



**MINUTES OF THE ALCESTER TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON TUESDAY 3rd MARCH 2020
AT GLOBE HOUSE, ALCESTER.**

Present

Councillors G Forman (Mayor) K Cargill, T Forman, M Cargill, E Wilson, A Foster, E Randle, V Blake, M Hempell, M Bowe, K Soares, D Henderson, L Pusey and K Forbes.

In attendance Mrs V Lowe, Town Clerk

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AT DISCRETION OF MAYOR

There was no public participation.

District and County Councillors' Reports

Cllr M Cargill (County Councillor and Ward Member for Alcester and Rural) reported that the budget for SDC had been settled. It included £20,000 to improve play facilities at the Hopkins Precinct.

The WCC budget had also been settled. This would result in a 1.9% increase in Band D Council Tax plus a further 2% which was ring fenced for adult social care. Cllr Cargill reported that 60% of the budget is spent on adult social care and education and a Green Paper on long term plans for funding social care was expected from the government.

Cllr Cargill reported that he was pleased with recent gulley cleaning and that WCC was investing in new equipment.

He reported that a new bus shelter had been erected on Kinwarton Road.

1. Apologies

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs C Neal-Sturgess and K Greenaway and Cllr S Juned, District Councillor.

2. Minutes of Council Meetings

The Mayor asked Councillors to consider for approval the minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 4th February. They were proposed to be accepted by Cllr M Cargill, seconded by Cllr T Forman and approved by Council; they were then signed by the Mayor.

3. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest on the agenda items.

4. Mayor's Report

The Mayor reported on the various events which she had attended during the past month including the Mayor of Warwick's race night, the Mayor of Leamington's curry night and the Studley Parish Council Abba night. She reported that the Alcester in Bloom coffee morning had been well attended. She thanked all Councillors who had attended her Civic Dinner and said that she had been delighted by the superb performance of Florence Cain. She passed on particular thanks to the Town Clerk and Deputy Town Clerk for making the evening such a success.

The Mayor reminded Councillors about her forthcoming quiz night (17th April) and Cardamon night (29th April).

5. Presidium

The Mayor confirmed that she was satisfied Committee members approved the minutes from the preceding month, which were then signed. There were no questions about the minutes.

There was the following proposition from Presidium:



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"To consider for approval the Annual Risk Assessment of the Council."
This was proposed by Cllr T Forman, seconded by Cllr K Cargill and carried by Council.

6. VE Day

The Town Clerk gave a brief summary of the events which had been planned for Friday 8th May 2020 and shared the advertising poster for the day. She reported that plans were in-hand but that additional help would be much appreciated from Councillors.

7. Community Care Committee

Cllr K Cargill confirmed that she was satisfied Committee members approved the minutes from the preceding month, which were then signed. She gave a summary of the issues discussed at the Committee including an update on H&Wb events. Cllr Cargill reported that the second Repair Café had gone well with £155 received in donations. A meeting had taken place with John Hawkins from WCC regarding the youth club. The Community Safety working group had met with the Environment Agency and CSW Resilience Team attending and had agreed to arrange a Flood Fair later in the year. Cllr K Cargill was pleased to announce that the bid for funding for "Alcester Get a Move On!" – a parkours project for over 60's - had been successful with a grant being awarded by Warwickshire Public Health. Cllr M Cargill informed Councillors that a "mind mapping" exercise on H&Wb in Alcester would be taking place on 16th March at the EPCC. All stakeholders had been invited.

There were no propositions from the Committee.

8. Community Facilities Committee

Cllr T Forman confirmed that he was satisfied Committee members approved the minutes from the preceding month, which were then signed. Cllr T Forman gave a summary report on issues discussed at the Committee. A letter had been received from a resident concerned about the state of the paths in Jubilee Fields. Cllr Forman had inspected them and agreed that there were areas which required repair. It was noted that the Cross-Parish Cycle Way Group had been renamed the "Avon to Arrow Greenway Project". There were no questions about the minutes and no propositions from the Committee.

9. Planning Committee

In Cllr Neal-Sturgess' absence, the Vice Chair of the Committee, Cllr Bowe confirmed that he was satisfied Committee members approved the minutes which were then signed. Cllr Bowe gave a summary of the applications considered by the Committee. It was reported that the Committee had strongly supported the proposed Climate Change SPD which was being consulted on by SDC. There were no propositions from the Committee.

10. Neighbourhood Development Plan

The Town Clerk reported that she expected the NDP referendum date to be confirmed shortly. The Steering Group had requested 7th May 2020 to coincide with the Police and Crime Commissioner elections.



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11. Greig Working Group

Cllr Foster confirmed that the Group had met on 14th February which was the first meeting since the transfer of the site back to SDC. A site visit to the Memorial Hall had also taken place. A Certificate of Lawful Development had been granted by SDC confirming that the Home2Home shop could be relocated within the Greig Hall if required on a temporary basis.

There were several questions from Councillors on issues arising from the proposed Feasibility Study. Cllr Foster confirmed that this document would be reviewed and updated in due course.

12. Town Council Representatives

There were no reports this month.

13. Payment of Accounts

The Town Clerk presented the Payment of Accounts for the preceding month. The accounts were proposed to be approved by Cllr Pusey, seconded by Cllr Soares and carried by Council.

14. Correspondence

Email correspondence received by the Clerk was taken as read. There was no further correspondence to report.

15. Dates of future meetings

Planning Committee Monday 9th and 30th March 2020 at 7pm

Community Care Committee Tuesday 10th March 2020 7pm

Community Facilities Committee Tuesday 17th March 2020 at 7pm

Presidium Tuesday 31st March 2020 at 7pm

Annual Parish Meeting 7th April 2020 at 7pm

Full Council Tuesday 14th April 2020 at 7pm

All meetings at Globe House except the Annual Parish Meeting which is at the Alcester War Memorial Town Hall.

The Mayor closed the meeting.