

# MINUTES OF A COMMUNITY COMMITTEE MEETING OF ALCESTER TOWN COUNCIL HELD AT 7.00pm ON MONDAY 14 APRIL 2014 AT THE JUBILEE CENTRE

## Present:

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

## 1. **Apologies** Cllr J Styles, Cllr C Gough, Cllr M Cargill,

### **Public participation**

No Public present

## 2. **Declarations of Interest**

Cllr Kenyon declared an interest in 4(k) Grants

## 3. **Minutes of Last Meeting**

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

## 4. **Updates**

### **a) Health & Social Care**

The request to use the Jubilee Centre as a day care centre was discussed at length.

Mrs Zambanini, who runs the Alcester Cafe two mornings a week, has requested hire of the centre one day a week between 10am – 3pm for 12 dementia sufferers and 3 staff with immediate effect. Mrs Zambanini is looking for funding but costs have prohibited running day care at the Health Centre and currently there are no other suitable venues in Alcester.

Cllr Cumberbatch asked the Committee to consider the proposal to run a Day Care centre at the Jubilee Centre one day a week initially for 6 – 12 months.

Cllr Gittus seconded the proposal with the addition that no additional expense would be incurred for the Town Council to make the venue compatible for vulnerable adults.

The Councillors were in agreement that Alcester Cafe was a very successful project and that there is a growing need to provide respite care in the community. Concerns were expressed that

a) the Jubilee Centre is already being used most days of the week

b) Jubilee centre maybe perceived as a venue for older people if it is used for Dementia services 3+ days a week.

c) There is inadequate storage facilities for additional equipment

d) Finding alternative accommodation within six months is unlikely and the Council will be in a difficult position to deny extending the contract.

e) Carers will be let down if the service is withdrawn after 6 months.

f) Expectation will be for the Council to continue to provide a service which should be under the NHS remit.

A vote on the proposal to let the Jubilee Centre one day a week for day care services resulted in 3 votes for and 7 against.

If a suitable venue can be found, the Committee will consider letting the Centre for a short period whilst the accommodation is made fit for purpose. Cllr Cumberbatch will continue to support Mrs Zambanini's plans to provide respite care in the community.

### **b) Resilience**

No further update.

### **c) Speed Aware**

Cllr S. Payne has met with volunteers to outline the project and official training in the use of the equipment is scheduled in the near future. One hour speed check sessions will be held every week in chosen sites in and around Alcester.

WCC Road Safety department has ceased and relevant equipment will be handed over to the Town Council.

### **d) Business Support**

The Committee agreed that the Town Council will subscribe to Shakespeare England.

Alcester Chamber of Trade have discussed the concerns raised regarding the number of street closures. The High Street will be closed for the St. George's parade.

A licence has been granted to the Royal Oak for tables and chairs outside the premises.

A vintage trail is planned later in the year.

Signs for Bulls Head & Waitrose car parks directing the public to High Street businesses are still outstanding. Cllr Gittus is to contact Waitrose again.

**e) Communication**

Newsletter – two quotes have been received for printing and folding the Newsletter. It was decided to remain with current printers PSW and distribution to continue with Look Local magazine.

**f) Fields in Trust**

No further update.

**h) Youth Issues**

No further update in Cllr Styles' absence.

**j) Community Grants**

£950 remains in this year's grants' budget. Three new applications were considered:

a) Alcester Army Cadet Forces – require funding towards sending 15 cadets to Ypres.

b) Alcester Youth Activities – additional funding (£450 already given)

c) Alcester Football Club – contribution towards ground maintenance.

It was agreed to award £600 to the Army Cadet Force and £350 to the Football Club.

**5. Community Facilities**

**a) Globe House**

The proposed floor plan layout was circulated for Community Committee's attention before a meeting with Warwickshire County Council next week and subsequent formal agreement on May 8<sup>th</sup>.

Main comments were as follows:

Cllr Cumberbatch – plans seem contrary to original plans for Town Council to lease the whole of the top floor. The new proposal allocates a small office, shared with VASA, for the Clerk and his staff. A decision needs to be made urgently on alternative sites to accommodate Town Council's offices.

Cllr Gittus –Globe House is an important building and the Town Council should be a significant member offering face to face communication with the public. However, the Town Council cannot afford to sustain the building without sharing with other paying organisations.

The Town Clerk –Although the space offered is small it provides a contact point for the Town Council at a modest charge and use of the large meeting room when required. Additional office space could be found to accommodate the Council's team within budget. Neither the Jubilee Centre or the Greig Centre are currently fit for purpose.

Mr Wright proposed that Community Committee accept WCC proposed floor layout offering the Council continued presence in Globe House but additional office space be sought elsewhere. The Committee agreed, with one abstention, and the proposal will now go to Full Council for approval.

**b) Jubilee Centre**

Cinema Club – forty two attended the last Oldie Goldie film show. Tickets for the Sing-along Supper evening in May have sold out.

The Depot – the store has been built and toilets to be fitted shortly.

Car Park resurfacing - The application for a Home Bonus grant was unsuccessful and other funding streams are being looked into.

Room Divider for the Hertford Room– quotes and funding are being sought.

**c) Greig Hall**

Plans for the Greig Hall are progressing. Members of the Greig Hall Action committee are being contacted to see if they are available to re-establish the group.

A letter from the Trustees inviting the Town Council to start work on the buildings immediately has been declined as legal transfer of ownership to Stratford-District Council is still pending.

**6. Correspondence – none received**

**7. Proposition to Full Council – None**

**8. Date and Time of Next Meeting**

**7pm Monday 12 May 2014 at Globe House**