tided and cleaned. WCC Highways to be informed that road markings and the traffic island warning notices are no longer clear. Screen planting is scheduled for the autumn.

b) Health and Inequalities

The Health Care Centre is progressing well and on schedule for opening Autumn 2012.

Residents have expressed concern regarding lack of post hospital care and support for independent living. The Senior Citizen's champion asked that the Town Council seeks to engage with the Alexandra Hospital to maintain services and support for residents, especially the elderly.

Act.Com group have been asked to be the responsible body for the management of the Pavilion.

c) Business Support

Alcester's application for the Mary Portas bid is still ongoing. Cllr Adams attended a Stratford District tourism meeting but felt that the focus was primarily on Stratford Town. Interviews are being held for a Destination Manager who will work to promote tourism across the District.

d) Senior Citizen's Issues

Mr Hodges attended a meeting with the Department of Works & Pensions (DWP) and representatives from 6 West Midlands' centres in response to a letter sent to the Chancellor on financial difficulties encountered by many senior citizens who are having to support their families in the current recession. Mr Hodges urged that the Town Council seek to support needy pensioners in the Alcester area.

The Town Clerk will clarify routes the local buses will take during the closure of the roads for Gas works and circulate to the local press. A request that bus timetables and notices are made clearer for the visually impaired will be passed to WCC.

Clarification needed that pharmacy services will continue at Hopkins Precinct as well as the Health Centre.

Several new members have attended the two luncheon clubs.

Stratford District Council and CAB have launched a new project which gives better access for information through an icon on computers. ATC are looking into becoming a partner.

e) Community Safety

Police contact will be moved from Globe House to the library from 2 July.

The container used for storing emergency equipment has been cleared to allow space for the Fire Service's environmental equipment.

f) Youth Issues

The Depot - A meeting was held between ATC, Alcester Youth Project and Depot volunteers on the building governance. A Town Council working group of Cllrs Malin, Hine, Morrison, Payne and Styles are to propose that terms of reference documents are adopted by Full Council. These could then be used as templates for other youth groups.

The next meeting of the Youth Council is on 12 July. Badges have been made and will be ready for new members in September.

CRB checks for volunteers are being processed by WCC.

g) Communication

Surgery - A request has been made that Alcester's crown bowling green becomes a heritage site. ATC agreed to support the bowling club's application to register it as a heritage site.

Several complaints regarding overgrown grass verges which have not been cut since April. SDC have agreed to tidy the route of the Olympic Torch run through. The Town Council are concerned about residents' complaints and will look into best way of getting necessary work done.

A request has been received from Travis Perkins to adopt an island.

The next surgery is on 7 July at Globe House.

Following the recent fire, the veterinary practice is operating from port-a-cabins until the building is operational and residents have been informed about parking whilst work is being done.

Website - Cllr Morrison is working with the Assistant Clerk on updating the website

h) Alcester Olympics

Information regarding the route of the Torch, and road closures are to be inserted in the Newsletter. Chamber of Trade have informed shops and businesses and ATC have informed town centre residents. Olympic bunting and flags have been delivered. Alcester Grammar school are to be approached for clean-up. WCC to be informed of untidy tuer. Cllr Payne to contact SDC regarding rubbish collection.

i) The Queen's Jubilee Celebrations

The celebrations were a success. An artificial flame beacon was put on top of St. Nicholas church and may be used again at other events.

5. Community Facilities

a) Grants

A request has been made for £150 towards the £2000 total cost for watering system and hanging baskets in Malt Mill Lane. Cllr Adams proposed and it was agreed that the grant is increased to £500 and the Mayor to be asked to put it to Full Council.

b) Globe House

Hall Reynolds solicitors are acting for ATC over lease. Signage has been changed to reflect changes in occupancy. WCC have offered support to Globe house as a future one-stop-shop.

c) Greig Centre

The Mayor has asked for a Town meeting to update the community on what has happened over the last twelve months. The Clerk asked Councillors to give feedback on a proposed presentation on the Town Council's involvement and financial position.

d) The Pavilion

A meeting has been held with the architect on the final layout of the community space. Funding is being sought to complete flooring and plastering. The request for £680 from Act.com towards plastering one of the walls has been deferred until further discussion with Cllr Bunting. Church Street Properties have been approached for a grant to update the toilets.

6. Correspondence

None received

7. Propositions to Full Council

None

8. Date and Time of Next Meeting –

7pm Monday 9 July 2012 at Globe House