

**MINUTES OF A COMMUNITY COMMITTEE MEETING OF ALCESTER TOWN COUNCIL
HELD AT 7.00pm ON MONDAY 10 FEBRUARY 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 C Gough Cllr M Cargill, Cllr Y Hine, Mr C. Wright, Mrs J Theobald

1. Apologies Cllr J Kenyon, Cllr L Cumberbatch

Public participation

Three members of the public were invited to support their application for a community grant.

Alcester Heritage Network

Mrs Pegrum outlined the project. Two teams of volunteers, currently 12, collect, gather and record the history of Alcester for prosperity. The data files belong to Alcester Town to ensure succession. Funds are required to expand the project and keep the format updated. Councillors asked questions on how they intend to expand and how they can generate future income. Alcester Heritage Network have applied for £450.

Arden Food Bank

Mr D Laband (for Dr Laband) and Mrs Kinnersley spoke on behalf of Arden Food Bank. Tinned and dried food is gathered and distributed to people in crisis through a voucher scheme. Food Banks are non-judgemental independent food handlers run by volunteers, vouchers are issued through health and social services' agencies. To date 180 people in the Alcester area have used the service. A yearly grant of between £100-£200 is requested for revenue costs.

2. Declarations of Interest

None declared

3. Minutes of Last Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 13 January 2014 had been circulated and were approved and signed.

4. Updates

a) Health & Social Care

The development of Stratford hospital has been well discussed and planning permission granted. A detailed presentation of the proposed development will be given at a Stratford District Council meeting on 4 March and at the next Community Forum on 11 March.

Ann Delany, who campaigned to get defibrillators fitted throughout Alcester, has been shortlisted in a national award scheme to celebrate Everyday Heroes.

b) Resilience

Four incidences of anti-social behaviour have been reported at Hopkins Precinct.

Flooding –no major problems to date.

Broadband –Broadband has been rolled-out in hamlets but not to centres.

c) Speed Aware

No further update

d) Business Support

Paint the Town Red initiative – to date no feedback from retailers.

A new business is opening in the High Street. The empty premises in Evesham Street has been sold.

Signs from the car park directing public to the High Street still outstanding. Cllr Gittus/Brown to pursue with Waitrose.

Two car parking spaces in Waitrose car park are to be given to a plant and flower unit.

e) Communication

Festival/Events Diary – to be updated.

The Town Council are providing Welcome information packs for new residents.

Maudsley Village are having an open day on 12 March.

Groups and organisations will be promoting their club and looking for new members and volunteers at the "What's on in Alcester" open day on 15 March.

Newsletter – Quotes are being sought for printing of the Newsletter. The Town Council and Kinwarton PC are in conversation regarding distributing the Newsletter to cross-border houses on Captains Hill.

f) Fields in Trust

Waiting for the results of an application submitted for inclusive play equipment.

h) Youth Issues

Cllr Styles has met with Alcester Academy who are keen to be involved in youth initiatives in the Town.

Youth Council – The last meeting was held on 10 February and the members were asked to comment on plans for a skate-park. Broadband connection concentrated in rural areas was queried and Cllr Neal-Sturgess has been asked to reply and write to BT on their behalf.

Junior Youth Club – The Academy has offered to hold the youth club at the school. Costs are being considered and volunteers are being sought at the new intake evenings and parents' forum. Cllr Styles to follow up.

Youth Cinema Club – the next cinema club will be held at the Academy on 7 March. The Youth Council are to promote the film targeted at year 6 and 7 pupils.

j) Community Grants

It was agreed to award £450 to Alcester Heritage Network with the request that data is available on the Website to generate future income.

It was agreed that £200 be awarded to the Arden Food Bank but applications for further funding must be submitted for consideration each year.

5. Community Facilities

a) Jubilee Centre

The Depot – quotes for alterations to provide toilets and store in the Depot are being sought. The work will be carried out in small parts to minimise the disruption to users. Church Street Properties have donated funding towards the work.

Car Park – A support letter from Kinwarton PC for resurfacing the car park has been forwarded to SDC. Waiting for outcome of the application.

b) Globe House –

The Town Council are striving to keep Globe House as the centre for public services in Alcester and are looking at ways to source an income stream to support the building. Cllr Gittus and the Town Clerk are in discussion with the library services and waiting outcome of WCC budget decisions. SDC Planning are looking at various aspects to take plans forward.

Greig Centre –No further update.

6. Correspondence – none received

8. Proposition to Full Council - None

9. Date and Time of Next Meeting

7pm Monday 10 March 2014 at Globe House