



**MINUTES OF THE ALCESTER TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON TUESDAY 4th OCTOBER 2016
AT GLOBE HOUSE, ALCESTER.**

Present

Councillors C Brannigan (Mayor), Y Morrison (Deputy Mayor), C Neal-Sturgess, A Foster, M Cargill, E Payne, C Gough, J Bunting, A Brown, J Kenyon, M Gittus, J Styles and K Greenaway.

Also the Town Clerk C Wright

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AT DISCRETION OF MAYOR

There was no members of the public present

J Bunting raised condolences for Mrs Wendy Weatherhead who sadly passed away this last month. She was Alcester's Mayor in 2002. She also supported Guides and the Advantage Alcester initiative, was very keen on football having been president of ATFC and over the years had done a lot for Alcester

A 1 Minute Silence was held in memory of her.

District and County Councillors' Reports

Cllr M Gittus referred to confidential working papers for the new County Council Budget, Stating a £67m additional saving for 2017- 2020 is required which will be challenging in order not to reduce the quality of service provided. A plan currently recognises savings of £72m. The Challenge is that although WCC has a large turnover the majority is ringfenced. Savings then can only be made on a small number of services.

He had attended the second PCC meeting with P Seccombe to discuss how to promote and provide security and reduce road casualties whilst wanting to increase 'Bobby's on the beat' as the Police have high reserves.

They also want to bring about a prosperous police force review, however a review in Warwickshire on the Community showed 50% people say they not getting good service

Cllr E Payne reported on behalf of Cllr S Adams. Stratford District Council will not investigate illegal signs and Neighbour Disputes. The McCarthey and Stone development has not started yet. There is to be a Meeting with Orbit regarding Hertford Road garages and Stratford District Council are looking into fly tipping on Vallet Avenue.

Cllr M Cargill reported that discussions with Orbit housing is the same throughout the district as here.

Residents confidence in Stratford District Council officers are only at 20% following a Strategic review and moving into next year a 'Better ways of working' group will be formed to address the problem. There was a very positive meeting with developers regarding the logic of the SDC buying into a project scheme. The sites are slow at coming into development and as a consequence next year we will not have a 5 year land supply. Cllr C Neal Sturgess raised the concern that it may place the Core Strategy at risk. Cllr M Cargill Reported that it would be.

He also confirmed the Grants for the speed watch radar gun have also gone in. There was a discussion between Clerk and Cllr E Payne regarding stones on the highway and lorries going round the estate from the McCarthey and Stone Development site.

Apologies - 161001



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Appologies received from A Brown, L Cumberbatch and G Forman, who's reasons for absence were agreed by Council

Minutes of Council Meetings - 161002

The mayor asked councillors to consider for approval the minutes of the Council meeting held on the 6th September. This was proposed to be accepted by Cllr M Gittus, seconded by Cllr E Payne and approved by council. Mayor C Brannigan Signed.

Declarations of Interest - 161003

There was no declarations of interest on the agenda Items

Notification of Councillor Vacancy - 161004

The Clerk Reported, following the recent resignation of M Nash, Stratford District Council electoral officer will be informed of the vacancy that had arisen. Following this instruction the District Council will require the Town Council to place a notice in the Town of the vacancy and ask for nominations to be received by the returning officer by a specific date. Should there be more than sufficient response, a bye-election is to be held. If there are no nominations the council may then consider the application of the co-opted member.

Mayor's Report - 161005

Cllr C Brannigan reported on the various event he has attended over the last month. He recently attended the SCAN (senior Citizens action network) meeting and The Ragley estate CC Awards. As a representative of the town he also attended the Whitnash Civic Service and attended the conservative club event to greet the visiting French Golfers.

On 25th September was also the Alcester Civic service which was a success. Cllr C Brannigan expressed his greatfulness to all his helpers who made it an enjoyable day including Shottery Quartet and Roy and Annie who read. Mental Health Forum in Stratford and Solihul school civic Tour with Cllr C Neal Sturges.

He plans to also do a drive round Milton Keynes.

Alcester Town Council Presidium - 161005

Cllr Brannigan reported that he had been in touch about Nick Skelton following his success again in the Olympics, but we are currently awaiting for the British Equestrian Society to put us onto the list. Cllr M Gittus suggested that an idea would be to have a lazer cut Flagstone in in High Street to commerate the achievements. Stratford town has Several in situe already. Cllr C Brannigan also reported he is trying to get a plaque on the Post Box, and also decided to name the room inside the Depot the 'Nick Skelton Room'

Cllr Brannigan also reported that, following the Clerk C Wright's notification in July to retire at the end of January 2017, Presidium have set up a task and finish group in addition to presidium committee meetings to facilitate all the planning required to facilitate the employment of the Clerks successor.

Alcester Community Care Committee - 161006

Cllr A Foster the Chairman confirmed he was satisfied Committee members had approved the minutes from the proceeding month and signed them.

The Health and Wellbeing Board met on the 9th September and Cllr L Cumberbatch presented 2 papers. Moorfileds have offered another grant for a defibrillator and for one at the Baptist Church, Everards and the Town Hall



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Concerns have been raised from local businesses regarding the number of road closures due to the increase of town events. The Clerk has asked SDC to allow consent from ATC before agreeing to Road Closures.

The Shakespeare England Costs are currently being investigated.

There had also been a Youth Council meeting and a meeting of the Olderpeople Task group.

Safety inspections of the river Bank and include the new Brooklooker needs to be quarterly. And wardens need to meet, regularly.

The Clerk also attended a meeting at SDC regarding the evacuation plans for the town and the use of CCTV.

Two propositions to the council. The Calibration of Speed gun at £150pa which was proposed by Cllr Y Morrison and seconded by Cllr C Gough and approved by Council. Also an offer 1st year free subsequent years costing approximately £500.

Proposition to cllr E Payne and Cllr M Gittus. Cllr M Gittus also discussed the possibility of a second camera. Great Alne do not want it but will need to negotiate. Clerk C Wright also suggested possible the site of the Malt Mill Lane Centre. Cllr J Bunting also commented about problem areas in Malt Mill.

Cllr M Gittus to look at all the possible options with Cllr J Bunting.

Drone use for surveys of rivers also a possibility, following recent success with Drone photography of the area. Cllr M Gittus to investigate, and report back.

Alcester Community Facilities Committee - 161007

Cllr J Kenyon the Chairman confirmed he was satisfied Committee members had approved the minutes from the proceeding month and signed them.

He confirmed new signage had been ordered for the playareas. The concrete tunnels have now been removed leaving a mound which has been grass seeded.

Re the Basket swings which were vandalised, Prices are being sought, there is also possibility for a Sheep Swinger in the region of £920. Facilities Clerk to help organise.

Cllr Y Morrison reported on the management of the Jubilee Centre. It had previously been reported that the day to day running of the Jubilee centre by a Management Team with a separate Bank account is preferable rather than Alcester Town Council itself. If Council were in agreement of doing this a report is to be produced to the Clerk after 4-6 weeks after which the Team would increase management capability at the Centre and take on more.

They will also be looking into a full management plan for the building and at the maintainance jobs outstanding. The following two propositions The Councillors do support this transfer fully and were also all in agreement for installation of air conditioning into the Jubilee Centre by unanimous votes.

Alcester Strategic Planning Committee – 161008

Neighbour Hood Plan clean up Draft copy produced a cleaned up version No13 and Change to mirror Keinton Neighbourhood Plan Version 14.

Small Sub Groups to take this forward to develop political and site allocations

At the Planning meeting Churchill Appeal discussed as Appeal refused, I was noted the housing formerly purchased for this site were now back up for sale.

Cllr C Gough Suggested it would be in our interest to thank Mrs Nina Knapman for her efforts. Cllr C Branigan volentered to do so.



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The Planning Committee are opposing to convert the White Lion Pub into housing as Parking on the front of the building was out of character for the area and the Development on the carpark as it was felt it was being over developed.

They are also planning a site visit on the 12th to assess the planning development planned on 6 Tibbets Close.

It has been suggested that we include Cllr S Adams into our planning committee for corespondance especially for receiving the Agendas. Which has been done. It has also come to our attention a Pre Application to develop Wytheland South of Allimore Lane with a proposition of a self Build. Plans were circulated in the Planning meeting.

It was suggested by Cllr M Cargill tha the self build is being offered to bring development forward.

Coventry South Warwickshire Broadband, who are installing FibreOptic Cabling have recently completed 49 boxes, 4 of which are in Alcester.

Cllr J Bunting raised the issue that there is a major issue with parking during the day on the Arden Industrial Estate in Kinwarton by the Alcester Locks. This would have to be addressed as the area is to be turned into a large open Car Showroom. This would affect a lot of people in that area, and it would need to be something which is to be discussed and considered by the Planning Committee in a future meeting urgently. Will be added to next planning agenda.

Cllr C Neal Sturgess also commented that it would give an opportunity for relevant people to submit their concerns and then an Unanimous Agreement can the made by the Clerk and Chair of Planning.

Alcester Communication Committee - 161009

Cllr Morrison reported the Winter edition of the Alcester Town Council NewsLetter deadline is the 17th November. So planning needs starting the earlier the better, as PSW and Look Local will be Busy leading up to Christmas.

The connections Article have agreed a full page article every month- upcoming agreed list of articles October- Youth Council. Cllr J Styles to do by 11th October. November – Flood Line information is to be arranged.

Alcester Health and Wellbeing Board - 161010

It was announced by the Clerk that after only 1 month in post the Health and Wellbeing Co-ordinator resigned with immediate effect. It still would be beneficial if we did try and start a Wellbeing event from the 16th November. The Mayor reported that an exit interview was being organised and all efforts should be put on hold until this has been completed after which he would be working with Cllr Cumberbatch on the future employment in this role.

Town Council Representatives - 161011

Cllr C Neal Sturgesss reported on WALC rep. He has sent an E-mail round and is willing to continue wuth Annual Nominations. Procedure didn't happen this year.

Cllr John Bunting Church Street properties donated £3,000 towards the Air Conditioning and £20,000 Towards Abbey Fields Development. Newport Foundation Meeting are due to meet in a Fortnight's time, however Cllr J Bunting does feel that the Newport Foundation Clerk is doing his job effectively stating from an article in the Connections Magazine where the Perkins Foundation in Bidford advertise they gave money to pupils, which was not done by the Newport



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Foundation. Cllr Mike Gittus questioned the objects of the Newport Foundation and asked if Alcester Town Council can get copies of them.

Cllr C Neal Surgess stated his concern that as ATC have members on the Charity it should become a company limited by Guarantee when it receives the money due from the sale of its land to effect the development North of Allimore Lane. Information on the Charity is to be found by the clerk for a future meeting.

Clerk to report on status of Various Projects - 161012

The Clerk reported on the progress of the purchase of Priory Meadow stating the Section 106 document is nearing completion after numerous meetings. Alcester Local Nature Reserve and Abbey Field go forward to Stratford District Council cabinet in November

RE. Moorfields School redevelopment. Warwickshire County Council are to finance a full survey of River Defences between the Iron Bridge of the old railway line and Gunnings Bridge. This will determine the current status of the zone the school falls into.

Payment of Accounts - 161013

The Accounts were proposed to be accepted by Cllr C Neal Sturges seconded by Cllr E Payne and approved by Council.

Correspondence - 161014

E-mail correspondence was taken as read and no further Correspondence had been received.

Notification of any further business for future meetings - 161015

It was noted when the clerk requires notification by, None were received during this meeting.

Dates of future meetings - 161016

It was noted the St Nicholas Night Conflicts with the Alcester Town Council Full Council Meeting in December, the Clerk is to look at the programme of meetings in December and report back on alternatives.

Alcester Full Council Meeting Tuesday 1st November 2016, 7 pm in Meeting Room 4, Globe House via Seggs Lane entrance

Alcester Community Care Committee Tuesday 11th October 7pm in Meeting Room 4, Globe House, via Seggs Lane Entrance

Alcester Community Facilities Committee Tuesday 18th September 7pm in Meeting Room 4, Globe House, via Seggs Lane Entrance

Alcester Strategic Planning Committee Monday 17th October and 31st October at 7 pm, in the Board Room, Globe House, via Seggs Lane Entrance

Alcester Communication Committee Monday 7th November 7pm Board Room, Globe House, via Seggs Lane Entrance

Alcester Town Council Presidium Tuesday 25th October 7pm in the Board Room, Globe House, via Seggs Lane Entrance