



ALCESTER TOWN COUNCIL

A COMMUNITY CARE COMMITTEE MEETING WAS HELD ON TUESDAY 19 OCTOBER 2021 AT 7pm IN GLOBE HOUSE, PRIORY ROAD, ALCESTER (access via Seggs Lane entrance)

Present

Councillor V. Blake, Councillor D. Henderson, Councillor K. Forbes and Councillor C. Neal-Sturgess.

Public Participation at Discretion of Chair

No members of the public were present.

A G E N D A (Standing Orders apply)

1. Apologies

Councillor A. Foster, Councillor K. Cargill, Councillor E. Randall. No apologies were received from Councillor K. Greenaway.

2. Declarations of Interest

No declarations of interest were made.

3. Minutes of Last Meeting

The minutes of 17 August 2021 having been circulated and approved by Committee members were signed at Full Council on 7 September 2021.

4. Matters Arising from the Last Meeting not on the Agenda

None.

5. Community Grants – The chair explained that one community grant application had been mislaid in the previous grant round. After a discussion the committee agreed to give Alcester Bunting and Lighting £800.00.

6. Updates

6.1 Health & Wellbeing – Councillor V. Blake reported on the success of projects run by health and wellbeing coordinator, Wendy Sherwood. Her full report can be seen at appendix i.

6.2 Community Resilience Working Group – the meeting which was supposed to take place ahead of this meeting had not taken place and it was decided to re-schedule it to take place on Tuesday 23rd November at 7.30 p.m. to discuss the Emergency Plan and Flood Defences. Councillor Neal-Sturgess is to speak Vanessa about this

6.3 Business and Tourism Working Group – There has been an audit of disabled access to shops on the High Street. Councillor Wilson is to engage with the shopkeepers to offer support in improving disabled access. Totally Locally is going to be promoted again with a view to improving engagement with business. The Chair reported there were business grants that could be applied for from CWLEP by contacting Mr. Jim Clarke.

6.4 Older People's services - See Health and Wellbeing report.

6.5 Young People's services – No progress has been made with resurrecting the Youth Council. Councillor Forbes is to get in touch with Alcester Academy.

7. Items for Communication

None

8. Correspondence

None

9. Proposition to Full Council

No propositions but Full Council to note the grant of £800.00 to Alcester Bunting and Lighting.

Date and Time of Next Meeting

Tuesday 14 December 2021 at 7pm

Jan Rowlatt

Clerk to Community Care Committee

Appendix i

Community Care – Update October 2021 (H&W Coordinator)

1. Please see the separate report regarding the repair café which continues to be very successful and popular. The information has been gathered from the last three months customer feedback forms. There is also a newspaper clipping from the Herald showing a very happy customer with her repaired clock.
2. The cook and eat your tea project has started and the last session of the first 4 week course 'lads night in' finishes on Wednesday. I will have more feedback from the attendees next time, but it has been a huge success and they have all really enjoyed it. We have secured funding from the counsellor grant and Tesco bags of help but more is needed in order to complete all of the intended courses. The next one is for teenagers – 'Impress, don't stress' and is already full.
3. The computer course continues to be very popular with an average of 8 attendees per session. We are currently looking for more volunteers.
4. The Youth Club continues to be very well attended and the delivery of the Project in partnership with Lifespace is currently underway. There will be a mixture of support on offer, some training for the volunteers as well as peer support for the young people. There is also some training on offer from WCC plus extra one to one coaching to take place for one of the volunteers through the Angling Association. The volunteer will become a fishing coach and intends to take attendees from the youth club fishing, using the tackle that we received through the fishing project.

Potential projects:

- Men in Sheds (some funding towards this has been granted)
- Community Fridge
- Crafty lunch club (funding has been sought for this project)

Aim of group:

To provide an opportunity for adults with learning difficulties or a disability in Alcester and the surrounding area to meet local people, socialise and engage in meaningful activities.