

**MINUTES OF A COMMUNITY COMMITTEE MEETING OF ALCESTER TOWN COUNCIL
HELD AT 7.00pm ON MONDAY 14 JANUARY 2013 AT GLOBE HOUSE, PRIORY ROAD,
ALCESTER (SEGGS LANE ENTRANCE)**

Present:

Cllr E. Payne, Cllr A. Brown, Cllr Y. Hine, Cllr Y. Morrison, Cllr C Neal-Sturgess, Cllr S Adams, Mrs Theobald

Public participation at discretion of Chair

No public were present

1. Apologies Mr J Hodges, Cllr C Gough, Cllr J Styles,

2. Declarations of Interest

None declared

3. Minutes of Last Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 10 December 2012 had been circulated and were approved and signed

4. Updates

a) Health and Inequalities

Health Centre – The Health Centre is nearing completion. The pharmacy is currently being fitted out and two doctor practices are expected to be in situ in the spring.

Community Health will occupy the top floor. St Nicholas and Our Lady's primary schools have produced items for a "time capsule" to be buried before completion.

b) Senior Citizens' Issues

There is a critical shortage of helpers to cover lunch clubs and it is becoming difficult to sustain the twice weekly meals at Malt Mill Lane and at the Jubilee Centre. Cllr Brown offered to stand in for holiday cover. Request for volunteers to be put in the next Newsletter.

Concessionary bus passes expire at the end of March and concerns have been raised about replacements. SDC Councillors have been asked to clarify and report back.

c) Resilience

Community Safety – PC Essex is sending PCSO Hymen to the next meeting to discuss security at the Jubilee Centre. The next Alcester and Bidford Community Forum on 12 March has a single agenda on Community Safety. Questions will be taken and the Community Protection Manager will make a presentation which will be filmed and used at future road shows.

Flood Defences – no problems reported at present.

Public works – Temporary closure of Priory Road in March for construction of the new Waitrose car park entrance. Residents will be notified 2 weeks before the closure and bus routes will be diverted.

d) Business Support

A draft Festivals & Events calendar for 2013 was circulated for comment. The views of the Committee were that the print was too small and the leaflet should be A5 or tri-folded for easier handling. Cllr Brown will take back the views to the next Chamber of Trade meeting. The cost to be shared between ATC, Court Leet and Chamber of Trade with a suggested donation of £100 from the Mary Portas' grant.

e) ACT.Com

No further update

f) Communication

Cllr Malin is retiring at the end of January but has volunteered to run Council surgeries. Cllr Morrison agreed to take on the role as Communication Chair.

Newsletter – Discussion on revamping the Newsletter to include more pictures.

Websites – Cllr Morrison and the Clerk working on three websites covering Neighbourhood, Town Council and Alcester Community Trust. The Newsletter is to be put on the web.

g) Broadband

Cllr Neal-Sturgess circulated a broadband coverage map which showed lack of cover around the Hertford Road area. A business case could persuade providers to extend the service and update coverage to the industrial site. There is an EU grant to update broadband if a special case can be justified. Cllr Brown to provide a list of all business operating on the industrial site. It was noted that it was too late to put down broadband cables during construction of the Kinwarton housing development

h) Alcester Olympics

Cllr Cumberbatch to call a meeting to discuss future plans.

h) Fields in Trust

The Deeds have been signed and returned to Fields in Trust who will provide plaques to show Jubilee Fields and Westbury Park are Fields in Trust sites. The Town Council have also signed up for membership which will give ATC opportunity to apply for grants.

i) Youth Issues

A request by the Depot Committee to provide benches at the back of the youth club for use by young people was declined as it is not viable at this time.

Alcester Youth Project Group were successful in getting a grant of £1500 from WCC Community Fund towards cinema equipment at the Jubilee Centre. The Chair has stood down because of ill health and the vice-chair is to take on the role.

The next Youth Council meeting is on 16 January.

5. Community Facilities

a) Jubilee Centre

The screen, projector and audio system has been installed in the hall with contributions received from WCC, Mary Portas' grant and the Mayor's fund. Blackout curtains are still outstanding. A sub committee will be responsible for running the community cinema and management of the hall. Costs of hiring the hall to be established. Volunteers are required to have CRB checks when working with young people and vulnerable adults.

b) Globe House – negotiations ongoing

c) Greig Centre – no further update

6. Correspondence –

U3A group has asked if they can use the Jubilee hall for their meetings and have offered to contribute to items for the hall for the benefit of all the users of the Centre.

7. Proposition to Full Council –

None

8. Date and Time of Next Meeting

7pm Monday 11 February 2013 at Globe House