

**MINUTES OF A COMMUNITY COMMITTEE MEETING OF ALCESTER TOWN COUNCIL
HELD AT 7.00pm ON MONDAY 10 MARCH 2014 AT GLOBE HOUSE, PRIORY ROAD,
ALCESTER (SEGGS LANE ENTRANCE)**

Present:

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

- 1. Apologies** Cllr C. Brannigan, Cllr A. Brown, Cllr J Styles, Cllr M. Gittus

Public participation

No Public present

- 2. Declarations of Interest**

None declared

- 3. Minutes of Last Meeting**

The minutes of the meeting held on 10 February 2014 had been circulated and were approved and signed.

- 4(i) Updates**

a) Health & Social Care

Mental Health - Cllr Cumberbatch is working with Springfields, mental health teams and GPs to form a positive mental health group in Alcester.

The cost of hiring space at the Health Centre by community health groups is being reviewed.

b) Resilience

Cllr Neal-Sturgess is in receipt of the February 2014 crime figures.

c) Speed Aware

Posters asking for volunteers have been put on Facebook but no responses to date.

d) Business Support

Cllr Adams raised the concern that the high number of High Street closures are affecting retailers and businesses in the Town. Alcester is known as a Festival Town but other venues could be looked at which would reduce the need for road closures. The Committee agreed it would be beneficial to re-establish a small Town's Working Group with Cllr Brown, Cllr Cumberbatch, the High Bailiff and two representatives from Chamber of Trade.

e) Communication

No further update

f) Fields in Trust

No further update

h) Youth Issues

Cllr Styles submitted a report in her absence.

Cllr Styles attended 2 assemblies and 2 parent's evenings at Alcester Academy to promote the Youth Council and the volunteering opportunities in youth organisations.

As a result there are 5 new Youth Council members. She will be returning to talk at the parents' forum in June and at the Academy's new intake evening later in the year.

A successful youth cinema was held at the Academy on Friday, approx 15 children enjoyed the film and 5 members of the Youth Council attended to help run the event and sell refreshments. The next date and film will be decided at the Youth council meeting on 14 March.

j) Community Grants

The Grants' sub committee's forecast for 2014/15 was circulated for approval. It was agreed to award £350 to Oversley Green Residents' Association for improvements to the gateway. Alcester Children's Activities are to be awarded £150 and invited to a Community Committee to talk about their project. Cllr Cumberbatch proposed, Cllr Morrison seconded and it was agreed that the 2014/15 forecast be accepted as it stands. There are still funds left in the 2013/14 budget. The Mayor asked that a donation be made to the flower club and it was agreed to give £50 from the 2013/14 budget.

4(ii) Alcohol Restricted Area signs

The signs situated at Hopkins Precinct have been damaged or removed. Police have been informed and new signs requested. The alcohol restricted area includes the green space next to the precinct. Cllr Cumberbatch to write on behalf of the Town Council to establish if the site is a Community Safety priority.

5. Community Facilities

a) Jubilee Centre

The Depot – Three quotes have been received to install toilets and storage space in the Depot. The Committee agreed to accept the quote for £8000.

Hertford Hall - Costs are being sought for a partition to divide the hall and a dado rail to prevent chairs marking the walls. Quotes are also sought for a doorway to enclose the stairs.

Car Park - Resurfacing the car park is a priority but the results of the application for a grant towards costs are not yet known.

The Jubilee Centre committee have been asked if Dementia day care sessions could be held at the centre two days a week in addition to the two sessions of Alcester Cafe. Rooms at the health centre were found to be too expensive. After discussion it was felt that committing the centre four days a week to one organisation would change the objective of a community centre for all and the building was not totally suitable for the safety of vulnerable adults. Cllr Cumberbatch will meet with the organiser to discuss other venue options.

b) Globe House –

Stratford District Council have been approached by Orbit Housing who are interested in acquiring the whole site including Globe House. This was declined by the Town Council. Negotiations are continuing with Warwickshire County Council's library services.

c) Greig Centre –

A meeting was held today (10 March) at Stratford District Council to decide on the options put forward for the future of the Greig Hall. The Executive unanimously agreed for the site to be transferred to Stratford District Council's ownership. Lifestyles sports will be temporarily run by SLM and the Greig Hall will be leased to the Town Council for a peppercorn rent.

6. Correspondence – none received

8. Proposition to Full Council – None

9. Date and Time of Next Meeting

7pm Monday 14 April 2014 AT THE JUBILEE CENTRE

PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF VENUE.