



# ALCESTER TOWN COUNCIL

**A COMMUNITY CARE COMMITTEE MEETING WAS HELD  
ON TUESDAY 19<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2022 AT 7pm AT GLOBE  
HOUSE, PRIORY ROAD, ALCESTER**

## **Present**

Councillor V. Blake, Councillor K. Cargill, Councillor Neal-Sturgess, Councillors K Greenaway and Councillor A. Leask.

## **In attendance**

Mrs V Lowe, Town Clerk

## **Public Participation at Discretion of Chair**

There were no members of the public present.

## **A G E N D A (Standing Orders apply)**

### **1. Apologies**

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs A. Foster, K. Foster, Henderson and Randle.

### **2. Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest made at this stage in the meeting.

### **3. Minutes of Last Meeting**

The minutes of 15 February 2022 having been circulated and approved by Committee members were signed at Full Council on 1 March 2022.

### **4. Matters Arising from the Meeting not on the Agenda**

There were no matters arising from the last meeting not on the agenda.

### **5. Community Grants**

Councillors considered 22 grant applications totalling over £23,000. The budget for community grants for 2022-23 was set at £10,000 and it was noted that this was the most applications that had been received in recent years. It was noted that grants could not be made for church buildings and could not be given to organisations outside the parish of Alcester.

After careful discussion and consideration of each application, grants were awarded as set out in the attached Appendix 1.

*Cllr Blake declared an interest as a Trustee in the applications from Alcester Bunting and Lighting Executive and Alcester War Memorial Town Hall and withdrew from the meeting and did not vote on those applications.*

*Cllr Cargill declared an interest as a resident member in the application from Oversley Green Residents Association and withdrew from the meeting and did not vote on that application.*

It was agreed that a donation of £650 would be made from the community resilience earmarked reserve to the Depot Youth Club (instead of a community grant).

### **6. Updates**

**6.1 Health & Wellbeing** – A full report from Wendy Sherwood, the H&WB co-ordinator is attached at Appendix 2. This report was discussed and it was noted that the new structure which will be introduced from May will enable

more direct contact between councillors and the H&WB coordinator during the working day.

Cllr Leask has been looking at the data from the JSNA and has requested additional data from SDC. The Town Clerk offered to put her in touch with the Insight team at WCC to pursue this further. It is hoped that this analysis might produce ideas for future H&WB projects.

**6.2 Community Resilience Working Group** – There was no report as the group had not met. The group will be reformed in May.

**6.3 Business and Tourism Working Group**

Cllr Blake plans to reform the working group in May and to engage more business representatives to join the group. He also plans to separate the tourism element of the brief to attract different attendees.

Cllr Blake will produce a hard copy Events Guide for 2023.

**6.4 Older People's services** – Information concerning these can be seen in the attached H&W Coordinator's report.

**6.5 Young People's services** – Cllr Leask gave an update on the plans to run a survey for young people. She explained that she had contacted SDC regarding producing an online survey but had been advised that the survey questions were too wide to obtain useful data. It had been suggested that a better approach might be to focus on informing young people about the role of the Town Council. It was agreed that Cllr Leask will try to contact the secondary schools with a view to producing a lesson plan or similar in line with their curriculum requirements.

There was a discussion about food poverty in the town and it was noted that the youth club is providing an excellent base from which to make a start in tackling this. The proposed community fridge will also assist.

**6.6 Speed Watch** – In Cllr A. Foster's absence there was no report. The Town Clerk reported that she had met with Cllr Foster and they had discussed a booking system for the speed gun to enable it to be kept at Globe House but then "booked out" by other parishes.

**7. Clean Air Day**

In Cllr K Foster's absence, it was agreed that this initiative would be best organised by a climate change working group. The Town Clerk will contact Cllr Foster after the meeting. There was a suggestion from the Committee regarding contacting the schools to encourage parents to switch off their engines whilst waiting outside schools rather than leaving them idling.

**8. Items for Communication**

None

**9. Correspondence**

None.

**10. Proposition to Full Council**

There were no propositions to Full Council. Community grants awarded at the meeting would be announced at Mayor Making.

**11. Date and Time of Next Meeting**

Following the agreed restructuring of the Council, this would be the last Community Care Committee meeting.

Cllr Blake thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting.

## Appendix 1

COMMUNITY GRANTS 2022/23 ORGANISATION *Grant received last year	PROJECT/COMMENTS	AMOUNT REQUESTED £	GRANT AWARDED £	COMMENTS
1. Riverside Angling Club	Replace or repair damaged fishing platforms	350	300	
2. *Alcester in Bloom	Plants, maintenance, and new planters	2000	1200	
3. *ABLE Christmas Lights	Rectification of faults found in 5-year survey.	600	600	
4. *Alcester Victoria Silver Band	Funding for rehearsal room hire.	1600	900	
5. Alcester Baptist Church	Purchase of a community fridge.	600	300	
6. Alcester Royal British Legion	Platinum Jubilee celebration beacon lighting.	500	0	Application withdrawn
7. Alcester Singers	Contribution towards a portable keyboard and running the annual young musician's competition	750	450	
8. Litter Free Alcester	Public Liability Insurance and litter picking equipment.	250	250	
9. Citizens Advice South Warwickshire	Grant to cover salary, management costs, travel, and mobile phone costs.	4929.93	900	
10. *Oversley Green Residents Association	Platinum Jubilee Street Party for Oversley Green residents.	653.40	250	
11. Bowmen of Alcester	Investment in archery equipment to expand the facilities.	1000	500	
12. Alcester Town Netball Club	Grant to cover the cost of coaching for the teams.	1300	500	
13. Friends of Gt Alne School Alne Fest	Grant for contribution towards entertainment for Alne Fest.	300	0	Outside the parish
14. Alcester Heart Safe	Contributions towards cost of maintenance of defibrillators in the town.	800	200	
15. Alcester Academy	Purchase of Dyslexia friendly set text.	400	0	Outside the parish – refer to Newports

16. *Alcester Town Football Club	Grant for contribution towards security gates and fencing.	1500	900	
17. *The Depot Youth Club	Grant to cover cost of food for between 30-40 children per week and covering Public Liability Insurance.	650	0	Donation from Community Resilience fund
18. Our Lady & St Joseph Parish Hall	Development of the kitchen facilities including extra cutlery and crockery.	1000	0	Not permitted – church buildings
19. Alcester Musical Theatre Company	Contribution towards a new digital piano.	500	450	
20. *Alcester Community First Responders	Replacement of old defibrillators and batteries, pads, and maintenance for existing equipment.	1124	900	
21. *Alcester War Memorial Town Hall	Replacement of woodworm riddled rear stairs and associated costs to cover repairs.	1000	900	
22. *Malt Mill Lane Residents Association	Grant for hanging baskets for the length of Malt Mill Lane	1300	500	
	Total	23,107.33	10,000	

## Appendix 2

### **Community Care – Update April 2022 (H&W Coordinator)**

1. The repair café continues to be successful with 18 repairs in March. The next one is on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> April.
2. The cook and eat your tea project has now completed with the final course for over 60's, called 'Get Nifty in the Kitchen' finishing on 23<sup>rd</sup> March.
3. The computer course continues to be very popular with an average of 8 attendees per session plus 8 volunteers.
4. The Youth Club continues to be very well attended with 45 young people attending last week. The committee has agreed to spend money from leftover SDC funding on an outward-bound trip plus Greig Leisure Centre Gym passes. The volunteers still need to find a date to complete their Mentoring Training. We need further volunteers for the youth club after one of the volunteers left.
5. The Crafty lunch club is continuing to be very popular and well attended. Funding has been granted from Warwickshire County Council Social Impact Fund and will provide funding for another 12 months by which time we expect the CLC to be self-sustaining.
6. Funding has now been provided to Alison Mackay (Rev) from the Baptist Church for a Community Fridge. I am now offering support and am part of a working group, helping to take this forward. Alison Leask is also on the working group, along with Rick Horton, Abigail Hall from the Coop and Hillary Wren. We have discovered there is already a community fridge up and running from ST. Nicholas School developed by Laura Newell, deputy head, and we hope to work in partnership with her to create an offer, both at the school and to the rest of the community in Alcester.

#### Potential projects:

- Men in Sheds (continuing – nothing to report as yet)
- Western Power Distribution have available funding called Community Matters. They are interested in ways to combat loneliness and isolation. We intend to put in a funding bid along similar lines to the cook and eat your tea project, only this will be lunchtime and ran by a qualified cook for 8 weeks in May, June and July this year. We will open this to men only, as we believe this group benefitted the most from the cook and eat project and were in the greatest need of the support it offered, not only to learn cooking skills, but also for regular social contact.