



Minutes of a meeting of the Alcester Town Council held on Tuesday 7th October 2014 at Alcester Jubilee Centre, Alcester.

Present

Councillors Y Hine (Mayor), M Cargill, E Payne, Y Morrison, L Cumberbatch, M Gittus, J Kenyon, S Payne, , J Styles, N Knapman, C Gough and Town Clerk C Wright

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AT DISCRETION OF MAYOR

Mr N Dearling, a resident of Kinwarton, was present and gave an explanation on why he believed the Three Tuns Pub in the High Street should be considered an 'Asset of Community Value' and asked Councillors to support this request. (This item was to be discussed on item 11 of the Agenda).

Invited Guest Inspector Adrian Davis of Warwickshire Police

The Mayor welcomed Inspector Davis who gave a report, stating he had been in post since late June and would be for the foreseeable future. He wanted to reassure councillors that Alcester were not losing its PCSOs in fact this may increase in the new-year. He also explained how the Warwickshire force tackled crime especially rises in crime in particular areas. This was followed by Member questions, which included a rise in crime, local policing, non-reporting of crimes and on-board training. Councillors were particularly interested in the Police reform Act and the new Public Space Protection Orders which will eventually replace the current Alcohol Restriction Zones.

District and County Councillors' Reports

The following reports were received from Alcester Ward District and County Councillors:

Cllr Cargill reported on a Police Commissioners meeting in Warwick, where the Rural Crime issue was raised. Also he attended a Localism Conference run by NALC and at the SDC Cabinet he questioned a report on Open Spaces which seemed to indicate Alcester was over-subscribed and although the report was approved they allowed a caveat for the report details to be checked.

Cllr E Payne reported on Overview and Scrutiny who had agreed training for Dementia Volunteering work and establishing a Dementia Forum. Jan Roberts will be leaving SDC in October and SCAN will be on the next Community Agenda.

Cllr Gittus reported SDC had sent their Core Strategy Documents to the Planning Inspectorate in Bristol and the Fire and rescue Service had published the report submitted from the Consultation placed before WCC. The road bumps by Gunnings Bridge will be sorted and the illuminated sign outside the Town Hall has not proved a problem. Alne Bank House, WCC have accepted a bid and 2 bungalows and 4 town houses are to be constructed, Clerk to e-mail to councillors. Two Alcester roundabouts have also been accepted in a sponsorship pilot, which will support regular grounds maintenance.

Apologies - 141001

Apologies were received from C Neal-Sturgess (Deputy Mayor), C Brannigan, S Adams, A Brown and J Bunting whose reasons for absence were agreed on a unanimous vote.

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Councillors were asked to consider for approval the minutes of the Council meeting held on 2nd September 2014 were proposed to be accepted by Cllr S Payne, seconded by Cllr C Gough and approved by Council.

Declarations of Interest - 141003

No interests were declared.

Mayor's Report - 141004

The Mayor gave a report on recent activities, which included praise for the Our Alcester Road Show, thanks for support at the Civic Service, the Coughton Court Cheese and Pickle event, the French Golfers reception, Stratford Mayoress's Tea Party. She also thanked the Alcester High Bailiff and his Lady gave her best wishes to the incoming High Bailiff.

Alcester Neighbourhood Plan - 141005

The Clerk gave an update on the Neighbourhood Development Plan and the latest information on the Road Show and visits.

Our Alcester – Future Community Engagement Programme - 141006

The clerk gave a report on attendance at the proposed dates and venues stating the programme had been cascaded, the Clerk also reported on the Alcester Academy also receiving questionnaires.

Future Delivery of Services in Alcester - 141007

Cllr Cargill gave an update regarding Warwickshire County Council's Open Dialogue, stating that meetings had taken place. Concerns were raised over the thought that Alcester Town Council would have to provide expert services which was not thought possible.

Alcester Community Trust - 141008

Cllr Cumberbatch gave an update on Alcester Community Trust stating it's members had now received their Company Directors letters with Articles of Association and the Trust was now Incorporated and on track to do more work. Cllr S Payne outlined the plans being put in place for holding a regular market in the Town. The plans were for a Sunday Market at least 6 times per year starting in March 2015. Concerns were raised on a Sunday, which was explained by Cllr Payne as being an extra trading day and the hope was for shops to open as well.

Globe House - 141009

The Clerk gave a report regarding Alcester Town Council's Future Occupancy at Globe House stating contract negotiations are still in progress between SDC and WCC legal teams.

The Greig Centre - 141010

The Clerk gave an update on the Greig Centre stating SDC had received a positive acknowledgement from the Charity Commission and the matter was now back waiting for a meeting of the Greig directors.

Community Right to Bid - 141011

Councillors were asked to Consider for adoption as an Asset of Community Value the 'Three Tuns' Alcester, to enable the build to be classified to be a Community Asset and to go on the Community Asset Register held by SDC. The Clerk had explained that due to an error in the agenda the decision could



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not be made at the meeting, following discussions the matter was deferred to the next meeting.

Localism Conference - 141012

Councillor Cargill reported on the recent Localism Conference held in Bristol stating it had focussed on the Neighbourhood Plan and the funding of future services through Parish Council Budgets.

Alcester Bidford Forum - 141013

The Clerk gave feedback on Issues raised at the Alcester Bidford Forum which had mostly been covered by Inspector Davis's report who was present at the meeting, complementing that with the role of the SDC Rural Crime Officer, which would be concentrating on Victim Support, and was paid for by the Police Commissioners Office.

Community Committee - 141014

Cllr E Payne, the Chair of the Community Committee, read a written report and asked for updates on Health and Social Care from Cllr Cumbebratch, Resilience issues stating the way meeting was held was under review, Business Support reading a written report from Cllr Brown, Speed Aware from Cllr Payne, Communication from Cllr Morrison who reminded councillors of the deadline dates for the Newsletter, Youth issues and The Jubilee Centre.

There were no propositions to Council from the Community Committee:

Recreation, Environment & Open Spaces Committee (REOS) - 141015

Cllr Cumberbatch, the REOS Committee Chairman, gave a short report which was followed by a report from Cllr Knapman on Environment Issues.

There were no propositions to Council from the REOS Committee:

Planning Committee - 141016

Cllr Gough, the Planning Committee Chairman, gave a short report stating there had been only two controversial Planning Applications, which both involved the demolition of one dwelling to be replaced by three.

There were no propositions to Council from the Planning Committee

Presidium Committee - 141017

The Mayor gave a report stating the Clerk had given a report from Both the Internal and External Auditors reports which had raised no issues. The remainder of its meeting included items that had been addressed in the agenda of this meeting.

Councillors were asked to consider for approval the passing of Principle Committee meetings' minutes during the Full Council meeting, this matter had some concerns raised by councillors and it was agreed clearer advice was appropriate before adopting this principle.

Payment of Accounts - 141018

The Clerk gave a report for approval by Council on payment of accounts for September 2014

Correspondence - 141019

The following correspondence has been received, e-mailed correspondence was taken as read.



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Local Government Boundary Commission – Electoral Review of Warwickshire:
Draft Recommendations

WALC – WALC Annual Meeting Tue 4/11/14 7:30 Shire Hall

LCR – Autumn 2014 Publication

Clerks and Councils Direct – September 2014 Issue

Notification of Future Visitors - 141020

Future Visitors have been organised to date.

Notification of any further business for future meetings - 141021

The Mayor made a request to councillors for agenda items to be received by the Clerk no later than 7 days prior to next meeting.

Dates of future meetings - 141022

Community Committee **Tuesday 14th October 2014 at 7.00pm at Jubilee Centre**

Planning Committee **Monday 13th Oct 6pm and 27th Oct 2014 at 7:00 pm Globe House**

Recreation Environment & Open Spaces Committee **Wednesday 22nd Oct 2014 at 7.00 pm at Globe House**

Presidium Committee Meeting **Tuesday 28th October 7pm Globe House**

All the above meetings are to be held at the venues stated