

**MINUTES OF A COMMUNITY COMMITTEE MEETING OF ALCESTER TOWN COUNCIL
HELD AT 7.00pm ON MONDAY 8 JULY 2013 AT GLOBE HOUSE, PRIORY ROAD,
ALCESTER (SEGGS LANE ENTRANCE)**

Present:

Cllr E. Payne, Cllr J Kenyon, Cllr C Gough, Cllr S Adams, Cllr J Styles, Cllr Neal-Sturgess, Mrs Theobald

Public participation at discretion of Chair

No public were present

1. Apologies Cllr Y. Morrison, Mr J Hodges, Cllr S. Payne, Cllr M Cargill, Cllr Y Hine, Cllr L Cumberbatch, Cllr A. Brown, Cllr M. Gittus

2. Declarations of Interest

None declared

3. Minutes of Last Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 10 June 2013 had been circulated and were approved and signed.

4. Updates

a) Health and Inequalities

Report submitted to last Full Council, no further update

b) Senior Citizens' Issues

No further update

c) Resilience

No further update

d) Business Support

Cllr Cumberbatch and Cllr Brown are attending a meeting with CLA to discuss final preparations for the Game Fair at Ragley. CLA have agreed to include town events in their publicity/tweets and give an update on the bus from Ragley site into town. The Chamber of Trade were surprised to hear that refreshments weren't being served at 3.15 in town but have passed on the visitor's comments to businesses.

e) ACT.Com

The first meeting of Alcester Community Trust was held to outline the objectives and discuss the constitution.

f) Communication

As a pilot, this month's surgery was held outside Waitrose and attended by Councillors Gittus, Gough, Morrison, Kenyon, Knapman, Neal-Sturgess and PCSO Hyman to answer residents' queries and concerns. As a result, drop-in Councillors' Forums are planned to get residents' opinions on the Neighbourhood Plan. 300 flyers to be circulated with photographs of the town councillors to raise public awareness of who their representatives are on the Council.

g) Alcester Olympic

No update

h) Fields in Trust

The plaques for Jubilee Fields and Westbury Park have been ordered.

i) Youth Issues

Cllrs Styles, Hine and Payne have been invited to visit Alcester Academy. Pupils of the Academy have been the main stay of the Youth Council and are being asked to get involved in the Neighbourhood Plan.

Enlisting volunteers for the Junior and Depot youth clubs is causing concern. The Depot may have to reduce the number of sessions it is open. Junior youth club is closed for school holidays but will not be able to open in September without more staff.

j) Community Grants

All grants awarded so far have been paid out. The application for £3000 towards a youth worker is to be deferred until the new priest is appointed. This will leave funds for other grant applications. A grant for new Union Jacks has been requested.

5. Community Facilities

a) Jubilee Centre

The Male Voice Choir are looking for a new venue for practice twice a week and have been offered a complementary use of the centre on 31 July with a view to booking the facility 92 times a year.

U3A have booked the centre once a month and paid towards tables.

Stratford District Council have inspected the Jubilee centre for use as a polling station.

Alcester Cafe are holding 2 tea dances with a view to relocating from Globe House. Association of Market Towns are looking for hosts for the Towns' Alive seminar and have visited the centre.

Cinema Club – Cllrs. Payne and Hine to meet with organisers of Gt. Alne cinema club with a view to joint working. Films of theatre/operas to be investigated.

b) Globe House –

Negotiations continuing

c) Greig Centre –

Discussions continuing between Greig Trustees and Stratford District Council. Waiting for valuation information.

6. Correspondence –

Independent Memorial Inspection – one quote for cleaning received. British Legion to be approached to contribute half of cost. Cllr Adams to get further quotes.

British Legion Poppy Planting – Request Mrs Wright to come to full council to explain the project.

The Draft Core Strategy is now available on the website. Request to the Town Clerk for a full forum meeting to discuss the paper.

8. Proposition to Full Council –

None

9. Date and Time of Next Meeting

7pm Monday 12 August 2013 at Globe House