



ALCESTER TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A COMMUNITY CARE COMMITTEE MEETING OF ALCESTER TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON 11 FEBRUARY 2020 AT GLOBE HOUSE, PRIORY ROAD, ALCESTER

Present:

Cllr. K Cargill, Cllr G. Forman, Cllr K. Forbes, Cllr A. Foster, Cllr E. Randle, Cllr C. Neal-Sturgess, Cllr D. Henderson, Cllr K Greenaway

In attendance

Mrs J Theobald, Committee Clerk

Public Participation – no public present at the meeting

1. Apologies: Cllr K. Soares, Cllr V. Blake

2. Declaration of Interest

None declared

3. Minutes of the Last Meeting and Actions Arising

Minutes of the 14 January meeting were approved by Full Council on 4 February 2020.

4. Community Grants for 2020

Applications are being received and copies will be passed to the Community Care Councillors for consideration after the closing date. Councillors can assist groups with their application but it was concluded that speaking to the Committee on behalf of the applicant may give unfair advantage.

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

The Repair Café was very successful with over 40 visitors and attracted extra volunteers to help on the day. Reports with photographs were recorded in the Redditch Standard and Stratford Herald.

The Wassailing event was also well attended and reported in the Redditch Standard.

Funding has been sought to introduce an older person's exercise class based on the Parkour principle.

5.1.2 Mental Health in Young People

The Mayor, Town Clerk and H&Wb Coordinator attended the Mental Health Star Award's Ceremony on 29 January. Although they weren't successful, they found the other projects submitted interesting and informative.

The plans are underway to make the film for the Mental Health in Young People's project. Casting will take place this month and filming will begin in March.

5.1.3 Carers

The Carers' Café was held again on Wednesday but in view of the low attendance it was decided to trial opening the Café to all members of the community and make the meetings more generic. Posters are being circulated advertising the Café's opening times.

5.1.4 Welcombe Radio is broadcasting health and wellbeing themed interviews each month. The February programme featuring Emma Bond, the H&Wb Information Centre Manager at

Stratford Hospital, and Wendy Sherwood will join two people, one a volunteer and one who has set up a charity, to speak on the theme 'love'. The programme is online on Friday 14th at 9am.

Future Events

A Volunteer evening is to take place on 6 March at the Baptist Church for community organisation to promote what they do.

RISE are running a support class on "Understanding and Supporting Siblings" on 30 March.

5.2 Community Safety

5.2.1 Representatives from the Environment Agency and CWS Resilience attended the Community Safety Working Group meeting and gave a presentation on actions to be taken in the event of flooding. They have agreed in principle to attend a Flood Forum late May early June to offer residents information and advice.

5.3 Older People's services

5.3.1 The next meeting of the Older People's Working Group is to be held in March.

5.4 Young People's Services

5.4.1 Youth Council - Cllr Forbes is waiting for a response from Alcester Academy on a date for the next Youth Council meeting.

5.4.2 Depot Youth Club - Cllr Cargill asked for volunteers to join a small working group to look into the legal, financial and administration side of the Town's youth facility.

Cllr Forbes has applied for funding and is now researching a suitable fold-away air hockey table for the Depot youth club.

5.5 Business & Tourism

5.5.1 Alcester has 'Silver' membership in Shakespeare England.

5.5.2 Innovation for Alcester are being discussed with David Plum, Warwick University's Chief Innovation officer. Cllr Foster and Cllr Neal-Sturgess will arrange a further meeting.

6. Items for Communication – None

7. Correspondence – Information received on the Park Kids initiative.

8. Proposition to Full Council – none

9. Date and Time of Next Meeting

Tuesday 10 March at 7pm in Globe House