



**MINUTES OF THE ALCESTER TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON TUESDAY 2nd NOVEMBER 2021
AT THE GLOBE HOUSE, ALCESTER.**

Present

Councillors K Cargill (Mayor), T Forman, M Cargill, M Bowe, C Neal-Sturgess, A Foster, G Forman, E Wilson, V Blake, E Randle, M Hempell, W Mills and D Henderson

In attendance Mrs V Lowe, Town Clerk, Cllr Piers Daniell (County Councillor) and Cllr S Juned (District Councillor).

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AT DISCRETION OF MAYOR

There was no public participation.

District and County Councillors' Reports

Cllr P Daniell (County Councillor) confirmed that he continued to send out his weekly email reports as an update on ongoing issues. He encouraged Councillors to use the "Report It" function on the WCC website to log new problems. He gave an update on the recruitment of Speedwatch volunteers and explained that the proposal to reduce speed limits to 20 mph in built up areas had reached an impasse. There had also been no progress regarding the use of WCC empty buildings and the gritting on St Faith's Road. Cllr Juned asked Cllr Daniell if he could confirm the budget for pavement maintenance when it was settled.

Cllr S Juned (Ward Member for Alcester Town) reported that she had been successful in having a motion passed at SDC to write to Alok Sharma as President of COP26 asking him to involve local government in plans to achieve net zero by 2050. Cllr Juned reported that the recent SDC Housing Strategy document confirmed that Alcester had had 51 new affordable homes in the past 10 years, only 1.9% of the district total. A Climate Change Action Plan produced jointly by SDC and WDC had been presented to Cabinet.

M Cargill (Ward Member for Alcester and Rural) expanded on information from the Housing Strategy and explained that SDC and WDC were looking at a combined approach to the provision of affordable housing.

The initial results on the public consultation on the merger are expected in a couple of weeks.

The Head of Planning at SDC, Robert Weeks, has left the authority.

1. Apologies

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr L Pusey, K Forbes, and K Greenaway.

2. Minutes of Council Meetings

The Mayor asked Councillors to consider for approval the minutes of the Full Council meeting held on Tuesday 5th October 2021. They were proposed to be accepted by Cllr M Cargill, seconded by Cllr G 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.



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4. Mayor's Report

The Mayor reported that she had been on a very interesting guided tour of St Mary's Warwick at the invitation of the Mayor of Warwick and had also attended the High Sheriff's Legal Service. Together with Cllr G Forman, the Mayor had enjoying speaking to Alcester Mothers Union about the work of the Town Council. The Mayor reminded Councillors about the parade on Remembrance Sunday.

5. Appointment to Planning Committee

The Mayor proposed that Cllr Wendy Mills was appointed to the Planning Committee following her co-option to the Town Council at the last meeting. This was seconded by Cllr Bowe and unanimously approved.

6. 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 were the following propositions from Presidium:

6.1 "To adopt the updated Mayor's Protocol dated October 2021"

This was proposed by Cllr T Forman, seconded by Cllr G Forman and carried by Council.

6.2 "To authorise the Mayor to sign the Agreement between Stratford on Avon DC and Alcester Town Council relating to the allocation of CIL funds."

This was unanimously agreed and the Mayor signed the Agreement.

The Town Clerk as RFO presented the management accounts for the second quarter 2021-2022. Cllr Bowe asked if queries raised at Presidium could be shared with all Councillors – the Town Clerk will look into this.

7. Community Care Committee

Cllr Blake confirmed that he was satisfied Committee members approved the minutes from the preceding month, which were then signed. Cllr Blake gave an update of issues discussed by the Committee. There is a Community Resilience Working Group meeting on 23rd November at 7.30 pm at Globe House. An additional community grant to Alcester Bunting and Lighting of £800 was noted. There were no propositions from the Committee.

8. Community Facilities Committee

There had not been a meeting in October.

9. Planning Committee

Cllr Bowe confirmed that he was satisfied Committee members approved the minutes from the preceding month, which were then signed. Cllr Bowe gave a summary of the applications considered by the Committee.

There was a proposition from the Committee as follows:

"To approve the following response to the consultation by the Local Government Boundary Commission (LGBCE): Stratford-on-Avon Draft recommendations - Parish warding arrangements for Alcester.

Oversley Green, currently proposed for inclusion in the new ward of Alcester East, has more synergy and connectivity with the new proposed ward of Alcester West.



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Oversley Green is a rural hamlet in close proximity to Alcester High Street and, in common with Alcester West, contains a number of historic buildings. Alcester East on the other hand, largely comprises 1950s housing estates making the landscape completely at odds with this part of Alcester. This comment is reflected in the views of a majority of Oversley Green residents.”

This was proposed by the Mayor, seconded by Cllr Mills and carried by Council.

10. Greig Working Group

Cllr M Cargill gave an update to Councillors on progress. He confirmed that the portico had been repaired thanks to a grant from Church Street Property Trust. Regrettably the temporary fencing had been vandalised and was being replaced with a permanent fence. Options regarding the electrics and the heating system were still under discussion.

Cllr Cargill asked for volunteers for the Christmas Fayre on 4th December.

11. Town Council Representatives

WALC – Cllr Neal Sturgess reported that the County Committee had met and were putting together a working group to investigate the creation of a limited liability company to run the WALC training programme.

United Charities – The Mayor confirmed that the charity had met and were considering purchasing an additional property.

12. Payment of Accounts

The Town Clerk presented the Payment of Accounts for the preceding month. The accounts were proposed to be approved by Cllr T Forman, seconded by Cllr Neal-Sturgess and carried by Council.

13. Correspondence

Email correspondence received by the Clerk was taken as read.

14. Dates of future meetings

Planning Committee Monday 15th November at 7 pm at Globe House (preceded by a quarterly update meeting with Bloor Homes)

Community Care Committee no meeting in November

Community Facilities Committee Tuesday 16th November at 7 pm at Globe House

Presidium Tuesday 30th November at 7 pm at Globe House

Full Council Tuesday 7th December at 7 pm at Globe House

The Mayor closed the meeting.