



A COMMUNITY FACILITIES COMMITTEE MEETING OF ALCESTER TOWN COUNCIL WAS HELD ON TUESDAY 21 JULY 2015 AT 7.00PM AT JUBILEE CENTRE, ST. FAITHS ROAD, ALCESTER

Present

Cllr. Bunting, Cllr. Cumberbatch, Cllr. Neal Sturgess, Cllr. Gough, Cllr. Payne, Cllr. Styles, Cllr. Forman, Cllr. Kenyon, Cllr. Greenaway, J Rowlatt and L Read.

Public Participation at Discretion of Chair

Mrs. Marton addressed the Committee regarding her concerns about the damage being done to her fencing due to ball games being played at Collins Way play area. Cllr. Kenyon suggested that "no ball game" signs could be put up in the play area. Cllr. Bunting also said that there was a possibility of an alternative site for playing ball games at Fairwater Crescent. It was agreed to look into Council putting up a fence as Mrs. Marton was prepared to make a contribution to the cost.

Mr. Marcus Emmerson, asked the Committee if Alcester Town Council had given any thought to the future of The Greig Hall after current issues with all other parties had been resolved. The Mayor replied that although not our remit, thought had obviously been given to the matter. Mr. Emmerson expressed his thanks. Cllr. Payne said that it was good to have members of the public present and taking part.

A G E N D A (Standing Orders apply)

1. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr. Morrison and Cllr. Brannigan.

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest made.

3. Minutes of Last Meeting

The minutes of the last meeting held on 16 June were agreed and signed at Full Council on 7th July.

4. Play Areas Equipment/Other Recreational Facilities

Cllr. Bunting reported that the junior swings at Moorfields and the wooden climbing frame at Bleachfield Street were removed for health and safety reasons. He also reported that he had had a meeting with the representative from 'Proludic' to discuss the updating of Collins Way play area. Quotes have since been received which also include prices for play equipment at our other play areas. The Committee agreed that quotes from two other companies should be obtained before any decisions were made.

The site for the Youth Shelter has still not been decided.

Cllr. Kenyon said that he was still looking into whether or not it was possible to have a concrete skate park instead of the metal one quoted for.

Cllr. Payne informed the Committee that Alcester Nature Reserve has been awarded Fields in Trust status he thought the Committee should find out if there were any implications for the Town Council in this. He also informed the Committee of the possible use of a piece of private land on Stratford Road by a company who provide and install physical fitness equipment for public use. Cllr. Bunting commented that there were no costings for either of these things.

5. Community Buildings

Jubilee Centre and Depot – Cllr. Kenyon is arranging a meeting with the Jubilee Committee next week to discuss running the building as a Trust.

Globe House – Warwickshire County Council have asked that we vacate Globe House by 4th September. This late notice means that a lot of clearing out and provision of a bespoke office at the Jubilee Centre has had to be undertaken. It was noted that there were also holidays to be taken into account during the preceding weeks therefore access to the Clerk and the administration staff would have to be by arrangement. The Mayor expressed his confidence

that The Council could still carry out their duties. It was suggested however that it might be better to cancel our meeting in August.

6. Trees

a. Our workforce has been asked to clear the ivy from trees in the hedgerow at the Jubilee Fields by Blackthorn Way. Roots to Shoots have been asked to quote for removing the monolith oak tree at Blackthorn Way.

7. Footpaths

Measured Mile - Cllr. Cumberbatch reported that no progress has been made by WCC with the surfacing of the Measured Mile Riverside Walk.

Jubilee Fields - Cllr. Kenyon is looking into the cost of surface matting for our stretch of the path leading to the Bridge by the Sports Hall. The cost would have to be agreed by Full Council.

Correspondence – Letter received from Mr. Lindsey regarding difficulty accessing Jubilee Fields via the Old Railway line in his buggy - it was agreed that we should get a quote from Alan Sutor to deal with the problem. It was suggested that a letter should be sent to the police to address the other issues raised regarding cars parking on pavements.

8. Environmental Matters

There were no issues raised.

9. Allotments

At present there are four names on the waiting list with one available plot for letting. Cllr. Greenaway is to list the plots that need to improve so that letters can be sent to tenants.

10. Cemetery

Memorials – The memorial for Sheila Rose Clemmow was approved however there was a query raised on the wording of the memorial for Mary Moran. This is being addressed.

Cemetery – A hose has been purchased and is awaiting installation to provide a water supply at the far end of the cemetery.

11. Litter Bins

Two bins are on order. Cllr. Bunting suggested one should be placed at the bottom of Bleachfield Street. He also proposed that the bin by the mugger should be moved away from the school fence.

12. Budget Update

None received.

13. Correspondence

An item in the local newspaper regarding lights being installed in a local cemetery prompted the Committee to emphasise the importance of adhering strictly to Alcester Cemetery's rules and regulations when agreeing memorials and graves.

14. Propositions to Full Council

There were no propositions to full council.

15. Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 15th September 7pm, Jubilee Centre

J Rowlatt - Clerk to ATC Community Facilities Committee