

**MINUTES OF A COMMUNITY COMMITTEE MEETING OF ALCESTER TOWN COUNCIL
HELD AT 7.00pm ON MONDAY 11 AUGUST 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 S. Adams, Cllr J. Kenyon, Cllr C.
Gough, Mrs J Theobald

1. Apologies Cllr C. Brannigan

Public participation

No public present

2. Declarations of Interest

None declared

3. Minutes of Last Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 7 July 2014 had been circulated and were approved and signed.

4. Updates

a) Health Care

Cllr Cumberbatch has written to the health portfolio holder regarding district nurses transferring to Stratford. Only two nurses are now based in Alcester.

The majority of the top floor of the health centre has been unused since the building was opened. Cllr Cumberbatch is meeting the doctors and health staff to discuss way of utilising it more efficiently by hiring out the space at a realistic rate. This would attract groups and organisations to use the centre for wellbeing activities or day care.

Stratford-on-Avon District Council are working towards being a Dementia friendly district. Cllr Payne is to invite representatives from the Task and Finish group to visit the Alcester Cafe as an example of what can be achieved.

The Senior Citizen Action Group who meet at Alcester library are looking for a Chair. Cllr Cumberbatch will discuss options with SDC's Inclusion Officer.

b) Resilience

Broadband – A BT box is situated at the junction of Station Road and Birmingham Road giving good Broadband reception to Minerva Mill and adjacent residencies. Broadband has improved in some areas but businesses and residents have not been informed.

The container in the fire station car park is to be relocated to the Jubilee Fields to hold the emergency equipment and generator. The Open Spaces committee are currently looking at the whole site with regard to positioning of containers which will be re-sited at the same time if necessary.

c) Business Support

Chamber of Trade are now working on the signage directing public to the High Street traders.

Turks Head staff are parking on Stratford Road to free up parking in the Town.

The business premises on Evesham Street is now back on the market. There is currently only one empty shop on the High Street.

The survey on bringing back a market to Alcester has been conducted with a positive result. A meeting with the market organisers will now be held to decide the next step.

d) Speed Aware

The recruiting forms have been returned to the Police for vetting. One volunteer has dropped out leaving 7 remaining.

e) Communication

The editor of Connections magazine has offered a free ¼ page for the Town Council to advertise the cinema or other social events. An article has been sent in for the September edition.

Deadline for the Newsletter articles is 19 August. A page has been dedicated for the Town's Roving Road Show.

h) Youth Issues

The WCC Innov8e holiday drama scheme is going well with a final performance planned for 1 September.

The Mayor and Cllr S Payne attended the Youth Council meeting on 9 July. The Youth Council have expressed an interest in having a music festival as next year's project. This may have to be a joint event with Alcester Academy or opening of the skate park because of the enormity of the project. The next youth cinema club will be on 26 September at the Academy. Youth Council will recommence on September 22nd

Following the successful "Meet the Animals" event on 9 August, a sing-along cinema for under 8 year olds is being run in September.

The Alcester Youth Drama Group recommences in September at Alcester Academy.

i) Jubilee Centre and Fields

Car Park –The position of the barrier has been changed following consultation with residents and a new quote has been requested. Car park spaces will be marked out after resurfacing. A £500 donation has been received towards the work and profits from the repeat performance of the WW1 talk on September 5th will go towards the car park project.

Cllr Adams has compiled a list with costs of projects completed and work outstanding at the Jubilee Centre as requested by Church Street Properties.

An updated quote showed no change in price for the dividing doors for the Hertford room and work will commence once grants have been confirmed.

10. Correspondence – none received

11. Proposition to Full Council

None

12. Date and Time of Next Meeting

7pm Monday 8 September 2014 at Globe House