



**MINUTES OF A COMMUNITY CARE COMMITTEE MEETING OF  
ALCESTER TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 9 FEBRUARY  
2016 AT THE JUBILEE CENTRE, ST.FAITHS ROAD, ALCESTER**

**Present**

Cllr C. Brannigan, Mayor Cllr Professor Neal-Sturgess, Cllr A Brown, Cllr A Foster, Cllr C. Gough, Town Clerk Mr C. Wright, Mrs J Theobald

**1. Apologies**

Apologies were received from, Cllr L Cumberbatch, Cllr J Styles, Cllr G. Forman, Cllr M Cargill

**2. Declaration of Interest**

None received.

**3. Minutes of the last meeting**

The minutes of the meeting held on 12 January were approved and signed by the Chairman.

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

**4.1 Alcester Community Trust**

No report in the Chair's absence.

**4.2 Health & Wellbeing**

In Cllr Cumberbatch's absence, notes of the January meeting of the Health & Wellbeing Board were circulated.

The Town Clerk and Chairs of Community Care Committee and Health & Wellbeing Board are also meeting representatives from major agencies to link in with their policies for older people. Orbit Housing employ a Co-ordinator for residents over 55 and have asked to attend the H&Wb Board.

**4.3 Community Safety Sub Committee**

**4.3.1 Speed Awareness**

Training in the use of speed guns has been completed for the 3 new volunteers. Volunteers who have not been trained cannot use the speed guns but can chaperone. The next exercise is on Kinwarton Road. There are currently 8 volunteers but more volunteers are needed and recruitment will be promoted at the Clubs and Societies Open Day and on the Alcester News website.

**4.4.2 Flooding**

A Yellow Alert was issued during the recent heavy rain to warn people of flooding on open ground and possible harm to farm animals. Three residents of Oversley Mill Park evicted themselves overnight but flooding is unlikely to affect households until Amber or Red Alert is given. An explanation of the colour-coded Flood Alerts are to be put in the Newsletter and Town Guide for information.

The Flood Plan template was circulated at the meeting. The Flood Plan will align with the Town's Emergency Plan and the Community Safety sub-committee are looking at case studies from other areas for guidance on procedures. Training will be organised for residents who volunteer to become Flood Wardens.

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

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

Cllr Brown met with Shakespeare's England to keep Alcester promoted as a visitor attraction in their publications. The new Tourist Guide is ready for proof-reading before printing. Posters advertising the Clubs & Societies Open Day on 27 February are ready for circulation. Councillors were asked to volunteer to run the Town Council's stall.

### **5.2 Young People's Services**

Cllr Styles sent a report in her absence.

#### **5.2.1 Youth Council**

The current members are promoting the Youth Council to their tutor groups to recruit new members. They are taking a keen interest in plans for the skate park and want to be involved in the 2016 Olympic Fun Day.

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

### **6.1 Task & Finish Group for Older People's services.**

A positive first meeting was held to discuss the role of the T&F group and how isolation issues of Alcester's older people can be addressed. Four councillors and two residents with experience in policies for older people made up the group and Cllr Gough was elected Chair. The focus will be on providing a framework of need which the Older People's Co-ordinator will use to deliver projects.

### **6.2 Community Grants**

A £10,000 grant has been agreed to support local organisations. Application for a Community Grant will be advertised in the Newsletter and on the Town Council's website. The Chair of the Community Care Committee suggested a small task and finish group to consider the applications before approval at April's Full Council.

## **7. Proposition to Full Council**

None

### **7.1 Date and Time of next meeting - 7.15pm on 8 March at Globe House.** (please note the change of time and venue)