



**MINUTES OF THE ALCESTER TOWN COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD ON TUESDAY 10<sup>th</sup> MAY 2022  
AT GLOBE HOUSE, PRIORY ROAD, ALCESTER.**

**Present**

Councillors K Cargill (Mayor), V Blake (Deputy Mayor), M Cargill, M Bowe, A Foster, G Forman, K Greenaway, K Foster, S Blackman, A Leask and D Henderson.

**In attendance** Mrs V Lowe, Town Clerk, Cllr P 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) reported that, following recent events in Temple Grafton, he would be looking at the supply of gypsy and traveller sites at County level.

He reported that he was making good progress with introducing Community Speedwatch in his Division with 16 volunteers recruited. Cllr A Foster confirmed that he would like to work with Cllr Daniell to coordinate efforts on this front. Cllr Greenaway reported speeding motorbikes in parts of the town and was asked to forward details to Cllr Daniell.

There has been no progress on the 30-mph speed limit for Birmingham Road but Cllr Daniell continues to pursue it. It was noted that there was a similar issue in Great Alne arising from new development there.

Cllr Daniell reported that 809 Ukrainian guests had been welcomed to Warwickshire.

The Town Clerk requested support from Cllr Daniell regarding the long outstanding public footpath work near Weir Fields and the Greig Hall. She will send details to him for attention.

Cllr S Juned (Ward Member for Alcester Town) gave an update on the Three Tuns. Following a question from Cllr Bowe regarding the lack of weather protection provided for the building, it was agreed that the Town Clerk would write to SDC requesting action in support of Cllr Juned's campaign.

Cllr Juned had reported concerns regarding the pavement at Ten Acres. She had also reported to Orbit fly tipping and damage to walls at Vallet Avenue.

Cllr M Cargill (Ward Member for Alcester and Rural) reported on the collapse of the merger plans between Stratford DC and Warwick DC. Cllr Bowe asked a question concerning the costs incurred. Cllr Cargill confirmed that the net cost was in the region of £200,000. SDC plans to issue a new budget in Autumn 2022.

Cllr Cargill confirmed that the new waste contract would continue as planned as the contract had been awarded jointly by both councils. He is aware of issues regarding the 123+ scheme in developments of flats where insufficient caddies have been supplied.

The South Warwickshire Local Plan is also continuing as planned as a joint initiative. In response to a question about SDC staff working from home, it was agreed that the Town Clerk would write to Cllr Juned and Cllr Cargill confirming the recent difficulties that had been experienced by residents in contacting SDC.



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**1. Apologies**

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs E Wilson, L Pusey, W Mills, E Randle and C Neal-Sturgess.

**2. Minutes of Council Meetings**

The Mayor asked Councillors to consider for approval the minutes of the Full Council meeting held on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2022. They were proposed to be accepted by Cllr Greenaway, seconded by Cllr Forman and approved by Council; they were then signed by the Mayor.

Cllr Blake, as Chair of the Community Care Committee confirmed that he was satisfied that Committee members approved the minutes from the final meeting of the Committee on 19<sup>th</sup> April 2022 which were then signed.

**3. Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest on the agenda items.

**4. Appointment of Lead Councillors**

The following Lead Councillors were appointed:

Planning	Cllr Mike Bowe
Cemetery	Cllr Gill Forman
Play Areas	Cllr Laura Pusey
Open Spaces	Cllr Erick Wilson
Allotments	Cllr Keith Greenaway
Greig Hall	Cllr Mark Cargill
Health and Wellbeing	Cllr Kathryn Cargill
Youth Engagement	Cllr Alison Leask Cllr Kathrin Foster
Communications	Cllr Wendy Mills
Community Engagement	Cllr Emma Randle
Business and Tourism	Cllr Vaughan Blake
Community Resilience	Cllr Clive Neal-Sturgess
Road Safety and Speedwatch	Cllr Andrew Foster
Public Footpaths	Cllr David Henderson
Trees	Vacant
Climate Change	Vacant

**5. Town Council Committees**

The Mayor proposed that the Deputy Mayor should be an automatic member of the Finance & General Purposes Committee. This was seconded by Cllr Forman and carried by a majority on a vote.

Cllr Foster queried whether the resolution on committee membership taken at Full Council on 12<sup>th</sup> April 2022 could be reversed within six months. The Mayor



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explained that the amendment was simply for clarification rather than a reversal of a previous decision of the Council.

At the request of Cllr Foster, the format of Full Council agendas will be considered by the Finance & General Purposes committee.

Membership of Committees was confirmed as:

a. Finance and General Purposes Committee

Cllrs K Cargill (Chair), V Blake, G Forman, M Bowe, C Neal-Sturgess

b. Planning Committee

Cllrs M Bowe, M Cargill, C Neal-Sturgess, V Blake, G Forman, W Mills

Noted: two vacancies.

The Chair to be elected at the first meeting.

c. Staffing Committee

Cllrs K Cargill (Chair), V Blake, G Forman, M Bowe

**6. Town Council Representatives**

The Mayor proposed that all representatives were reappointed, this was seconded by Cllr M Cargill and carried unanimously.

The list of re-appointments is as follows:

<b>Councillor</b>	<b>External Body</b>
Cllr Gill Forman	Alcester War Memorial Town Hall Management Committee
Cllr Kathryn Cargill	Alcester United Charities
Cllr Mike Bowe	Alcester United Charities
Cllr Wendy Mills	Alcester United Charities
Cllr Andrew Foster	Moorfield Charity
Cllr Vaughan Blake	Moorfield Charity
Cllr Clive Neal-Sturgess	Newport's School Foundation
Cllr Laura Pusey	Newport's School Foundation
Cllr Kathryn Cargill	Newport's School Foundation
Cllr Mark Cargill	Church Street Property
Cllr Erick Wilson	Church Street Property
Cllr Erick Wilson	Avon & Arrow Greenway Project
Cllr Keith Greenaway	Avon & Arrow Greenway Project
Cllr Clive Neal-Sturgess	WALC Area Committee

**7. Appointment of Mentor Councillors**

It was agreed that Cllrs K Cargill, V Blake, M Bowe, G Forman and C Neal-Sturgess were appointed as mentor councillors with one vacancy noted.

**8. Mayor's Report**

The Mayor reported that she had been delighted to attend, and to be a judge at the annual Town Crier's competition. She had also been pleased to attend the Community Resilience thank you party. She reported that she had presented the awards at the Alcester Rugby Club and had attended the Evesham TC Mayor Making. She thanked the Town Clerk and her staff for their efforts in making the ATC Mayor Making such a success on 3<sup>rd</sup> May and thanked her fellow councillors for attending.



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**9. Town Clerk's Report**

The Town Clerk presented her monthly report which had been circulated in advance of the meeting. She asked Councillors to complete and return their new Declaration of Interests Form to her as soon as possible.

**10. Presidium**

The Mayor confirmed that she was satisfied that 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:

10.1 "To approve the Disposal of Land and Property policy dated March 2022." An amendment was proposed by Cllr K Foster to change references from Presidium to the Finance & General Purposes Committee. This was approved. The amended document was proposed to be adopted by Cllr Bowe, seconded by Cllr M Cargill and carried by Council.

10.2 "To approve the updated Scheme of Delegation dated May 2022." Cllr K Foster proposed the addition of a reference to the Equality Act 2010 in paragraph 4.1. This was approved.

The amended document was proposed to be adopted by Cllr Forman, seconded by Cllr K Foster and carried by Council.

10.3 "To approve expenditure of £13,423.71 plus VAT on new play equipment supplied by Kompan Ltd for the Moorfields junior play area."

This expenditure was proposed by Cllr M Cargill, seconded by Cllr Blake and carried by Council.

**11. Planning Committee**

Cllr Bowe confirmed that he was satisfied Committee members approved the minutes from the preceding month, which were then signed. There were no questions about the minutes. Cllr Bowe gave a summary of the applications considered by the Committee. There were no propositions from the Committee.

**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 Forman, seconded by Cllr Bowe and carried by Council.

**13. Correspondence**

Email correspondence received by the Clerk was taken as read.

**14. Dates of future meetings**

Planning Committee - Monday 16<sup>th</sup> May at 7 pm by Zoom

Finance & General Purposes Committee - Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2022 at 7 pm.

Full Council - Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2022 at 7 pm.

Unless otherwise stated, all meetings at Globe House.

The Mayor closed the meeting.