

ALCESTER TOWN COUNCIL
TOWN CLERK'S REPORT – MAY 2026

Actions/Issues arising from Full Council

- Uploaded Publication Policy, Social Media Policy and Publication Scheme to website
- Email to Manuela Perteghella MP re WALC motion on neighbourhood governance
 - Response received.

ATC Operations

- Burials/interments in April 2026 – none.
- Income from EPCC in April 2026 - £2200 plus VAT.
- Staffing Committee met on 13th April to review staff appraisals and to undertake pay reviews
- Alcester Town FC has advised informally that the club's next project will be to fundraise for a 3G pitch and floodlights. This will probably take several years but the Club just wanted ATC to be aware. The Club now 25 youth teams, 3 ladies teams and 2 walking football teams plus of course the first team.
- Regrettably, we had an incident of arson on Jubilee Fields on 20th April. Some youngsters had taken plastic chairs from St Nicholas School grounds and set fire to them next to the youth shelter. This has been reported to the police who are investigating.
- The youth shelter on Jubilee Fields continues to be a "magnet" for anti-social behaviour. ATC staff are needing to clear up broken bottles on a daily basis. There have also been incidents of dog faeces being spread on the shelter. Having undertaken a risk assessment of the health and safety implications for staff, I have made the decision to remove the youth shelter as soon as this can be arranged.
- The wildflower turf on the Globe island planted by Alcester Community Trust has not been a success. In an attempt to tidy up the island, ATC staff have strimmed the whole island. The intention is to do some additional planting of perennials to boost the wildflowers which will grow back in due course.
- Following a referral from Cllr Tom Ballinger, and with generous financial support from United Charities, we have purchased a bed for a resident whose property had been damaged by fire.
- I recently submitted an Expression of Interest to participate in our Climate Resilient Stratford-on-Avon District programme. This EOI has been accepted and ATC has been invited to participate. This programme offers ATC the opportunity to have a personalised Climate Change Adaptation Action Plan produced by Sustainability West Midlands for our various sites in Alcester. Following the production of this Action Plan,

ATC will subsequently be awarded £10,000 in grant funding to begin to implement the contents of the Action Plan.

- National Grid wish to install a new electricity substation on the ATFC site. This has been approved by all parties involved and legal documentation is being agreed. All of ATC's legal costs are being paid by National Grid.

External meetings attended

NALC Smaller Councils Committee meeting – 14th April 2026

Local Climate Engagement Steering Group – 21st April 2026

Arrow Solar Farm presentation – 21st April 2026

Martyn's Law Steering Group – 23rd April 2026

Meeting with Manuela Perteghella MP and others re parking at Catholic Church – 1st May.

Vanessa Lowe

Town Clerk

6th May 2026