

**MINUTES OF A COMMUNITY COMMITTEE MEETING OF ALCESTER TOWN COUNCIL
HELD AT 7.00pm ON MONDAY 13 MAY 2013 AT GLOBE HOUSE, PRIORY ROAD,
ALCESTER (SEGGS LANE ENTRANCE)**

Present:

Cllr E. Payne, Cllr L. Cumberbatch, Cllr Y. Morrison, Cllr C. Neal-Sturgess, Cllr C. Gough, Cllr A. Brown, Cllr Y. Hine, Cllr S. Adams, Cllr J. Styles, Mr C. Wright, Mrs Theobald

Public participation at discretion of Chair

No public were present

1. Apologies, Cllr J. Kenyon, Cllr M. Gittus, Mr J. Hodges

2. Declarations of Interest

None declared

3. Minutes of Last Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 8 April 2013 had been circulated and were approved and signed.

4. Updates

a) Health and Inequalities

Mainly positive feedback received regarding the new Health Centre. An extension to mental health services is required and Springfield MINDS are looking to provide additional day care from the Jubilee Centre. Work is required to commission GP/patient involvement. Cllr Cumberbatch is setting up a central patient group that will represent the whole of Alcester.

b) Senior Citizens' Issues

Mr Hodges, Older People's Champion, expressed concerns that the 247 bus service operating under Worcester County Council is facing operating problems. This service is essential for Alcester residents as it links to other services and is the direct route to the Alexander Hospital.

Cllr Cumberbatch is to meet a representative from WCC to discuss future development for residents of Alcester.

c) Resilience

Community Safety – the Safer Neighbourhood team newsletter has been circulated. Broadband – CSW are under curfew until July because of letting contracts. Improved Broadband services to Minerva Mill is progressing.

Flooding – The Met Office have issued a flood warning for impending heavy rain.

Speed Aware – Flashing speed signs are currently situated at Alcester Heath and Stratford Road. Cars speeding through the Conway Estate have been reported.

d) Business Support

Chamber of Trade have been asked that the cost of straightening two fingerposts be released from the Mary Portas' grant.

Waitrose are ready to discuss signage to the town's businesses in the High Street.

WCC Highways to be asked to adjust the signage at the School Road/Priory Road crossroads.

The organisers of the Ragley Game Fair are meeting in Alcester next week.

e) ACT.Com

A briefing paper has been circulated to councillors showing principal objectives of the new Alcester Community Trust (ACT.com). Once a draft plan has been agreed, the work of ACT.com will be brought through Community Committee.

f) Communication

PC Essex and PCSO Hyman attended the surgery on 4 May. The three complaints brought to the surgery are being dealt with.

Newsletter – Articles for the next Newsletter to be submitted by 20 May.

Website – some problems identified in retrieving info@Alcester-dc.co.

g) Alcester Olympics

The Tug of War event was a success despite the poor weather. The organisers congratulated the Town Council on the venue and organisation.

Initial plans are proceeding for schools' competitions this summer.

h) Fields in Trust

The Mayor unveiled the Fields in Trust plaques during the Have a Field Day and Tug of War Competition on 12 May. Terms and conditions for applying for a Fields in Trust grant to be investigated.

i) Youth Issues

A meeting of Alcester Youth Project was held on 10 April. Initial research on skateparks has been done by AYP but five quotes are required from suppliers and young people's needs taken into account.

AYP agreed to look at list of equipment required for the junior youth club.

Depot – Damage to the property needs to be officially reported to the police to bring vandalism under control.

Further significant cuts to be made to youth services across England and Wales and training of volunteers will be necessary to sustain minimum support for young people.

j) Community Grants

The grants were approved and ratified at the annual full council meeting.

5. Community Facilities

a) Jubilee Centre

The application forms for hire of the centre are finalised. The next Jubilee sub committee meeting is on 14 May. Tables have been purchased with donations from U3A group.

The work on the dog-free fencing will begin on 20th May.

b) Globe House –

The proposed meeting has been postponed until design details have been agreed.

c) Greig Centre –

Cllr Cumberbatch proposed and Cllr Gough seconded that Alcester Town Council submits a Right to Bid for two thirds of the site as a community asset. A new valuation of the hall is to be made. The committee agreed to the Clerk sending a letter to Stratford District Council setting out the Town Council's intended plans.

6. Correspondence –

Mr Clarke to be invited to the next meeting to explain more fully his request for lights and bunting to be displayed on the Globe monument.

8. Proposition to Full Council –

None

9. Date and Time of Next Meeting

7pm Monday 10 June 2013 at Globe House