



# ALCESTER TOWN COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF A COMMUNITY CARE COMMITTEE MEETING OF ALCESTER TOWN COUNCIL HELD BY VIDEO LINK ON 11 MAY 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, Cllr D. Henderson, Cllr E. Randle.

As Deputy Mayor, Cllr T. Forman will be invited to future meetings.

**In attendance:** Mrs V. Lowe, Town Clerk

**1. Apologies:** Cllr T. Forman

**2. Declaration of Interest** – none recorded

**3. Minutes of the Last Meeting**

The minutes of the meeting of 27 April 2021 were approved by Full Council on 4 May 2021.

There were no matters arising from the Meeting of 27 April.

**4. To Elect a Chair for the Community Care Committee**

Cllr K. Cargill nominated Cllr V. Blake as Chair of the Community Care Committee and was seconded by Cllr Neal-Sturgess. No other nominations were put forward. Cllr Blake accepted the position and thanked the Committee. He then took over chairing the meeting.

**5. To approve the Terms of Reference (T.o.R.)**

Cllr Randle asked if there was scope to include the work carried out by volunteers during the pandemic in the T.o.R. Although the T.o.R made no specific reference to Covid, the Chair felt that working with volunteers and community groups is already covered in the Objectives.

Cllr Neal-Sturgess proposed that the T.o.R. are accepted, seconded by Cllr Forbes and agreed by the Committee. A proposition to Full Council will be submitted "to approve the Terms of Reference for Community Care Committee".

**6. Update Reports since the Meeting of 27 April**

**6.1 Community Resilience**

Cllr Soares has circulated the presentation by the Napton Environmental Action Group to the working group and all councillors.

**6.2 Business & Tourism**

The B&T Group has not met since the last meeting.

The Town's benches are currently being refurbished.

Mrs Mellors, the Head of Alcester Academy, is producing a Business Bulletin for parents and families affected by the lockdowns and business closures during the Covid pandemic. Cllr Blake will forward information on Totally Locally and other relative items for inclusion in the bulletin.

Cllr Blake reported that 40 businesses have now signed up to 'Totally Locally'.

6.3 Youth Services – The Youth Club has reopened once a week with 15 young people attending the first session. There are now six volunteers as well as the youth leader Becky Gribbon. Alcester Youth Project has agreed to fund the initial set-up expenditure.

6.4 Health & Wellbeing

Parkour classes for over 60's called 'Alcester - Get a Move on' are to start on June 12 until July 24. The course will run on Saturdays for 6 weeks with 3 sessions each day catering for 36 participants. Coffee and cake will be served to those who sign up for the course.

Gone Fishing project starts on May 20<sup>th</sup>.

**7. Correspondence** (not reported at the meeting) – Thanks via emails were received from the following Community Grant's recipients: Alcester in Bloom, Alcester Town Football Club, Girl Guiding, Oversley Green Residents Association, Run Alcester and Alcester Minster. St. Nicholas Church acknowledged that their application was declined.

**8. Proposition to Full Council** – to approve the Terms of Reference for Community Care Committee.

**9. Date and time of next meeting**

**Tuesday 15 June 2021 at 7pm**

NB: Meetings will continue via Zoom for the next few months.

Full Council will be held in person at the Eric Payne Community Centre from June 2021.