

**MINUTES OF A COMMUNITY COMMITTEE MEETING OF ALCESTER TOWN COUNCIL  
HELD AT 7.00pm ON TUESDAY 9 DECEMBER 2014 AT JUBILEE CENTRE,  
ST.FAITHS ROAD, ALCESTER**

**Present:**

Cllr E. Payne, Cllr C Gough, Cllr J Kenyon, Cllr L Cumberbatch, Cllr J Styles, Cllr Y Hine, Cllr Neal-Sturgess, Cllr C. Brannigan, Mrs J Theobald

- 1. Apologies** Cllr S. Payne, Cllr A. Brown, Cllr S. Adams, Cllr Y. Morrison

**Public participation**

No public present

- 2. Declarations of Interest**

None declared

- 3. Minutes of Last Meeting**

The minutes of the meeting held on 11 November 2014 had been circulated and were approved and signed.

- 4. Health & Wellbeing**

A meeting between Cllr Cumberbatch, WCC and a clinical group representative to be held on 17<sup>th</sup> December to look at the whole Health and Wellbeing strategy and how it will affect Alcester.

Cllr Brannigan and Cllr Cumberbatch are meeting with Springfield Mind to discuss levels of care offered in this area for people with mental health problems.

Data needs to be analysed to identify the areas of support required for local residents' health and wellbeing.

The over 50's age requirement for sheltered accommodation is forcing local elderly people to leave the area to find suitable housing for their needs. Housing associations are to be asked to reconsider the over 50's policy.

- 5. Resilience**

**Flooding** - A flood refresher course will be held on 10 February at 5.30 in the Jubilee Centre to familiarise wardens with procedures and practicalities. All Town Councillors are dedicated flood wardens.

Prices for a large scale generator to sustain heating when the Jubilee Centre is used as a rescue centre are to be sought and funding sources explored. The pods on the Jubilee Fields to be emptied and inspected as a possible storage space for a generator.

Turner Industries have agreed to house a webcam to monitor river levels but broadband levels may be inadequate in that area. Cllr Neal-Sturgess to follow up.

**Broadband** - No further update from providers until 8 January. Large industries in Coughton experience low Mbps. Cllr Cumberbatch to check the health centre's broadband speed.

**Search & Rescue** - Alcester Town Council thanked Search and Rescue for their recent action to find a missing person in Alcester. It was felt that immediate local response would be more effective if it was co-ordinated. Cllr Gough has asked a representative from Search and Rescue to brief the Town Council on how to set up and co-ordinate a search action plan using the Jubilee Centre as its base. Cllr Neal-Sturgess will follow up with Search & Rescue.

- 6. Business Support**

Cllr Brown sent a report in her absence.

The Three Tons public house has a new licensee. New tenants are being sought for Vinotec and the butcher's shop. The HSBC branch is closing on Friday 12 December.

**7. Speed Aware**

Cllr S. Payne sent a report in his absence Warwickshire Police to confirm 16 December for training volunteers in the use of speed guns. The training will be held in Globe House.

**8. Communication**

The complaints procedure is being looked at so that data on their resolutions, either through the Town Council, WCC or SDC, can be published in the Newsletter. Welcome packs for new residents are available from the Town Council. Quotes are being sourced for reprinting the Town Guide. The winter Newsletter has been delivered. An error in delivery to Kinwarton has left some Alcester residents without a copy.

**9. Youth Issues**

Cllr Styles reported Youth Council - Certificates of participation have been presented to three ex-members of the Youth Council at their GCSE Awards' ceremony. The last youth council meeting was held on 8 December and members have been invited to attend the Mayor's Christmas event on 12 December. The Youth Council cinema club at the Academy was well attended. The remainder of the WCC grant awarded for gaming equipment has been transferred towards the provision of a youth shelter. Rehearsals for the next Youth Drama's production of Robin Hood is progressing well.

**10. Jubilee Centre and Fields**

Bookings are being taken for partial hire of Hertford Hall now that the moveable screens are in place. Cost to hire half of the Hertford Hall is being reviewed.

**11. Globe House**

The report on the changes to Globe House has been deferred until SDC's cabinet meeting in February. The Town Council's office opening times are now 9am to 2pm.

**13. Greig Hall**

SDC are continuing to keep the sports hall open whilst negotiations continue regarding the Greig Hall.

**14. Correspondence**

None received

**15. Proposition to Full Council**

None

**16. Date of Next Meeting**

7pm Tuesday 13 January 2015 at the Jubilee Centre