

MINUTES OF A COMMUNITY COMMITTEE MEETING OF ALCESTER TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 9 JULY 2012

Present: Cllr L. Cumberbatch, Cllr A Brown, Cllr C Neal-Sturgess, , 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 Payne, Cllr M Gittus

2. Declarations of Interest – none recorded

3. Minutes of Last Meeting - The minutes of meeting held on 18 June 2012 had been circulated and were approved and signed.

4. Updates

a) Public Works

Notices have been posted regarding closure of Priory Road on 16 July.

b) Health and Inequalities

Completion of the Health Centre has been delayed approximately 4 weeks due to bad weather. Contractors are striving to complete the roof so that they can begin internal work and possibly make up 2 weeks of the delay.

Cllr Cumberbatch to follow up a request for a donation towards defibrillators for each school from Alliance Heart Safe.

c) Business Support

The Chamber of Trade are holding an open meeting at Minerva Mill on 16 July. Alcester has put in another bid for the Mary Portus' grant.

d) Senior Citizen's Issues

Cllr Cumberbatch will attend the next Scan Meeting on 12 July.

Notice of possible increased services from Stratford Hospital may reflect on services from Alcester Health Centre.

Bus route diversions whilst Priory Road is closed to be established. A consultation questionnaire has been sent out to random users of free bus passes. Reduced free travel times would affect doctor and hospital appointments for many elderly people. Community Links funding is secure for this year but may not be available next year. Another bus shelter on the Conway estate will be dependent on a commitment that bus services will continue. Mr Hodges and Cllr Cumberbatch to take up concerns that housing associations are not adhering to the principles of sheltered housing.

e) Community Safety

Crime figures for Alcester published in the Police Newsletter show an increase in incidents in most categories but are still down from last year.

A 20 minutes response for an ambulance to attend an incident on the Conway Fields will be reported to the next Community Forum meeting.

Seventeen flood sacks have been given out during the recent flood warnings and will now need to be replaced. Recipients will have to purchase additional sacks if required. The Town Council will be alerted when the Alne is at its limit. The next Flood Forum meeting is on 16 July.

f) Youth Issues

Cllr Styles proposed that the Youth Policy documents are submitted to Full Council to adopt.

g) Communication

Surgery – The complaint regarding car parking has been passed to WCC.

The Committee are advised that articles must be submitted by the stipulated date so that the Newsletter is produced on time.

Councillors are asked to make an appointment with the Clerk as complaints have been made regarding the noise in reception.

Police contact will be via the library from August 4th.

h) Alcester Olympics

The procession for the Olympic Opening event was cancelled due to bad weather but approximately 200 people enjoyed music performances in the Pavilion. Cllr

Cumberbatch personally thanked Cllr Styles for the Youth Drama group's

performance. The Alcester Olympic Fun Day is to be held on Sunday 15 July 2pm – 8pm.

5. Proposition to Community Committee

It was proposed by Cllr Hine and agreed that forthwith the Emergency Planning, Public Works and Community Safety sub committees would now be covered under a Resilience sub-committee, led by Cllr Neal-Sturgess

6. Community Facilities

a) Grants

Full Council agreed to increase the grant to £500 towards the watering system for the hanging baskets in Malt Mill Lane.

b) Globe House

Negotiations still continuing regarding the lease. SDC have offered a 5 year lease but for security the Town Council want a 50 year lease with a 15 years occupancy review. Interim arrangements are still ongoing but contributions from current tenants cannot be requested until the lease is signed. The Clerk is to meet with the Museum committee to discuss arrangements after their lease with SDC expires in 2013.

c) The Pavilion Community Centre

A request to accommodate a day centre for disabled people for 35 hours a week in Globe House is not viable but the community centre may be an alternative venue.

Cllr Cumberbatch and Mr Hodges to arrange a meeting with Adult Services to discuss the impact that closure of venues for vulnerable groups could have on Alcester and submit a paper on their findings to the Community Forum.

d) Greig Centre

Following the commitment to keep residents informed on the future of the Greig Hall, the Mayor has called another public meeting on 11 July to ask for support of the Town Council's proposals for the Hall's future

7. Correspondence -None received

8. Propositions to Full Council

That the Youth Policy documents are adopted.

9. Date and Time of Next Meeting –

7pm Monday 13 August 2012 at Globe House