



ALCESTER TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A COMMUNITY CARE COMMITTEE MEETING OF ALCESTER TOWN COUNCIL HELD BY VIDEO LINK ON 15 JUNE 2021 AT 7PM

Present: Cllr V. Blake, Cllr. K Cargill, Cllr A. Foster, Cllr K Soares, Cllr C. Neal-Sturgess, Cllr D. Henderson, Cllr E. Randle.

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

1. Apologies - Cllr K. Forbes, Cllr T. Forman, Cllr K. Greenaway

2. Declaration of Interest – non recorded.

3. Minutes of the Last Meeting

The minutes of the meeting of 11 May 2021 were approved by Full Council on 1 June 2021. There were no matters arising from the Meeting.

4. Community Grants

Applications are invited for the second phase of the Community Grants with a closing date of 30 July.

Councillors will approve the Policy and Procedure and Application Form before they are put on the Town Council's website.

5. Update Report from Health & Wellbeing Co-ordinator

Extracts from the report circulated to the Committee prior the meeting.

Alcester Get a Move On – The first sessions of the 6 weekly outdoor exercise classes for over 60s was held on Saturday in the Jubilee Fields. Cllr Cargill reported an almost 100% turnout and very positive feedback. Enquiries were also received from the public about future classes with a willingness to pay for the tutor.

The 'Gone Fishing' project will finish on 17 June but one further session will be booked to replace the one that was cancelled because of bad weather. To date feedback from participants has been good.

The Youth Club has successfully re-opened with over 30 attendees. Stratford District Council has funded a project in partnership with Lifespace to support young people and volunteers for training in Mentoring and Peer Support. One to one mentoring will also be offered from a qualified Lifespace Mentor.

Holiday lunch club continued during half term holiday with over 60 children receiving a hot meal on Wednesday due to extra outdoor activities provided by Beth Clarke, Children's and Activity Worker for Alcester Minsters.

The Computer Group and repair café have now returned and are open but operating in a Covid safe way.

Funding for the Cook and Eat your Tea project in September is being sought from Tesco Bags of Help and will now go to the customer vote.

6. Update Reports

6.1 Community Resilience Working Group

Cllr Soares gave a report from the Community Resilience working group. Many of the initiatives are on hold because of the Covid restrictions but a visit to Shipston is anticipated for the end of July and the Emergency Plan will be revisited at the end of July.

6.2 Business & Tourism Working Group

Software is being tested for a new initiative "WeAlert" which, in conjunction with the Police, can send information and warning messages to High Street businesses.

"Totally Locally" continues slowly but a new initiative "Fiverfest", promoting items for sale all at £5, is being rolled out.

As part of the public realm improvements, Cllr Wilson has removed many bags of rubbish from areas around Alcester's High Street. Barclay Bank have been approached regarding the shabby state of their redundant building with a request to use the windows for displays. Repainting and refurbishment of benches continues, the bench in Malt Mill Lane has had to be sent away for repair. The two 1947 phone boxes are repainted by BT every 10 years and are not scheduled to be done for some time. A request has been made to replace the rotten plastic windows.

Cycle racks –Additional cycle racks in the Waitrose carpark was thought unnecessary as the current provision was underutilised. There are also cycle racks at the top of the High Street and outside Simply Fresh which are not overly used. The Town Clerk and Cllr Blake have looked for other sites in the Town but found non suitable but they were open to suggestions from the Committee. As the Neighbourhood Plan encourages people to cycle more, Cllr Foster and Cllr Randle thought that by providing additional racks and promoting the benefits of cycling, people would use their cycles rather than their cars when coming into Alcester. Cllr Neal-Sturgess pointed out that there is an increase in serious injury and accidents to cyclist on the roads which should be taken into account. Cllr Blake informed the Committee that Facilities are working on a proposed cycle route and when an article is published in the Newsletter, he will promote the benefits of cycling and highlight the number of cycle racks in the Town.

Cllr Blake had not had a response from the organisers of the Game Fair at Ragley.

6.3 Older People's Services

Activities and interests for Older Peoples are included in the Health and Wellbeing Co-ordinator's report.

6.4 Young People's services

An update on young people's services are included in the Health and Wellbeing Co-ordinator's report.

- 7. Correspondence** – non received
- 8. Proposition to Full Council** – No propositions
- 9. Date and time of next meeting**
Tuesday 17 August 2021 at 7pm