

**MINUTES OF A COMMUNITY COMMITTEE MEETING OF ALCESTER TOWN COUNCIL
HELD AT 7.00pm ON MONDAY 8 OCTOBER 2012 AT GLOBE HOUSE, PRIORY ROAD,
ALCESTER (SEGGS LANE ENTRANCE)**

Present:

Cllr E. Payne, Cllr A. Brown, Cllr Y. Morrison, Cllr C Neal-Sturgess, Cllr C. Gough, Cllr J Styles, Cllr J Kenyon, Mr J Hodges, Mr C Wright, Cllr N Knapman, Mrs Theobald

Public participation at discretion of Chair

No public were present

1. Apologies Cllr W. Malin, Cllr Y. Hine, Cllr S Adams, Cllr L. Cumberbatch

2. Declarations of Interest

None declared

3. Minutes of Last Meeting

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

4. Updates

a) Health and Inequalities

Health Centre is progressing well.

Discussions with WCC on possible grant towards additional defibrillators for Alcester.

Cllr Cumberbatch and Mr Hodges to meet with engagement officer from LINK.

b) Senior Citizens' Issues

ATC to follow-up the request at the last meeting to prioritise help for older people by putting contacts for community services and information onto the website and in the Newsletter.

A menu from SW NHS dietetic services has been passed to Cllr Gough for the Food Bank project and as a tool to help those without fuel this winter.

Snow forecast has been passed to chair of Resilience Committee. Single frozen meals are available for vulnerable residents by contacting Cllr Hine or Mr Hodges.

A report from Department of Works & Pensions into why local authorities of rural communities are getting less than urban authorities has been passed to the Chair.

The current timetable for the number 26 bus is still unavailable.

c) Resilience

Community Safety -Cllr Neal-Sturgess reported on the markings of buildings to target burglaries featured in the Police Newsletter and Neighbourhood Watch article.

Road Safety - The last Resilience meeting had a single item agenda on Road Safety issues and what could be done to reduce death and serious injury through traffic accidents. Cllr Neal Sturgess asked that a proposition be put to Full Council to approval in principle the suggested road safety measures.

Flood Defence – An alert that the recently installed overflow tank was 94% full was investigated. The problem has been resolved but a request that advance warning is given when the tank is 75% full so that emergency procedures can be put in place.

d) Business Support

Cllr Brown to invite the new Stratford District Tourist Manager to a Community Committee meeting to outline the level of support that can be expected for Alcester.

The post has been part funded by SDC and ATC have been asked for a contribution. A new bid has been put forward for the Mary Portas' grant.

Councillor Brown to collate information for next year's 'Events in Alcester' leaflet.

Two Food Festivals are to be held next year and local businesses will be encouraged to promote their business to take advantage of the increased footfall.

Cllr Brown to get an update on the forthcoming Country Landowners event at Ragley.

e) ACT.Com

A proposition to be made to Full Council on the re-establishment of ACT.com as the company to run the Jubilee Centre on behalf of the Town. To be more inclusive, ACT.com will stand for Alcester Community Trust replacing the original Alcester Conway and Tenacre community.

f) Youth Issues

Ten members of Alcester Academy and one from Alcester Grammar attended the last meeting of the Youth Council on 18 September. A cinema club was chosen as their next project and an application for a grant towards equipment will be submitted to WCC. Cllr Styles to re-establish contact with St. Benedict's School.

A multi agency meeting led by WCC on youth provision and services in Alcester was held on 27 September.

Cllr Styles will report back on a meeting to be held on 17 October between Head of WCC youth Services, Cllr Styles and the Clerk.

The Alcester Youth Project group discussed the best location for a skate park. A risk assessment report will be done through the Open Spaces Committee.

g) Communication

Surgery – complaints received of vehicles parking on grass verges in Newport Drive.

Website – SDC are building a framework for the new ATC website. Training will be given to keep it up to date.

The next Communication meeting is on 14 November. Articles are needed for the winter Newsletter.

h) Broadband

There has been a poor response to the questionnaires circulated to households. Cllr Neal-Sturgess to go to Chamber of Trade and schools to get more support. It will also be promoted from the ATC stall on St. Nicholas' Night.

i) Alcester Olympics

ATC will host a reception for Gold Medallist Nick Shelton at St. Benedict's school on 10 October.

j) Fields in Trust

Jubilee Fields (formally Conway Fields) and Westbury Park have been nominated Queen Elizabeth II Fields which will safeguard them as open spaces. Councillors were asked to vote in the Love Your Field competition. An application for a grant has been submitted to Fields in Trust for fencing and additional inclusive play equipment.

5. Community Facilities

a) Alcester Pavilion

An open day to celebrate the completion of the Jubilee Hall will be held on 17 November

There is a delay of three weeks for completion of the toilets.

b) Globe House

The commercial surveyors' report has revealed that Glove House is at present not commercially viable. ATC to investigate all options including joint share of premises.

c) Greig Centre

The report and statement from the Greig Hall AGM held on 12 September has been circulated to Councillors. SDC to be consulted on the Trustees' intentions. One of the Trustees has retired.

6. Correspondence – Cllr Payne proposed that Church House and the Jubilee Centre be put forward for the Stratford District Council's Building Award.

7. Proposition to Full Council

1) To approval in principle the suggested road safety improvements in Alcester.

2) To re-establish ACT.com as the company responsible for running the Jubilee Centre.

8. Date and Time of Next Meeting

7pm Monday 12 November 2012 at Globe House