

**A RECREATION ENVIRONMENT AND OPEN SPACES  
COMMITTEE MEETING OF ALCESTER TOWN COUNCIL WAS  
HELD ON MONDAY 16 JUNE 2014 AT 7.00PM AT GLOBE  
HOUSE, ALCESTER (Seggs Lane entrance)**

**Present**

Cllr. Cumberbatch, Cllr. Cargill, Cllr. Adams, Cllr. E. Payne, Cllr. Brown, Cllr. Hine, Cllr. Bunting, Cllr. Knapman, Chris Wright and J. Rowlatt.

**Public Participation at Discretion of Chair**

There were no members of the public present.

**A G E N D A (Standing Orders apply)**

**1. Apologies**

Apologies were received from Cllr. S. Payne, Cllr. Kenyon and Cllr. Neal-Sturgess.

**1a Election of new Chairman**

Cllr. Brown nominated Cllr. Cumberbatch, Cllr. Hine seconded the nomination and Cllr. Cumberbatch was appointed.

**2. Declarations of Interest**

*There were no declarations of interest made.*

**3. Minutes of Last Meeting**

The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 24 March 2014 were agreed and signed.

**4. Strategic Objectives and Aims for 2014/15**

Cllr. Cumberbatch presented his draft strategy/action plan document (previously circulated) highlighting the importance of having such a document. He then asked the Committee for their comments. Points raised are given below under their item numbers.

**4a Confirmation of Terms of Reference**

No comments were made so the revised Terms of Reference were accepted.

**5. Play Areas Equipment/Other Recreational Facilities**

With reference to the strategy/action plan document, Cllr. Knapman and Cllr. Cargill expressed concerns about the deficiency of play area and green spaces this side of town. Having missed opportunities due to lack of negotiation with developers in the past they asked could the imbalance get worse. Cllr. Cumberbatch

stressed the need to concentrate on what goals can be achieved and how to make them happen within our cost constraints.

Youth Shelter - concerns were raised that the shelter might provide a venue for suspect activities and it was agreed that we should speak to the police regarding the site of the shelter.

The provision of 3 benches has been agreed with the High Bailiff.

The Committee agreed that funding should include installation and maintenance.

Cllr. Hine is to reply to a letter from a young man who has come forward with ideas regarding the Skate Park.

The Committee agreed to the signing of the Legal Charge re: ATFC.

## **6. Trees & Footpaths**

A survey of our footpaths is to be carried out to determine where maintenance is required to ensure safety and accessibility. A quotation is to be requested for repairs to a particular footpath which we have received a complaint about.

## **7. Environmental Matters**

Cllr. Knapman presented her report which showed what progress had been made with the Bee-Friendly project. Engagement has been made with local agents and the launch of Alcester as a Bee Friendly Town takes place on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> July. An amount of £150.00 was agreed to help fund the costs involved. It was put forward that Westbury Park should become a project for the future as it has been overlooked in the past.

## **8. Allotments**

All of the plots have been allocated and most are in good order. However the waiting list is growing and there are now 7 persons on the list and 2 are from other Parishes. Costs are being researched for markers to define the plots as part of a general tidying up exercise. A request to put a shed on Plot 57 was granted. A letter is to be sent to all allotment holders notifying them of a rent increase in 2015.

## **9. Cemetery**

A Notice Board is to be placed in the Cemetery to keep visitors to the Cemetery up to date with our rules and regulations and any other information. Up to 50 graves have been identified as being over 100 years old and a survey is to be undertaken to decide on the respectful removal of old memorials etc. without the loss of local history.

## **10. Litter Bins**

No business.

**11. Budget Update**

No business

**12. Correspondence**

**13. Propositions to Full Council**

There were no propositions to Full Council.

**14. Date of Next Meetings**

21 July 2014 /07

**J Rowlatt - Clerk to ATC Recreation, Environment & Open Spaces Committee**