

**MINUTES OF A COMMUNITY COMMITTEE MEETING OF ALCESTER TOWN COUNCIL
HELD AT 7.00pm ON MONDAY 11 NOVEMBER 2013 AT GLOBE HOUSE, PRIORY ROAD,
ALCESTER (SEGGS LANE ENTRANCE)**

Present:

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

Public participation at discretion of Chair - No public were present

1. Apologies Mr J Hodges, Cllr M. Gittus, Cllr C. Brannigan, Cllr S. Payne

2. Declarations of Interest

None declared

3. Minutes of Last Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 14 October 2013 had been circulated and were approved and signed.

4. Updates

a) Health & Social Care

The General Manager of Integrated Adult Services has responded to Cllr Cumberbatch's letter regarding changes to services and staffing confirming there will be no increase in social work now or in the foreseeable future. Cllr Cumberbatch is meeting with Dr. Lambert to look at social care provision in Alcester.

Mr J. Hodges has appealed to ATC to provide an additional grant to Citizen's Advice Bureau to address the impending fuel poverty that will affect the most vulnerable in the community. Cllr Cumberbatch will speak to partner agencies and organisations on how best to help those in need.

b) Resilience

Oversley Mill Park – negotiations regarding evacuation procedure ongoing. Three trees need attention at Oversley Bridge.

Kinwarton development - monitoring of the drainage ditch ongoing.

Emergency Plan – 1st draft completed

Flood Seminar – the postponed seminar is being rearranged for December 16th.

Overflow tank – There has been comments from the public that there is lack of information regarding the tanks and this will be discussed at the seminar. An information article will be put in the Newsletter.

Broadband – There is inadequate broadband cover in parts of the industrial estate. No further update from provider.

c) Speed Aware

Cllr S Payne circulated his report prior to the meeting. Residents' views on road safety and a request for volunteers for speed aware training to be advertised in the Newsletter. The Police have confirmed that Speed Awareness training won't be available until April 2014.

d) Business Support

A Small Businesses fair will be held in Alcester on Saturday 7 December to attract people into using local businesses and traders.

The Events guide is being updated.

A hog roast will be available in Alcester to support Children in Need.

e) Alcester Community Trust

Future updates on the Community Trust will not be reported to this Committee.

f) Communication

The Chairman thanked the Guides for their past help in delivering the Newsletter and enquiries are now being made to find other ways of distribution.

h) Fields in Trust

Cllr E Payne to follow up delivery of the FIT plaques for Jubilee Fields and Westbury Park.

h) Youth Issues

The Youth Council held their first Youth Cinema club but there was a disappointedly low attendance. The next planned cinema club is in December with a seasonal film. The Junior Youth Club is struggling to keep open with insufficient volunteers. A discussion took place regarding issues associated with provision of youth services and a meeting between the Town Council and partner agencies will be called in the new year to look at ways to address the problems.

j) Community Grants

£6654 has been awarded leaving a balance of £3946 remaining from this year's grant. The Alcester Cafe have requested £600 and the Under 5's group have applied for £100.

5. Community Facilities

a) Jubilee Centre

The Jubilee sub-committee are looking at the outstanding work that is needed to complete the Centre. The priority is the car park and funding will be sought when the architect has completed the plans.

b) **Globe House** – No further update

c) **Greig Centre** –

The Trustees have asked for a meeting to discuss the recent ATC offer

6. Correspondence – none received

8. Proposition to Full Council – none received

9. Date and Time of Next Meeting

7pm Monday 9 December 2013 at Globe House