



ALCESTER TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A COMMUNITY CARE COMMITTEE MEETING OF ALCESTER TOWN COUNCIL HELD BY VIDEO LINK ON 27 APRIL 2021 AT 7PM

Present: Cllr. K Cargill, Cllr G. Forman, Cllr A. Foster, Cllr K Soares,
Cllr C. Neal-Sturgess, Cllr K. Forbes, Cllr V. Blake

In attendance: Mrs J. Theobald, Clerk of Community Care Committee

1. **Apologies** - Cllr Greenaway, Cllr D. Henderson, Cllr E. Randle
2. **Declaration of Interest** – Cllr Cargill declared an interest in OGRA's application for a Community Grant and did not take part in the decision

3. **Minutes of the Last Meeting**

The minutes of the meeting of 16 February 2021 were approved by Full Council on 2 March 2021.

There were no matters arising from the Meeting of 16 February.

4. **Community Grants**

Eight applications were received for the first release of the Community Grants. Each application was considered and an unanimous decision was made on the amount awarded. List attached.

5. **Update Report from Health & Wellbeing Co-ordinator**

1. Alcester Town Council (ATC) has secured funding to run parkour classes for over 60's in Alcester, called 'Alcester - Get a Move on'.
 - Three, six-week courses to groups of up to 12 people
 - One-hour session each week
 - Planned and run by qualified physiotherapists
 - Free of charge
 - To be held outside on Town Council play areas ideally (with alternative wet weather venues)

The aim is to start the courses in May-June this year, after a delay of 12 months due to Covid 19

2. The 'Gone Fishin' Project is due to start on Thursday 22nd April. Four members of the community will attend a 16-18 hour tutored fishing course with funding from the Angling Trust. This project was on hold from last year.
3. The Holiday Lunch Club has been very successful, running over Christmas, February Half Term and then again during the Easter Holidays, with 60 attendees on the first day. We are very grateful to Anita Hellyer and other volunteers for their help and commitment to this worthwhile initiative.
4. Beth Clarke (Children and Family Worker for Alcester Minster) has also been busy developing and delivering children's activities to coincide with the holiday lunch club. She had organised various activities and crafts, such as, an egg hunt, litter picking with prizes, bird feeder and seed planting kits, cookie and brownie kits to do at home. These two combined activities have been very popular.

5. The cook and eat your tea project will now re-start in September and the whole project is to be delivered again from the beginning, running until the summer 2022.
6. The Youth Club re-opened on Tuesday 20th April. We have our new Youth Leader, Becky Gribben and lots of volunteers (new and old) starting or returning. We have also secured some funding from SDC to deliver some activities around mental health, this is in partnership with Lifespace. We intend to: Recruit, train, and support volunteer mentors to work at the Youth Club; Run a programme of workshops for 6/8 young people around peer mentoring; offer one to one Mental Health Mentoring support by two mentors from Lifespace.
7. The repair café is due to re-start on Thursday 27th May on a 'drop off and pick up basis.' We hope to be able to offer something less restricted from June onwards.
8. The computer group will re-start on Wednesday 19th May at the Depot. We already have all safety measures in place. It will then run sessions every second and fourth Wednesday of the month 10am until 12 midday. We will not be returning to the Con Club until restrictions allow.
9. The community allotment has a full compliment of members. The Town Council are supporting an initiative in partnership with Live and Local and the Roman Museum. **LivingRoom** is an opportunity for communities to connect and create something memorable and unique using a mix of music and drama and local stories with the museum as a starting point.

Regarding item 1, As the parkour course will be run over weekends when the Jubilee Fields will be busy, Cllr Forbes suggested that schools may be a more suitable venue. Cllr Cargill will refer to the H&Wb Co-ordinator.

Cllr. Neal-Sturgess reported that Newport Foundation have grants to assist mental health activities for young people. So far only Alcester Academy have taken up the offer and he will ask the H&Wb Co-ordinator to prompt the other two senior schools in the Town.

A meeting of the Health & Wellbeing Board was held on 12 April via Zoom and the next meeting will be on 12 July.

6. Update Reports

6.1 Community Resilience Working Group

Cllr Soares gave a report from the Community Resilience W.G.

- 6.1.1 Napton Environmental Action Group (NEAT) attended the Community Resilience meeting prior to the Community Care Committee. A recording was made of the presentation and can be found on the link below.

https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/EwnU64q9Oqi4unGcF26pRvxiinZx4DgcFBbXsgWEdW1I3wf7McE2eqjWV_eG_Ts.Ba7wa3bZ7IWslOX9 Passcode: 6Nk0F%jF

- 6.1.2 An audit of the emergency flood equipment in the pod is still pending because of Covid-19 restrictions. Checks have been made

with the Town Clerk on available flood sacs held in the office and at the EPCC and current sand stocks.

6.1.3 Speed Aware, CCTV and purchase of a mobile camera are currently on hold during restrictions.

6.1.4 Cllr Foster informed the meeting that any surplus from the Resilience Fund for Covid relief could be used for other resilience items.

6.2 Business & Tourism Working Group

6.2.1 'Totally Locally' was launched on 26 April. To date 33 businesses on the High Street have registered to participate. The scheme has been promoted via Facebook, flyer distribution around the Town and an article in the Stratford Herald.

6.2.2 Cllr Wilson has taken on responsibility for overseeing public realm improvements in the High Street, with focus on improving the appearance of empty window spaces, repainting and refurbishment of the phone box and benches.

6.2.3 Cycle racks – The request for new cycle racks in the Waitrose carpark was thought unnecessary as the current provision was underutilised.

6.2.4 Liaising with WCC on providing heritage signs for Alcester on the A46.

6.2.5 Ragley Game Fair is still planned for the end of July. Cllr Blake will contact the organisers to confirm date and offer assistance.

6.3 Older People's Services

No update due to current lockdown restrictions

6.4 Young People's services

The Youth Club at the Depot re-opened on 20 April.

7. Correspondence – non received

8. Proposition to Full Council – No propositions

9. Date and time of next meeting

Tuesday 11 May 2021 at 7pm