



**MINUTES OF A COMMUNITY CARE COMMITTEE MEETING OF ALCESTER  
TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 8 DECEMBER 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, Cllr M Nash, Town Clerk Mr C. Wright, Mrs J Theobald

**1. Apologies**

Apologies were received from Mayor Cllr Neal-Sturgess, Cllr A Brown, Cllr M Cargill

**2. Declaration of Interest**

None received.

**3. Minutes of the last meeting**

The minutes of the meeting held on 10 November 2015 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

**4. Reports from Complementary ATC Trusts and Boards**

4.1 Alcester Community Trust

- 4.1.1 Cllr Cumberbatch reported that ACT is financially stable and a detailed report from their December meeting will be given to the January Full Council.
- 4.1.2 The Artisan market will now run on the first Sunday of the month. St. Nicholas Church and The Baptist Church have not reported any adverse affect on their services.
- 4.1.3 Raceways – Plans are being made for the next event in October 2016 with an expected participation of 1000 runners.

4.2 Health & Wellbeing Board

- 4.2.1 Application to fund a H&Wb Co-ordinator has been submitted.
- 4.2.2 Cllr Cumberbatch and the Clerk gave a presentation on the Health & Wellbeing project at the Stratford conference. Cllr Brannigan congratulated Cllr Lennox on the interesting and informative presentation.
- 4.2.3 Cllr. Cumberbatch, Cllr.Brannigan and the Clerk are meeting with senior operating organisations to discuss issues on quality care for the elderly. The first meeting is on 15 December with SWFT's community matrons. Further meetings with the Health Centre and Social Services are being arranged.
- 4.2.4 Maternity facilities –Nadhim Zahawin MP has replied to the Town Council's letter expressing concerns over the lack of maternity cover in the area following the closure of the maternity unit at the Alexander Hospital. Cllr Gittus and the MP are to meet the Health Secretary. Cllrs Cumberbatch and Brannigan are to draft a press release.
- 4.2.5 Volunteering - At the St. Nicholas night event, two people expressed an interest in becoming volunteer drivers.
- 4.2.6 Mental Health in children and young people - Mr Wright recently met with the primary school Head Teacher who reported that currently it is taking

up to eighteen months for children with mental health problems to get an assessment.

## **5. Reports from Community Care Subcommittees**

Discussion took place on the difference between a sub-committee and a working party. The Clerk informed the meeting that sub-committees need formality with terms of reference. Until the terms of reference are approved by Full Council, the group will be a working party. The Chairs of Community Safety and Young People's Services are currently working on their Terms of Reference. Cllr Brown is the Town Council's representative for Business and Tourism and does not chair a group. Cllr. Brannigan to ask Cllr Brown if she wants to form a Business and Tourism Working Party.

### **5.1 Business & Tourism Support**

Cllr Brown submitted a full report which was read out by the Chair of Community Care Committee.

### **5.2 Community Safety**

#### **5.2.1 Speed Aware**

Most of the Alcester volunteers have had training and training for several Salford Priors' volunteers' is pending. Cllr Foster will meet with the two new volunteers and their vetting forms send off for approval before they are trained.

#### **5.2.2 Flooding**

Cllr Foster met with MORC who have twenty four 4 x 4 vehicles two of which are set aside for Alcester in the event of flooding. Letters are to be sent to appropriate organisations such as Rugby Club, Cadets and Football Club inviting volunteers to become flood wardens. The Clerk told the meeting that Globe House will be the Emergency flood centre when it re-opens in the new year and a seminar for flood wardens and volunteers will be arranged.

### **5.3 Young People's Services**

#### **5.3.1 Youth Council**

Cllr. Forman attended the last meeting and a new member, Ben the Head Boy from Alcester Academy, joined the Youth Council. The Skate-park continues to be of interest to the members and an invitation will be sent to them to attend the next Facilities Committee when it is being discussed. A new project is still being discussed and suggestions include taking part in the Music Festival or Olympic Festival next year. A request for goal posts within the fenced area has been forwarded to the Facilities Committee.

5.3.2 The Depot Youth Club is closed for the winter because of lack of attendance. Discussion was held on how to re-generate young people's interest in using the youth club. A drop-in hub for the young people was

suggested and Cllrs Nash, Gough and Foster expressed an interest in taking this forward. Young people's opinions to be sought via the Chocolate Run project and Youth Council. An opening event for the skate-park may also stimulate interest in the Depot.

**6. Review of the Community Care Committee's role**

**7. Correspondence**

None received

**8. Proposition to Full Council**

**9. Date and Time of next meeting**

7pm Tuesday 12 January 2016 in the Jubilee Centre.