



Minutes of a meeting of the Alcester Town Council held on Tuesday 2nd December 2014 at Alcester Jubilee Centre, Alcester.

Present

Councillors Y Hine (Mayor), C Neal-Sturgess (Deputy Mayor), C Brannigan, Y Morrison, L Cumberbatch, M Gittus, J Styles, J Kenyon, S Payne, E Payne, N Knapman, C Gough, S Adams, A Brown, and Town Clerk C Wright

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AT DISCRETION OF MAYOR

Residents were invited to give their views and question the Town Council on issues on this agenda. 4 Members of the public were present and the Mayor reminded them they may not take part in the Town Council meeting itself. 3 people were present from the Alcester Unionist Club who were present to talk on item 12, regarding the Alcester Bowling Green which was owned by the Unionist Club. Mr J Bradley, the Chairman of the Unionist Club made a statement that contrary to rumours they were not selling the bowling green. Mrs Baylis made a comment on the access problems to the site currently occupied by the Alcester Health Clinic and shared with Mrs Baylis's home in the light of a Planning Application from McCarthey and Stone for a Retirement Home on the same site. Councillors supported her concerns.

District and County Councillors' Reports

Ward District and County Councillors gave the following reports.

Cllr Adams reported on attendance at a District Council Forum on the Bedroom Tax, she met the Social Inclusion Officer and reported on the future of SCAN.

Cllr Payne reported on the increase in Fly Tipping, parking in St Faiths Road and a hole in the roof of a property in Colebrook Close.

Cllr Gittus reported he had visited Leeds City Council to discuss the Neighbourhood Network Scheme, he had attended SDC Cabinet where the housing numbers in the Core Strategy were reported to be increasing to 11,300, the restrictive covenant on Alne Bank House was lifted and replaced to allow Specialised Housing, the McCarthey and Stone development affordable homes contribution would be offsite and a discussion was had regarding the Tripartite agreement.

Apologies - 141201

Apologies were received from M Cargill and J Bunting whose reasons for absence were agreed on a unanimous vote.

Minutes of the Council meeting held November 4th 2014 - 141202

Cllr Brown proposed approval of the minutes of the Council meeting held on 4th November 2014, which was seconded by Cllr Knapman and approved by Council.

Declarations of Interest - 141203

Interests were declared by Cllr Gittus on item 10 and by Cllrs Neal-Sturgess and Kenyon on item 12.

Mayor's Report - 141204

The Mayor gave a report on recent activities, which included thanks to councillors who had attended the Churchill Homes enquiry and that she had represented the Town at a Side by Side performance and at the switching on of the Alcester Christmas Lights.

Alcester Neighbourhood Development Plan and Future Engagement Programme - 141205



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Cllr Neal Sturgess gave an update on the Neighbourhood Development Plan stating following the completion of the end of the road shows, thanking councillors who took part, meetings with focus groups are happening particularly at the moment on school provision, job creation and groups interested in doing design statements. He carried on to say the next stage was the design of a more detailed questionnaire relating to the points highlighted by the results of the roadshows.

Future Delivery of Services in Alcester - 141206

The Clerk gave a report stating that Dialogue with Warwickshire County Council was continuing towards Alcester Town Council taking on more responsibility as a Trusted Partner with respect to Health and Wellbeing provision here in Alcester and visits to Leeds to see the Neighbourhood Network model and Perry Common in Birmingham to see how a Community Association works were very interesting to identify best practice.

Alcester Community Trust - 141207

Cllr Cumberbatch gave an update on Alcester Community Trust and Cllr Steve Payne gave a report on the progress of holding regular Markets in the town, which should start in the Spring.

Globe House – 141208

The Clerk gave a report regarding Globe House stating the report would go before a Full Council meeting of Warwickshire County Council in February. Cllr Gittus reported the second Draft of the Heads of Terms Council had been completed.

The Greig Centre - 141209

The Clerk stated there was nothing to report on the Greig Centre, following talks to District Council officers the matter was still progressing positively.

Alcester Traffic Islands Sponsorship - 141210

Cllr Gittus gave a talk on the Traffic Island Sponsorship and proposed the adoption of the A435 Traffic Island at Arrow, following discussion Cllr Brown seconded the proposal and the following show of hands was recorded. Eight Councillors voted for the proposal and six against which included Councillors, S Payne, Y Hine, C Brannigan, N Knapman, E Payne and J Kenyon.

A further proposal by Cllr Brannigan, to investigate funding to reduce the impact on the precept, was seconded by Cllr Morrison, thirteen Councillors voting for and Cllr Knapman against.

High Street Parades - 141211

The Clerk explained he had received reports from worried residents, however councillors did not consider a Town Policy for High Street Parades was required.

Community Right to Bid - 141212

(This matter had been considered before item 5 on the agenda) The Clerk explained he had asked councillors to consider for adoption as an Asset of Community Value the Alcester Bowling Green, following concerns raised by members of the Bowling Club, the matter had been explained well by the Chairman and the Clerk will contact the Secretary of the Conservative Club agree a way forward of assuring the Bowling Club Members.

Community Committee - 141213



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The Chair of the Community Committee gave a report from and essential updates were received from Cllr Cumberbatch regarding talks with the South Warwickshire Health Trust, Cllr Brown on the reopening of High Street Businesses and Cllr Styles on the Youth Council and a future Music Festival involving Alcester Academy

There were no propositions to Council from the Community Committee:
The Community Committee Terms of Reference approval was deferred.

Recreation, Environment & Open Spaces Committee (REOS) - 141214

The REOS Committee Chairman, Cllr Cumberbatch, gave a report, stating they had considered their Aims and Objectives and considered complaints regarding the state of footpaths and asked councillors to consider the following proposition to Council from the REOS Committee:

To approve the resurfacing of the footpath either using allocated funds from reserves, replacing those funds over an accepted period by using our precept, or from external funding yet to be agreed.

Cllr Gittus stated the WCC Highways Engineer had had examined the footpath and agreed to do the reparatory work.

The approval the REOS Committee Terms of Reference was deferred

Planning Committee - 141215

The Planning Committee Chairman gave a report on recent applications and stated there had been two Market Applications.

There were no propositions to Council from the Planning Committee

The Planning Committee Terms of Reference were cascaded for future reference.

Presidium Committee - 141216

No report from Presidium

Payment of Accounts - 141217

The Clerk gave a report on payment of accounts for November 2014, which was proposed to be accepted by Cllr Cumberbatch seconded by Cllr Brown. Concern was raised regarding the financial control of the Jubilee Centre.

Correspondence - 141218

No correspondence has been received, other than e-mailed correspondence which is taken as read.

Notification of Future Visitors - 141219

No Future Visitors have been organised to date.

Notification of any further business for future meetings - 141220

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 - 141221

Councillors were reminded of the following dates for their diaries.

Community Committee Tuesday 9th December 2014 at 7.00pm at Jubilee Centre

Planning Committee Monday 8th Dec 6pm and Friday 19th Dec 2014 at 7:00 pm
Globe House

Recreation Environment & Open Spaces Committee No Meeting Planned

Presidium Committee Meeting Tuesday 16th December 7pm Globe House

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