



ALCESTER TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A COMMUNITY CARE COMMITTEE MEETING OF ALCESTER TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON 14 JANUARY 2020 AT GLOBE HOUSE, PRIORY ROAD, ALCESTER

Present:

Cllr. K Cargill, Cllr G. Forman, Cllr K. Forbes, Cllr A. Foster, Cllr E. Randle, Cllr K. Soares, Cllr V. Blake, Cllr K Greenaway

In attendance

Mrs J Theobald, Committee Clerk

Public Participation – no public present at the meeting

1. Apologies: Cllr C. Neal-Sturgess, Cllr D. Henderson

2. Declaration of Interest

None declared

3. Minutes of the Last Meeting and Actions Arising

Minutes of the 10 December meeting were approved by Full Council on 7 January 2020.

4. Community Grants for 2020

The Policy and Procedures document and Application Form are now available on the website with a closing date of 28 February.

5. Reports from the Working Groups

5.1 Health and Wellbeing

Wendy Sherwood submitted an update report on the health and wellbeing priorities identified by the Health and Wellbeing Board.

5.1.1 Older People's Isolation

Repair Café – The launch of the Repair Café is on 23 January at 2pm. Initial funding has been found with donation from Church Street Properties and Malvern Repair Café. Three new volunteers have expressed an interest in being part of the repair team.

54 attended the Community Christmas Dinner in the Eric Payne Community Centre.

5.1.2 Mental Health in Young People

The Health and Wellbeing Co-ordinator, Wendy Sherwood, gave an interview for BBC Coventry and Warwickshire radio on Alcester being a Health & Wellbeing Town.

Alcester Town Council have been shortlisted for a 2020 Mental Health Star Award. The Thrive Mental Health Star Awards are held annually to celebrate the work done to improve mental health across the West Midlands. The Mayor, Town Clerk and H&Wb Coordinator are to attend the Awards Ceremony on 29 January.

The quarter three report on Young Peoples' Mental Health has been sent to Public Health. Funding is being sought to continue the project,

5.1.3 Future Events

20 January - Apple Wassailing event with volunteers from Orbit Housing.

20 January RISE are running a session on Self Harm

23 January – launch of the Repair Café 2pm – 6pm

Welcome Radio – series of sessions to include one or more contributions from Wendy Sherwood on health and wellbeing.

Continuation of the computer group and carers support group with trips and a film show being organised.

5.2 Community Safety

- 5.2.1 Speed Aware – the speed gun has now been fixed and a new rota will be organised by Cllr Neal-Sturgess and Cllr Foster.
- 5.2.2 The Emergency Plan has been finalised and will be held in Globe House. The Flood Plan for Alcester is near completion.
- 5.2.3 The next meeting of the Community Safety Working Group will be held on 11 February and invitations for the Environment Agency and CSW to attend are being pursued.

5.3 Older People's services

- 5.3.1 The next meeting to be confirmed.

5.4 Young People's Services

- 5.4.1 Youth Council – Alcester Academy have kindly agreed to host the Youth Council again and they will take the form of shorter but more regular 9am breakfast meetings. Permission has been granted from tutors to release the pupils for the meetings. Cllr Forbes will again lead the Youth Council and is liaising with the Academy on suitable dates for the meetings.
- 5.4.2 Depot Youth Club – Cllr Forbes has met with the main youth volunteer, Phil, to discuss the concerns regarding appropriate Policy and Procedures, liability insurance and safeguarding issues. Currently 40 children aged between 10 – 18 use the youth centre as a drop-in, although they are not required to register, and additional volunteers are urgently needed. The two regular volunteers do not wish to take on the administration role and look to the Town Council to do this for them. The Town Clerk has asked the H&Wb Co-ordinator to look into the legal, financial and administration side of the Town's youth facility.
The young people have also requested an air hockey table and Cllr Forbes is looking into potential funding although, to ensure the venue is sustainable and attractive for hire, the Town Council have requested that the room should be kept clear of permanent fixtures.

5.5 Business & Tourism

- 5.5.1 Window Wonderland event will take place on 18/19 January and there are 22 registrations so far. Maps of participating window displays are available on-line and from Molly Cotton Tails. The Mayor and Deputy Mayor will judge the best window and a prize will be awarded to the overall winner.
- 5.5.2 Retailers have expressed the opinion that there was a moderately good footfall over the Christmas period. Cllr Foster will work with the retailers to discuss late night opening options, Elephant WiFi and car parking in the Town.
- 5.5.3 The Events Guide has been circulated.
- 5.5.4 The Agenda for the next meeting will include organisation of the VE celebrations in June and the Game Fair.

6. Items for Communication – None

7. Correspondence - none

8. Proposition to Full Council – none

9. Date and Time of Next Meeting – 7pm Tuesday 11 February 2020