



ALCESTER TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A COMMUNITY CARE COMMITTEE MEETING OF ALCESTER TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON 10 MARCH 2020 AT GLOBE HOUSE, PRIORY ROAD, ALCESTER

Present:

Cllr. K Cargill, Cllr G. Forman, Cllr K. Forbes, Cllr A. Foster, Cllr C. Neal-Sturgess, Cllr D. Henderson, Cllr K. Soares, Cllr K Greenaway, Cllr V. Blake

In attendance

Mrs J Theobald, Committee Clerk

Public Participation – no public present at the meeting

1. Apologies: Cllr E. Randle,

2. Declaration of Interest

None declared

3. Minutes of the Last Meeting and Actions Arising

Minutes of the 11 February were approved by Full Council on 3 March 2020.

4. Community Grants for 2020

The applications for this year's Community Grant were circulated prior to the meeting and final decisions were unanimously agreed by the Committee.

Awards will be announced at the Mayor Making in May.

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

26 attended the Repair Café and two new volunteers were recruited. A repair Café Conference is being held on Sunday 29th March.

Funding has been sourced for a new project, in partnership with Theorem Health, based on the Parkour principle of exercises for older people to prevent falls.

There is now full membership for the Community Allotment. Two residents have donated fruit trees, fruit bushes and seeds and work has begun to clear the site and prepare for planting.

The Well-Connected computer group has also increased membership with around 14 attendees.

5.1.2 Mental Health in Young People

Casting for the MHYP film has now been done and filming will be taking place every Wednesday during March.

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

5.1.3 Carers

The Cuppa Club (formerly Carers' Café) was held at Church House but because of the low turnout it was decided to move it back to Globe House on Wednesday mornings.

5.1.4 Welcome Radio -The March programme 'Spring' will focus on new beginnings. Emma Bond, the H&Wb Information Centre Manager at Stratford Hospital, and Wendy Sherwood will join two people to talk about starting something new. The programme is online on Friday 20th March at 9am.

5.2 Community Safety

- 5.2.1 A follow up meeting on the Environmental Agency Report was held on 9 March between the Environmental Agency, CSW, the Town Clerk and Cllr Neal-Sturgess. The modelling survey on the bunds is now complete but no mention was made of the Big Tank in the modelling proposal or the effect of climate change. EA are looking to SDC to match fund the proposed project.
- 5.2.2 Flood Fair – ATC are to hold a flood information open day in June and representatives from EA, Flood Forum, CSW will be invited to attend. Promotion of the event will be widely publicised and leaflets will be circulated to those homes that have been affected by flooding.
- 5.2.3 Speed Aware – The speed gun has now been fixed. Speed Aware volunteers have been contacted and 50% have agreed to continue. Recruitment will be stepped up for new volunteers. Police are reluctant to give training on use of speed gun for less than 10 at a time. Cllr Foster is to step down as lead on Speed Aware because of other commitments and Cllr Mark Cargill take on the role.

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 unable to attend the arranged Youth Council meeting on 12 March because of work commitments and will re-arrange a later date.
- 5.4.2 Depot Youth Club – A meeting has been arranged with Cllr Forbes, John Hawkins of WCC, and Phil Hodges volunteer youth worker to discuss support for ongoing developments of the youth club.

5.5 Business & Tourism

- 5.5.1 Elephant WiFi – An electrician has been contacted to inspect and re-route the system. Sarah Bassett, Alcester's CoT, has contacted Elephant Wifi company who have quoted £170 pm to maintain the wi-fi in Town. Cllr Foster will report back on the Chambers decision next month.
- 5.5.2 The Events Guide has been distributed to Studley Castle and Stratford Visitor Centre. Councillors will distribute to other outlets around the Town.
- 5.5.3 Lloyds Bank are considering providing a temporary ramp at the Bank following correspondence on the inadequate access.
- 5.5.4 Ragley Game Fair -Cllr Foster to follow up with stakeholders. Classic Ibiza at Ragley Hall, Chamber of Trade to check with organisers regarding requirements for mini buses to/from Alcester.

6. Items for Communication – to promote Flood Fair on website and in Newsletter

7. Correspondence – None

8. Proposition to Full Council – none

9. Date and Time of Next Meeting

Tuesday 21 April at 7pm in Globe House