

# **MINUTES OF THE ALCESTER TOWN COUNCIL ROAD SAFETY AND SPEED AWARE WORKING GROUP HELD ON WEDNESDAY 28<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2024**

Present:

Bob Baxter, Penny Cohen, Cllr Andrew Foster (Chair), Lynn Ingram, Bill Goodall.

## **1. Apologies**

Cllr David Henderson, Cllr Vaughan Blake, Cllr Corin Elliott, Liza Elliott, Laura Houel

## **2. Approval of Previous Minutes**

The minutes from the meeting held on the 17<sup>th</sup> January were approved.

## **3. Actions from Previous Minutes (not included on the Agenda)**

No Update

## **4. Speed Watch Update**

Recent sessions were held on the 6<sup>th</sup> February and 19<sup>th</sup> February. The planned session on the 26<sup>th</sup> February was postponed until the 8<sup>th</sup> March due to icy conditions.

Community Speed Watch sessions will be moved to a later time during February and October to avoid issues with icy conditions.

The new Bushnell device has been purchased and has so far been proved to be easy to use.

Updated confrontation letters will be requested from Warwickshire Police  
**(Action AF).**

It was confirmed that the new process for reporting speeding vehicles to the Police has been followed however there was an issue with the email address provided **(Action AF to raise with Gary Strain)**

Andrew attended Kinwarton Parish Council on the 5<sup>th</sup> February to discuss Alcester CSW and to invite councillors to a taster session.

Recent communications via email and social media have so far yielded no additional CSW volunteers.

Due to recent problems with the CSW signs the team will use 'bungee straps' in order to stabilise them in windy conditions.

## 5. Alcester Resident Survey Results

A total of 96 resident responses have been recorded and shared with the working group.

A concern was raised about the number of responses being relatively small. **(Action AF to ask the group if the survey should be extended via social media)**

There are continuing concerns regarding the number of buses and coaches driving through the town. **(Action AF to invite the Deputy Police Crime Commissioner to the next meeting and ask the Mayor to write to one of the coach companies. AF/BB/BG to arrange further observations on School Road after coach companies have been contacted).**

## 6. Action Plan Update

Stratford Road - Bob Baxter reminded the group that following action by WCC that signage is no longer obstructed by vegetation.

St Faiths Road – Penny and Andrew have met with Laura Newell Head of St Nicolas' Primary School on the 25<sup>th</sup> January and again on the 28<sup>th</sup> February. Some discussions are underway regarding the possibility of the school using the Greig Hall car park as a school pick up and drop off point. **(Action PC to arrange further observations of current usage and traffic volumes in the area).**

## 7. Items for Communication

None

## 8. AOB

Next meeting Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> April, 19:00 at the Depot, Eric Payne Community Centre.