

**MINUTES OF A COMMUNITY COMMITTEE MEETING OF ALCESTER TOWN COUNCIL
HELD AT 7.00pm ON MONDAY 7 JULY 2014 AT GLOBE HOUSE, ALCESTER**

Present:

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

- 1. Apologies** Cllr Adams, Cllr Cargill, Cllr Kenyon, Cllr Gough

Public participation

No public present

- 2. Declarations of Interest**

None declared

- 3. Minutes of Last Meeting**

The minutes of the meeting held on 9 June 2014 had been circulated and were approved and signed.

- 4. Jubilee Centre**

The Clerk outlined the case for management of the Jubilee Centre becoming a charitable organisation. The Town Council, as owners of the centre, will be responsible for the building but the day to day management would be run as a community business.

After discussion it was proposed by Cllr Neal-Sturgess, seconded by Cllr Brown and agreed to propose the establishment of a charity management organisation for the Jubilee Centre.

- 5. Community Assets**

A number of residents have expressed concern regarding the future of the "Three Tuns" public house. The business has an important frontage in the Town but is currently empty and in need of refurbishment. Cllr S Payne asked if the building could be registered as a Community Asset. The Clerk advised that there is an opportunity to apply for a Right to Buy but finances need to be in place before registering as the purchase needs to be completed within six months of registering.

- 6. Updates**

a) Health Care

Sheltered Accommodation – Councillors felt that the minimum age of 55 for sheltered accommodation needs to be reviewed in the current climate. Representatives from Orbit Housing will be invited to a Town Council's forum to discuss the proposition of raising the lower age limit to prioritise older residents' needs in Alcester.

Cllr Cumberbatch has approached NHS regarding Community nurses being based at Stratford rather than Alcester.

b) Resilience

The Resilience sub committee meets bi-monthly on the last Friday of the month. The time of the meetings is being reviewed.

c) Business Support

The Moat House public house has been purchased and will be re-opened in October.

d) Speed Aware

Two more volunteer enquiries received. No date set for training by the Police.

e) Communication

No further update.

h) Youth Issues

A meeting is being held on July 10 with heads of local junior schools and WCC to discuss the increase in entrance numbers caused by new housing developments.

f) Fields in Trust

No further update.

j) Community Grants

It was agreed to award £500, the remainder of the 2014/15 grant, to Alcester Theatre Company.

7. Luncheon Club

Cllr Cumberbatch is pursuing volunteers in a bid to reform the luncheon club in the autumn.

8. Community Facilities

a) Globe House

Discussions are continuing regarding occupation of Globe House.

b) Jubilee Centre

Car Park – Contractors have visited the site and a revised quote of £14,000 has been given. A new barrier in the form of a steel gate and bollards are also required. Church Street Properties have asked for a list of the work they have funded and to priorities work still outstanding. The Jubilee Committee will agenda and address this at their next meeting.

Information signs showing car park closing times and CCTV in operation to be installed.

c) Greig Hall

The Town Council are putting together a framework of the vision for the Greig Centre with a more substantial plan for its future.

9. Extra-ordinary Item

Restructure of Committees – The Town Clerk reminded the Committee that Council is legislated by Government and the minutes and agenda are the responsibility of the Town Clerk. The Committees are less formal allowing matters to be discussed and decisions made before the Chairs submit reports to full Council on the past month's activities.

There was a brief debate on whether Community Committee should keep the same format of inviting each portfolio holder to personally report and answer directly to Council or that the Chair reports from the committee minutes. No decision was made at this meeting as it was not on the Agenda.

A request was made that papers for consideration by the Committee are circulated with the agenda so that councillors can read and make a decision before the meeting.

10. Correspondence – none received

11. Proposition to Full Council

To establish a charity management organisation for the Jubilee Centre.

12. Date and Time of Next Meeting

7pm Monday 11 August 2014 at Globe House