

**MINUTES OF A COMMUNITY COMMITTEE MEETING OF ALCESTER TOWN COUNCIL  
HELD AT 7.00pm ON MONDAY 13 JANUARY 2014 AT GLOBE HOUSE, PRIORY ROAD,  
ALCESTER (SEGGS LANE ENTRANCE)**

**Present:**

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

**Public participation at discretion of Chair** - No public were present

**1. Apologies** Cllr J Kenyon, Cllr C Gough

**2. Declarations of Interest**

None declared

**3. Minutes of Last Meeting**

The minutes of the meeting held on 9 December 2013 had been circulated and were approved and signed.

**4. Updates**

**a) Health & Social Care**

Cllr Cumberbatch is meetings with local doctors and health practices to further involvement in mental health and dementia care programmes.

A summary of the Adult and Social Care Directory will be brought to the next meeting.

**b) Resilience**

Flooding – To date the Avon is holding but there is a need to be alert to further flooding.

**c) Speed Aware**

Police are reviewing the Speed Aware programme. Speed checks at St. Faith's Road showed most speeding was at 7.45 am but reported no major issues. An article asking residents to report speeding problems and a request for volunteers will be included in the next Newsletter.

Speed aware notices have been posted outside the Football Club entrance to warn motorists of the need to reduce speed.

**d) Business Support**

High Street retailers have given positive feedback on business over the Christmas period. One business has closed but there has been interest in the unit.

Chamber of Trade are organising a "Paint the Town Red" event in February

Food Festival – Cllr Brown has been asked to sit on the committee.

A planning application has been submitted for an alcohol supermarket at Hopkins Precinct. Residents who object to the proposal have been asked to write to SDC.

**e) Communication**

Articles for the Spring Newsletter to be submitted by 21 February.

**f) Fields in Trust**

Fields in Trust have invited applications for their Inclusion grant of up to £20,000 by the end of January. The Town Council are to apply for additional inclusion play equipment in the Jubilee Fields.

**h) Youth Issues**

The last Youth Council Cinema event was poorly attended. The cinema club will be put on the next Youth Council Agenda and the option of running the cinema at Alcester Academy (AA) will be discussed.

Cllr Styles and the Clerk to meet with AA to take forward the school's relationship with the Town.

Junior youth club is still closed because of lack of helpers and employing a paid youth worker will be considered if funding can be found. A flyer asking for volunteers to be inserted in the Connection magazine.

## **j) Community Grants**

Three new grant applications were received. A letter will be sent to Alcester Heritage Network and Arden Food Bank inviting them to a Community Committee to talk about their projects.

It was agreed by a show of hands that £300 be awarded to the Football Club and a request that in future the Football Club only submits one application per year. Applicants for grants over £150 will now be invited to attend a Community Committee meeting so that any queries can be answered before the grants are approved.

## **5. Community Facilities**

### **a) Jubilee Centre**

Jubilee Centre is waiting for SDC to officially sign off the building as fully compliant. Cllrs. Cargill, Payne and the Town Clerk will review documentation to ensure the compliance is always up-to-date.

Grant applications to fund resurfacing of the car park are in hand. Regular users of the building have written letters of support.

The Depot and Jubilee Centre are separate units and hiring details have been amended to ensure that the Depot cannot be used if it contravenes the funding agreement.

### **b) Globe House –**

A follow up meeting was held with the Museum on a solution for occupation but little further progress has been made.

It was proposed that the Town Council makes a decision by the end of the financial year whether or not to continue operations in Globe House and a statement will be taken to Full Council in April.

### **c) Greig Centre –No further update.**

## **6. Correspondence – none received**

## **8. Proposition to Full Council**

Cllr Gittus spoke of the increasing number of people diagnosed with dementia.

He asked that Alcester Town Council leads by example by committing to training and education in our community to recognise those who are less able, so that the quality of life for sufferers and their carers will be increased by understanding and acceptance.

It was proposed that

**Alcester Town Council recognises the need to help people with dementia and their carers live well and access their communities. Accordingly Alcester Town Council commits itself to becoming a Dementia Friendly Community.**

## **9. Date and Time of Next Meeting**

**7pm Monday 10 February 2014 at Globe House**