



**MINUTES OF A COMMUNITY CARE COMMITTEE MEETING OF
ALCESTER TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 10 NOVEMBER
2015 AT THE JUBILEE CENTRE, ST.FAITHS ROAD, ALCESTER**

Present

Cllr C. Brannigan, Cllr J Styles, Cllr G. Forman, Cllr L Cumberbatch,
Cllr A Foster, Cllr C. Gough, Mayor Cllr C. Neal-Sturgess, Cllr M. Cargill,
Cllr A Brown, Mrs J Theobald

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr M. Nash

2. Declaration of Interest

None received.

3. Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 8 September 2015 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

4. Reports from Complementary ATC Trusts and Boards

4.1 Alcester Community Trust

Representatives from Alcester have been invited to the presentation of the 'Rising Star' Award at the end of November.

A Community Trust subcommittee, led by Rachel Danks, manager of the Nelson, has been set up to organise the two-day 'fun and music' event next summer to support local Dementia projects. A draft plan will be available in the New Year.

4.2 Health & Wellbeing Board

A meeting was held on 2 November and a report is being prepared by Cllr Cumberbatch on the significant issues that need addressing next year. The draft Business Plan will be circulated to all Alcester Town Councillors for information.

Following the presentation at Stratford District Council, a draft letter has been prepared for the Head of Service asking that the Alcester's Health & Wellbeing project be considered for future funding.

Discussion took place on how to best utilise equipment already available and priority spending if the application for the digital grant is successful. The band width at the Jubilee Centre needs clarifying.

Concerns were expressed about future maternity care in the area and it was agreed to send a letter to the Member of Parliament

asking him to take more action on a personal level to prevent closure of facilities at Redditch hospital.

Cllr Brannigan and Cllr Cumberbatch will write in the first instance expressing concerns for the people of Alcester and a proposition made to Full Council that the Town Council writes an expression of concern to the MP on behalf of the people of Alcester.

5. Reports from Community Care Subcommittees

5.1 Business & Tourism Support

5.1.1 Business

Cllr Brown gave a detailed report on business occupation in the Town.

5.1.2 Tourism

The Game Fair has been re-instated under a new agency and scheduled to return to Ragley next year. A working party led by the Town Council will liaise with other groups to organise and manage arrangements for the anticipated influx of visitors.

A proposition was put to the Community Care Committee to nominate a team from the Town Council to support the Game Fair, and this was agreed.

5.2 Community Safety

The first meeting of the Community Safety subcommittee was held prior to the Community Care Committee meeting.

5.2.1 Speed Aware

There are 3 new volunteers for the team making 8 in total and ideally one more is needed to make three teams of 3.

There has been no response to the call for more volunteers on the Town Council's Face book and an advertisement will be put in the winter Newsletter. Vetting of volunteers will be required before training of new people. Cllr Foster to liaise with Cllr Cargill on the speed aware programme in Salford Priors.

Enquiries are to be made into legality of the 20mph signs and where the 'smiley face' signs are currently located.

5.2.2 Flooding

The Community Safety subcommittee have been asked to give their views on the Environmental Agency's Community Flood Plan. Currently Town Councillors are all designated Flood Wardens. Ways of enlisting volunteers were looked at and Cllr

Foster to write to local clubs and voluntary organisations to invite them to become flood wardens.

A letter has been received from Mr. Davies regarding his concerns about a dangerous junction. It was agreed that although this is the responsibility of WCC Highways, a response should be sent by the Clerk. If WCC agree to a site visit, suggest that members of Safety Committee be invited.

5.3 Young People's Services

5.3.1 Youth Council

The first meeting of the new school year of the Youth Council was held and three members of Alcester Academy attended. The Youth Council requested goal posts for the fenced area on the Jubilee recreation field and water on the multi use games arena is still a problem. The requests will be passed to the Facilities Committee. Cllr Styles to contact St.Benedict's and Alcester Academy to invite students to the next meeting on 25 November.

5.3.2 Junior Drama.

Cllr Styles reported that their storage facilities at the Greig Centre has been broken into and costumes and equipment damaged. The storage area also has mice which are damaging the costumes. Alternative storage accommodation is urgently required. Cllr Gough will assess how much space is needed and look at other possible storage areas.

6. Review of the Community Care Committee's role

No reports were given at the meeting

7. Correspondence

None received

8. Proposition to Full Council

A letter to be sent to the MP expressing the Town Council's concerns over lack of appropriate maternity care for Alcester's residents.

To nominate a team from the Town Council to support the Game Fair

The Town Clerk responds to Mr Davies email regarding the dangerous junction.

9. Date and Time of next meeting

7pm Tuesday 8 December 2015 in the Jubilee Centre.