

MINUTES OF A COMMUNITY COMMITTEE MEETING OF ALCESTER TOWN COUNCIL HELD AT 7pm ON MONDAY 9 JANUARY 2012 AT GLOBE HOUSE, PRIORY ROAD, ALCESTER (SEGGS LANE ENTRANCE)

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AT DISCRETION OF CHAIR – no public present

1. Apologies: Cllr J. Styles, Cllr P Carr, Cllr. C. Gough

2. Declaration of Interest – none recorded

3. Minutes of Last Meeting The minutes of meeting held on December 12th 2011 were proposed to be accepted by Cllr Morrison, seconded by Cllr Malin, approved and signed.

4. Updates

a) Public Works

Severn Trent work has recommenced on Stratford Road. Inadequate signage led to confusion regarding the closed access to Birmingham Road from High Street and directions on A46. Cllr Payne to clarify and update the Town Development Working Group meeting on 12 January.

b) Health and Inequalities

Work on the hospital site is progressing. It was proposed that details of the new building should be posted in the Town to inform residents of what the new facility will look like and what services it will provide.

Cllr Cumberbatch has written to the Health & Wellbeing Board to arrange a meeting to look at the Board's role with a view to producing a strategy. A meeting to be arranged with local doctors to get their support for "Exercise on Prescription" walks and referrals of patients to the luncheon clubs.

Alcester Alzheimer's Cafe group have held their first meeting and have written to the doctors to make them aware of the service.

c) Business Support

High Street businesses that have been affected by the Severn Trent work are meeting with the agents to discuss their concerns.

The dress shop on Swan Street has let it be known that they are in the process of refurbishment and are not closing.

d) Town Development

The next meeting of the TDWG is on Thursday 12 January.

e) CCTV

It was proposed by Cllr Neal-Sturgess, seconded by Cllr Kenyon and agreed by Community Committee that a contribution of £4800 per year for next three years to monitor cameras 24 hours a day will be put to the Presidium for approval.

f) Senior Citizen's Issues

Following the successful senior citizens' Christmas lunch, another lunch possibly around Easter, has been requested.

Age UK have contacted Mr Hodges to inform him of funding opportunities. Identifying housing needs are being discussed at next Community Forum. A review of the private housing stock in the area, particularly for the at-need residents, will have to be done before property adaption grants can be claimed.

Stratford District Council have organised "40 Forum" as a means of consultation which Alcester can utilise.

Complaints received regarding the lack of policing over the Christmas period and inadequate patrols in older people's housing areas will be taken to the next Community Forum.

g) Community Safety

Cllr Neal-Sturgess to contact Orbit for an update on their proposal for CCTV cameras and signage in Malt Mill Lane.

h) Youth Issues

Cllr Styles submitted a report to Full Council. 18 young people attended the last Youth Council meeting. The affects of reduced bus services for young people is being collected to present to the Community Forum. The police also joined the meeting to explain that youth issues were a police priority and would like to know of any concerns young people may have.

The Mayor invited members of the Youth Council to his Christmas event to thank them for their help and contribution in gaining grants for the Depot youth building.

i) Communication

Four councillors, police and Neighbourhood Watch were represented at the last surgery. Complaints received included flooding in School Road and unmarked kerbs outside Jubilee Court had caused 2 residents to fall. Orbit Housing and WCC highways will be informed for appropriate action. The police were requested to monitor noise nuisance from young people congregating in the bus shelter on the corner of Gunnings Bridge. Additional "No Dog Fouling" notices and bins are needed, particularly along the old railway path

j) Alcester Olympics

Next meeting to be held on 11 January.

k) The Queen's Jubilee Celebrations

The Mayor will report back on the meeting with Court Leet and Chamber of Trade to discuss Alcester's preparations for Jubilee celebrations.

Lord Hertford has offered wood for the Beacon on Primrose Hill.

5. Community Facilities

a) Grants

Grants for 2011 have been completed. Applications for 2012/13 grants will be looked at after the budget has been set.

b) Globe House

No further update on the Lease. The Clerk has asked councillors for their opinion on the layout of Globe House reception. A request has been made from Carers and Alzheimer's groups to use Globe House.

c) Greig Centre

A meeting between representatives of Alcester Town Council and Stratford District Council is to be held on Tuesday 10 January. The Clerk has asked for letters of support from past users of the Greig Hall who would like to return if it became available again.

d) The Pavilion

The architect is looking at work still to be done and breakdown of cost to finish the community building so grants can be found.

6. Correspondence

- a) Compliments of "wonderful" and "a most useful publication" have been received for the Alcester Town Guide.
- b) Notification from the Manager of Waitrose that he is leaving the organisation. The Mayor is to write to thank him for his productive partnership working with ATC.

7. Propositions to Full Council

Approval for £4800 per year for next three years to be paid to Stratford District Council to monitor CCTV cameras 24 hours a day in Alcester.

8. Date and Time of Next Meeting –

7pm Monday 13 February 2012 at Globe House