

MINUTES OF A COMMUNITY COMMITTEE MEETING OF ALCESTER TOWN COUNCIL HELD AT 7.00pm ON MONDAY 9 JUNE 2014 AT GLOBE HOUSE, ALCESTER

Present:

Cllr E. Payne, Cllr J Styles, Cllr Y. Morrison, Cllr Neal-Sturgess, Cllr J Kenyon, Cllr L
Cumberbatch, Cllr S. Payne, Cllr A. Brown, Mr. C. Wright, Mrs J Theobald

- 1. Apologies** Cllr S Adams, Cllr C. Brannigan, Cllr Y Hine, Cllr M Gittus, Cllr C Gough
The Community Committee Clerk apologised for not updating the Agenda to show the correct venue.

Public participation

No public present

2. Declarations of Interest

None declared

3. Minutes of Last Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 12 May 2014 had been circulated and were approved and signed.

4. Updates

a) Health & Social Care

Cllr Cumberbatch, as the Town Council's Champion for Health and Social Care, asked the Committee to consider if having a champion was now out of date as community care covers much wider issues and should be looked at as a whole. Government guidelines, an increase in social services costs for an aging population and reduced youth services have had an impact on all age ranges and is becoming an increasing issue in Alcester. Statistics will be collected to assess the key areas of need for a report to lobby partners' and agencies' support for the most vulnerable.

It was agreed that Cllr Cumberbatch and Cllr Brannigan (for young people's wellbeing) will become joint leads for Health Care reporting to the Community Committee.

It was brought to the Committee's attention that sheltered accommodation for older residents in Jubilee Court are now being offered to over 55s from out of the area to fill housing needs. Concerns will be put to Orbit Housing.

b) Resilience

The Resilience sub committee meets bi-monthly on the last Friday of the month. The time has been changed to 1pm to accommodate those who have other commitments on Friday mornings.

An external Resilience workshop is being run on 16 June in Aston Cantlow at 7pm.

c) Business Support

The Chairman passed on his thanks to the Court Leet for the successful 40s-themed events over the weekend.

Business premises – There has been interest in the redundant cold-storage site on the Birmingham Road. The premises on Evesham Street are still unoccupied.

Little progress on signage in the car park for the High Street retailers.

The next Chamber of Trade meeting is on 11 June.

d) Speed Aware

No further update

e) Communication

Surgery – a disappointingly quiet surgery again in Church House possibly because of bad weather. The next meeting is in August and if poorly attended an article will be put in the Newsletter asking the public if they wish it to continue and if so in what format.

The work of the Town Council could be promoted at events held in the Town.

f) Fields in Trust

No further update.

h) Youth Issues

The youth cinema is on Friday 13th at Alcester Academy showing the film "Frozen".

Cllr Styles is attending the parents' forum at the Academy.

The Alcester Youth Project had their AGM on 4 June.

The Depot - Two televisions have been installed in the Depot. The volunteers have asked that protective cages are fitted. A new volunteer has been recruited. Funds for a youth shelter are being sought.

Alcester Football Club - the annual tournament is being held on 21/22 June when approximately 1000 children from around the district are expected to compete.

j) Community Grants

Thanks have been received from recipients of this year's community grant.

5. Luncheon Club

The Wednesday luncheon club has been running from the Pavilion/Jubilee Centre since 2003. Volunteers, Bill and Heather Ballinger, have give notice that they are 'retiring' at the end of June 2014 and more volunteers are needed to continue this essential service. Cllr Cumberbatch has agreed to contact potential volunteers to see if they would be willing to take on the running of the luncheon club.

6. Community Facilities

a) Globe House

Meetings continuing with WCC regarding occupation of Globe House. WCC are considering the Town Council's proposition to occupy part of the top floor.

b) Jubilee Centre

The building inspector has passed all aspects of the building but has recommended that fire resistant material in put in the Hertford Room ceiling in case of fire spreading from the roof storage space.

c) Greig Hall

Stratford District Council are still waiting for a response from the Charity Commission. Cllr Cumberbatch is preparing a business plan as a discussion document for the Community Trust group.

6. Correspondence – none received

7. Proposition to Full Council – None

8. Date and Time of Next Meeting

7pm Monday 7 July 2014 at Globe House