

**MINUTES OF A COMMUNITY CARE COMMITTEE MEETING OF ALCESTER TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 12 JANUARY 2016 AT THE JUBILEE CENTRE, ST.FAITHS ROAD, ALCESTER**

**Present**

Cllr C. Brannigan, Cllr G. Forman, Cllr A Brown, Cllr A Foster, Cllr C. Gough, Cllr M Cargill, Town Clerk Mr C. Wright, Mrs J Theobald

**1. Apologies**

Apologies were received from Mayor Cllr Professor Neal-Sturgess, Cllr L Cumberbatch, Cllr J Styles

**2. Declaration of Interest**

None received.

**3. Minutes of the last meeting**

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

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

**4.1 Alcester Community Trust**

Cllr Cumberbatch reported that the director of the Game Fair and his team are to visit Alcester in preparation for the event at Ragley later this year. Cllr Brown will also have the opportunity to meet up with their media and publicity person.

**4.2 Health & Wellbeing**

Reports from the H&Wb Board, along with information from the community, were presented to Full Council earlier this month. The next H&Wb Board meeting is on 18 January and an update will be submitted at the next Community Care Committee meeting.

**4.3 Alcester Academy has recently gained a 'Good' Ofsted Report. Cllr Cumberbatch put forward the following proposition for consideration by the Community Care Committee –**

“The Town Council is aware of the hard work carried out by staff and students at Alcester Academy, particularly bearing in mind the fact that many young people who actually live in the town attend the Academy. The recent Ofsted report re-emphasises the progress made, and the Town Council would like to congratulate the staff and the students and wish them continued success in the future.”

It was agreed, and a letter of congratulations from the Mayor on behalf of the Town Council will be sent to Alcester Academy.

**4.4 Community Safety Sub Committee**

The Community Safety Terms of Reference have been approved by Full Council which gives the working group status of a Sub-Committee of the Community Care Committee.

#### 4.4.1 Speed Awareness

Five locations have been identified to carry out community speed checks with a rota for volunteers. The first checks taken along Birmingham Road raised several technical problems which will be investigated. Three new volunteers have been vetted and training to be arranged with volunteers from Salford Priors before 9<sup>th</sup> February.

Correspondence has been received from a resident and the Civic Society objecting to the proposed extension of the 20mph restriction in the Town. After considering the policy and data information, Community Safety sub-committee supports Phase II of Warwickshire County Council Highways' project and the views will be forwarded to the Community Care Committee for their consideration.

#### 4.4.2 Flooding

Letters asking for volunteers in the event of flooding have been sent to the Rugby Club with no response to date. The Football Club, Cricket Club and Cadets will also be contacted. Possible recruitment could be made at the Clubs & Societies' Open Day in February. The Environment Agency's Community Flood Plan is being looked at as a template for Alcester. A representative from the National Flood Forum has offered to give a talk on 6 case studies. The Committee suggested inviting the speaker to a Town Flood Forum once volunteers have been found.

Funding from WCC has been secured for a camera at Oversley Bridge. £450 per annum is needed for maintenance and a request to add this to the precept is to be made at the Town Council's budget meeting.

### **5. Reports from Community Care Working Groups**

#### 5.1 Business & Tourism Support

Cllr Brown reported on the movement and occupation of the High Street's retail and licensed premises.

Billesley Manor has expressed their interest in getting involved and being part of the Town's activities.

Cllr Brown attended a meeting with Shakespeare's England to promote Alcester to visitors and tourists.

#### 5.2 Young People's Services

##### 5.2.1 Youth Council

The next Youth Council is on Friday 15 January.

### **6. Other Work of the Committee**

#### 6.1 Community Liaison Officer's Report

- 6.1.1 The list of clubs and organisations is now the responsibility of Alcester Town Council. An up-to-date version will be put on the Town's website but contact names and telephone numbers need clarification on data protection.
- 6.1.2 The draft application form for the Town's Community Grants was circulated for approval. The Clerk advised that £10,000 was available for small grants to support local organisations. The forms will be available on line and from Globe House. Deadline for application is end of March 2016.
- 6.2 Remit and Strategies for the Work of the Committee  
The funding for a Health & Wellbeing Co-ordinator has been secured and in light of the work associated with the role, the Chair asked that a Task and Finish group be formed to work with the Co-ordinator on services for older people.

**7. Correspondence**

None received

**8. Proposition to Full Council**

None

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

7pm Tuesday 9 February 2016 in the Jubilee Centre.