

**MINUTES OF A COMMUNITY COMMITTEE MEETING OF ALCESTER TOWN COUNCIL
HELD AT 7.00pm ON TUESDAY 10 MARCH 2015 AT JUBILEE CENTRE,
ST.FAITHS ROAD, ALCESTER**

Present:

Cllr E. Payne, Cllr Neal-Sturgess, Cllr Y Hine, Cllr J Kenyon, Cllr S. Adams, Cllr M Gittus, Cllr S. Payne, Mrs J Theobald

- 1. Apologies** Cllr C Gough, Cllr L Cumberbatch, Cllr Y. Morrison, Cllr A. Brown, Cllr C. Brannigan, Cllr J Styles

Public participation

No public present

Declarations of Interest

A councillor who declares an interest in an organisation that has submitted an application for a community grant is not eligible to approve the application.

- 2. Minutes of Last Meeting**

The minutes of the meeting held on 10 February 2015 had been circulated and were approved and signed.

- 3. Community Grants**

A list of applications for the 2015/16 Community Grant were circulated for consideration by the Committee.

Cllr Gittus spoke on behalf of two other applicants.

Malt Mill Lane is an outstanding feature in the Town but this year no provision has been made to purchase hanging baskets. Cllr Gittus asked for £300 to be identified towards hanging baskets on condition that it is match funded by Orbit Housing and the residents.

Major work to eradicate erosion to the river bank at Oversley is urgently needed and Cllr Gittus is looking into funding sources. Oversley Mill Park Residents Association 2015 have applied for £1000 towards the project.

The Chair reminded the Committee that only £930 remains in the community grant budget if all the applications received are approved, but it was agreed that the remaining funding will be held for the two projects identified.

It was proposed by the Mayor, seconded by the Deputy Mayor and agreed that the grants be submitted for Full Council's approval (see appendix 1).

- 4. Health & Wellbeing**

WCC have identified a revenue grant of £90,000 for the Town Council to engage a Health and Wellbeing officer. A capital grant has been requested to accommodate health and wellbeing services in the Town.

- 5. Resilience**

Broadband – Cllr Neal-Sturgess attended a presentation on the roll-out of BT broadband network held at Ragley Hall. The event was organised by Stratford District Council but was primarily for contractors' information. The Town Council is to inform residents that there is to be a faster broadband service in the Alcester area. The Resilience Committee will not meet again until after the elections.

6. Business Support

The Three Tuns has re-opened after refurbishment.
The current managers of the White Lion are leaving on 26 June.
The recent Big Breakfast event in Alcester made over £2000 for charity.

7. Speed Aware

Warwickshire and West Mercia are holding a Community Volunteer Day on 26 March which will be attended by the Alcester Speed Aware volunteers.
Alcester Neighbourhood Watch are also in the process of recruiting a team of volunteers to monitor speeding.

8. Communication

The Spring Newsletter has been produced and delivered. Articles included The 2015 Alcester Community Town Plan and Neighbourhood Development Plan and Household Questionnaire. It also gave information on how to become a town councillor.

9. Youth Issues

Alcester Youth Council Cinema Club was held at the Jubilee Centre this month.

10. Globe House

The details for Globe House have been finalised and will be put to WCC cabinet in April for resolution.

11. Greig Hall

Negotiations are continuing.
Management of the sports centre will be resolved in the near future.

12. Correspondence

None received

13. Proposition to Full Council

Approval of Alcester Town Council's Community Grant applications.

14. Date of Next Meeting

The next Community Committee meeting will be held following the new elected Town Council.

The Chair thanked the councillors who are stepping down for their support and contribution to the Community Committee over the last 4 years.

Appendix 1

ATC Community Grants

The Community Committee of Alcester Town Council at a meeting on 10th March 2015 agreed to approve 19 Community grant applications under Section 137 from Alcester groups.

	2012-2013	2013-2014	2014-2015	Requested Amount	2015-2016
VASA	800	1000	1000	NS	1000
CAB	800	1000	1000	NS	1000
ACL (prev. ABLE)	500	500	500	NS	500
A. Darby and Joan	100	200	200	NS	200
AMVC	500	1000	1000	NS	1000
Alcester in Bloom	1500	1500	1500	NS	2000
A. Horticulture Society	100	100	100		0
Alcester Olympic Committee	1000	200	500	500	500
Town Criers comp.	200	200	200	NS	200
MML Gardening club	500	150	150		300 *
RBL	100	100	100	NS	100
OGRA	0	150	350	250	250
Stop Listen Play	0	150	150	150	150
Alcester Children's Activities	0	100	150	NS	150
Alcester Café	0	600			0
ATFC (u13)	0	620			0
ATFC (18+)	0	300			0
Food Bank	0	200			0
AHN	0	450			0
Alcester Town Hall	0	0	500	NS	750
The Wednesday Lunch Club	0	0	500		0
Alcester Silver band	0	0	500	NS	500
Alcester Singers	0	0	150	NS	200
The Shakespeare Hospice	0	0	0	500	0
RBL (Church Service)			500	NS	0
Alcester Cadets			600		0
ATFC (Project)			350	320	320
AMTC				NS	250
OMPRA2015				1000	630 **
TOTAL	6100.00	8863.86	10,000.00		10,000.00

*MML Gardening Club the £300 match funding has now been secured from Orbit and residents

** OMPRA2015 the grant of £630 is to be held pending funding from other sources.