

**MINUTES OF A COMMUNITY COMMITTEE MEETING OF ALCESTER TOWN COUNCIL
HELD AT 7.00pm ON MONDAY 12 AUGUST 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, Cllr Y. Morrison, Cllr S. Payne, Cllr M Cargill, Cllr Y Hine, Cllr L Cumberbatch, Cllr A. Brown, Mrs J Theobald

Public participation at discretion of Chair - No public were present

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

2. Declarations of Interest

None declared

3. Minutes of Last Meeting

The chairman welcomed Cllr Chris Brannigan to the meeting.

The minutes of the meeting held on 8 July 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

The Town Council will work with GP practices on a clinical strategy and concentrate on the level and quality of care, particularly of older people, with the minimum finances available .

With the upgrading and further development of Stratford Hospital, ATC will press the Foundation Trust to provide extra care facilities for Alcester.

c) Resilience

Broadband - No further progress with CSW Broadband during August holiday period.

Road Safety – The Speed Aware initiative, led by Cllr S. Payne, will be a separate item from road safety issues.

Flood Defence – The Emergency Plan is being updated. A flood emergency refresher seminar to be arranged.

Flood Risk Insurance – Cllr Neal-Sturgess to discuss with insurance companies the level of their take-up following the withdrawal of future Government support.

d) Business Support

C LA Game Fair - Cllr Brown fed back the good reports from publicans on the increase in business during the Game Fair. CLA have issued a consultation questionnaire to the town council. A debrief meeting to be arranged for local organisers.

Car Park charges – Stratford District Council have no plans for charging for car parking in Alcester. Notification of increase in charges relate to Stratford Town car parks.

e) ACT.Com

A package of the Trust's criterion will be circulated to councillors before the next Community Committee meeting.

f) Communication

Newsletter – The deadline for articles for the autumn Newsletter is 23 August.

The September surgery will be held in Globe House and October surgery will run from the Jubilee Centre. The surgery is to be re-branded to make it more welcoming to residents.

g) Alcester Olympic

A plaque has been attached to the post box commemorating Nick Shelton's win at the Olympics.

Plans to continue the Olympic legacy this year were not taken up by schools.

h) Fields in Trust

The plaques have been on order for sometime but have not yet been received.

h) Youth Issues

Following a meeting with Warwickshire Association of Youth Clubs, the possibility of hiring a student youth worker for 10 weeks is being pursued. Funding needs to be

found urgently if the junior youth club is to resume at the beginning of September. A proposition to be put to Full Council to approve a community grant and Alcester Youth Project is to be asked to match fund the project.

Volunteers - An article to recruit volunteers to be written for the Newsletter

VASA to be approached to promote the need for volunteers for local youth groups.

Youth work students to be offered work experience at the Depot/junior youth clubs.

j) Community Grants

St. Nicholas church's application for a funding towards a youth worker will not be required until the new year which leaves a balance in the community grant.

5. Community Facilities

a) Jubilee Centre

Lettings are progressing and most days are now booked by a good cross-section of the community. A list of groups currently using the centre to be circulated to councillors for information.

An industrial dishwasher and glass washer have been ordered.

b) Globe House –

Negotiations with Stratford District Council continuing with some urgency. The lease for the Museum runs out in September.

c) Greig Centre –

No further update.

6. Correspondence –

To discuss the application sent to Stratford District Council for an autumn food festival in Alcester.

Cllr Adams expressed the concerns of some street traders that closing the High Street again in October, two weeks after road closures for the mop, will be detrimental to their businesses and a similar food festival was held earlier this year. A counter argument was that Alcester is reputed to be a festival town and as such should welcome events throughout the year.

It was agreed that representatives of Community Committee meet with the food festival committee and Chamber of Trade to discuss a compromise resolution.

8. Proposition to Full Council –

To approve the application for a grant to employ a WAYC youth worker for 10 weeks to enable the Junior Youth Club to resume in September.

9. Date and Time of Next Meeting

7pm Monday 9 September 2013 at Globe House