



**MINUTES OF COMMUNITY CARE COMMITTEE MEETING OF
ALCESTER TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 13 DECEMBER
2016 AT GLOBE HOUSE, ALCESTER**

Present

Cllr A Foster, Cllr Prof. C. Brannigan, Cllr Professor C. Neal-Sturgess, Cllr M. Cargill, Cllr C. Gough, Cllr G. Forman, Mrs S. Wright, Mrs J Theobald

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr J. Styles, Cllr L. Cumberbatch, Cllr A. Brown

2. Declaration of Interest

None declared

3. Minutes of the last meeting

Minutes of the meetings held on 8 November were approval at Full Council.

4. Reports from Complementary ATC Trusts and Boards

4.1 Health & Wellbeing

4.1.1 Mrs Wright, the Older People's Co-ordinator, was welcomed back and gave the meeting an update on the work she is currently doing. A meeting is arranged with Jenny Murray from WCC and Cllrs Brannigan, Gough and Foster to discuss progress.

4.1.2 The Town Council is waiting for a response from VASA on the proposed occupation of a work station in Globe house 5 mornings a week. Costs for modifications to maintain their own telephone number will be met by VASA. It was agreed that the Town Council should not charge for hire of office space in lieu of grant aiding. The Community Care Committee agreed to propose the offer for Full Council's approval.
Single working policy was discussed and precautions for lone workers will be put in place.

4.1.3 Concern was raised on the current crisis in social care and Cllr Neal-Sturgess asked if ATC can raise the budget precept to support social care in the Town but this was thought not to be possible at town and parish council level.

4.2 Community Safety Sub Committee

4.2.1 Speed Awareness

Cllr Cargill has identified volunteers in Salford Priors for training in the use of speed guns. A new volunteer has come forward in Alcester. The Community Safety Subcommittee (through Cllr Cargill) are waiting for a response from WCC on the application for a grant to purchase a speed gun.

4.2.2 Grit Bin

The Town Council have been asked to provide a grit bin for St. Faiths Road as it is not now a priority for gritting by WCC Highways. The Town Council have agreed to purchase a bin but discussion took place on where to site it and who would spread the grit. The Head Teachers from St. Nicholas School and Our Lady's have said that gritting is unacceptable to them and the Head will appeal to parents but is not optimistic. Pressure will be put on WCC to re-instate gritting along St. Faith's Road, but a grit bit will be installed and Cllr Foster will pursue finding volunteers to spread it.

4.2.3 Flooding

Recruitment and training of Flood Wardens is being offered on line. Manual training will also be arranged with Cllr Neal-Sturgess and Cllr Foster.

The Environmental Agency have accepted responsibility for the actions sent following the river walk.

4.2.3 Emergency Plan

Following the meeting with the Community Safety sub committee CSW have sent a flood plan and emergency plan sample which can be adapted for use by Alcester Town Council.

5. Reports from Community Care Working Groups

5.1 Business & Tourism Support

5.1.1 The draft of the 2017 Events Guide soon to be finalised.

5.1.2 The Chamber of Trade has funding for Wifi in the High Street.

5.1.3 Parking in the Town will be discussed a meeting led by Cllr Bunting on 7th January.

5.2 Young People's Services

5.2.1 Alcester Youth Council will resume in the new year and Alcester Academy are arranging for pupils to be released to attend.

5.2.2 The Depot is attracting around 25 young people to the youth centre on a Tuesday evening and volunteers have met with Alcester Youth Project to discuss their requirements. The Jubilee Centre Management Group are to meet the volunteers to discuss their intentions to refurbish the building.

5.3 Older People's services.

5.3.1 A draft of the Terms of Reference for the Older Persons' Subcommittee was circulated. The Community Care Committee approved the document with a change to an agenda item.

5.3.2 Digital Inclusion

It was agreed that delivery of the digital inclusion package could take up too much of the Co-ordinator's time to accomplish and that the priorities of the Co-ordinator were for a broader picture. Andrew Matherson from Silver Surfers would be asked to take a lead on digital inclusion.

6. Other Work of the Committee

6.1 Items for the Communications Committee

6.1.1 VASA in Globe House – press release

6.1.2 Speed Guns – purchase and training – Cllr Foster/Cllr Cargill

6.1.3 Report from Business & Tourism

7 Correspondence

None received

8 Proposition to Full Council

To support the occupation of VASA in Globe House

Ratification of Terms of Reference for the Older People's Subcommittee

9 Date and Time of next meeting

7pm on 10 January 2017 at Globe House, Alcester