



Jayne Topham
Town Clerk

COMMUNITY & CULTURAL COMMITTEE

14th JUNE 2017

MINUTES

Present:

Councillor PS Birdi

Councillor Mrs D Da Cruz

Councillor Mrs C Cross

The Mayor (Ex Officio)

Councillor R Eddy

Councillor J Holland

Councillor Mrs M Littlejohn

Co-opted Members:

Unlocking Warwick representative Karen Parker

33. To elect a chairman for the Municipal Year 2017/2018

Cllr Mrs M Littlejohn was nominated by Cllr J Holland, this was seconded by Cllr Mrs C Cross. All voted in favour.

34. Apologies: Cllr R Edgington, Cllr N Murphy, Cllr T Morris, Mrs M Hooper, Liz Holdroyd, Bernie Allen.

35. Declarations of Personal and Prejudicial Interests. - None

36. To elect a Deputy Chairman for the Municipal Year 2017/2018

Cllr T Morris was nominated by Cllr Mrs M Littlejohn, this was seconded by Cllr P S Birdi, all voted in favour.

37. Minutes of the meeting held on 10th April 2017. It was resolved to approve the minutes as a true record.

38. (i) Town Twinning – Update of Warwick Twinning Association and ongoing links with the Town Council and the Partnership. Discuss ongoing links with Twinning Association. A background to the relationship with the Twinning Association was given. Following discussion it was agreed that the Town Council would continue to support Twinning in

Warwick but would no longer expect a report to Community and Culture and that on future agendas this item would be removed. The current Mayor would continue to be President of the Twinning Association.

Councillors were encouraged to attend the Twinning BBQ on the 30th June, tickets available in the TIC.

(ii) Euro Camp 2016 / 2017

The Chairman to report - Background to Euro camp was given. Formigine have secured funding to support the cost of flights. Students attending have been invited to the Twinning BBQ along with students who attended Eurocamp last year.

(iii) Partnership Meeting – Saumur

The Chairman to report. Group are leaving for Saumur this Sunday. No agenda has been received therefore the Chair will report at the next meeting.

39. Warwick in Bloom

Preparations for the theme of flowers for this year's competition for Heart of England in Bloom - Chairman to report. The hanging baskets were erected on the wettest day of the year. There are 139 baskets – 20 more than last year. A charge for watering will be made but this will be paid from sponsorship money gained for the event from Poundland. Cllr Mrs M Littlejohn will report more details at the next meeting. A consideration is being made to increase the basket price by £5 for future years.

40. Community Engagement

Heritage Lottery Application update. TC to report – The application was nearing completion as soon as staffing was settled the new role will be advertised.

'In the Ballroom' Social Group Project- Unlocking Warwick to report. The event continues to be successful with high numbers attending each month. Thanks, passed again to Ann and the Unlocking Warwick team for their support in this event.

Tea Dances – TC to report – Cllr Mrs D Da Cruz supported Cllr Mrs L Bolton with this event – again enjoyed by all who attended. Numbers are around 10 each time and with further advertising the event will grow. Cllr Bolton is not available for the events planned in July / August and asks for support from Unlocking Warwick – Karen said she would ask the volunteers.

Unlocking Warwick – update from Karen Parker. The group recently held an 80's night in the ballroom which was well attended and received. They have a full programme moving through the year with tours and further events in the ballroom. With the popularity of the Regency Ball the group are looking at packages for accommodation and tours incorporated.

41. Review issues raised regarding Town Centre – email received from resident

The email received from a local resident was reviewed. Some actions had been taken already as the email was circulated to Councillor's in April 2017. One point raised about the area outside Myton Hospice shop was outside the Council's jurisdiction as it fell on private land, Cllr J Holland advised that he has already contacted Royal Mail to ask for the post box to be turned around but was still waiting for action to be taken.

The residents point regarding the number of A -boards was picked up by Cllr J Holland &

Cllr PS Birdi as County Councillors who will ask the WCC Street Officers to carry out a survey – this will be reported back to the Town Clerk. The Town Clerk will advise the Chamber of Trade.

A point was raised about a ramp being blocked into Theatre Street, the block was caused by wheelie bins, tables and chairs belonging to the Rose and Crown. Councillors advised that this must have been a “one off” as the issue didn’t not remain.

42. Community Forums

Update from Mrs B Allen WDC – not in attendance

43. Fairtrade.

Report from Councillors Mrs D. Da Cruz & R Edgington

Cllr D Da Cruz reported that there was no change since the last report as the meeting for Fairtrade was this evening.

Signed..... Dated.....