



WARWICK TOWN COUNCIL

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COMMUNITY & CULTURE COMMITTEE

THURSDAY 13th FEBRUARY 2025

PRESENT:

Councillor D Browne (Chair)

Councillor K Dray

Councillor Mrs CL Moynihan

Councillor P Wightman (Sub)

Councillor J Darcy

Councillor Ms E Harrison

Councillor J Sinnott

COOPTED MEMBERS:

Bernadette Allen WDC – sent apologies

MINUTES

1.	<u>APOLOGIES:</u> The Mayor (Ex Officio), Councillor K Dray & Councillor S Pargeter sent their apologies it was resolved to accept them.
2.	<u>DECLARATION OF PERSONAL OR PREJUDICIAL INTEREST:</u> Cllr J Sinnott – Item 5 (WDC portfolio)
3.	<u>MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES.</u> None
4.	<u>WARWICK IN BLOOM</u> – Received report and APPROVE 5 tower planters to paid for from sponsorship monies. Report from George Palmer attached. Warwick in Bloom Update - CC February 2025.docx Following a discussion, it was resolved to approve the proposal to purchase 5 new tower planters. All were in favour. Thanks given to George Palmer for the update and his input and to Kelly Scott for her ideas.

<p>5.</p>	<p><u>PRIORY POOL COMMUNITY CENTRE</u> – presentation from Janette Eslick Trustee Packmore’s Community Centre. Councillors were presented with the background to the project, the proposed plans and the timescales. Fund raising opportunities were highlighted. Councillors were asked to support the Market take over on the 29th March 2025.</p> <p><u>PRIORY PARK MURAL</u> – Mandy Burford, Chair of Trustees PPCC was not available.</p>
<p>6.</p>	<p><u>COMMUNITY UPDATE</u> - Report from Mrs B Allen WDC To RECEIVE a written report. Partners information sharing doc - Warwick District Council Cost of Living Grant Funding 2025 v 2 .odt Warwick Town Council - community update nov 24-jan25.docx</p> <p>Bernie was not able to attend the meeting. Her report was noted. As discussion was held on the future location of Armed Forces day. It was agreed for representation to be made at future planning meetings – the Town Clerk will advise.</p>
<p>7.</p>	<p><u>GRANTS</u> To RECEIVE and APPROVE grant applications – see below, documents attached: 1. <u>Rotary Club - £984</u> Rotary Club grant application 2025.pdf</p> <p>Answers to queries from them below:</p> <p><i>Refreshments take the form of water, tea, coffee, squash & biscuits. They are for Teachers & Pupils during their rehearsal and during the performance. In previous years we have often had the parents and grandparents requesting a glass of water during the performance . Those pupils taking part and particularly the parents, like to have printed programmes as a souvenir as part of their C.V. Claridges have always produced the tickets, posters etc at very competitive rates. They have the original Artwork of course and just need to change the date each year.</i></p> <p><i>The schools invited are Emscote, All Saints, Newburgh, Westgate, Brookhurst, Evergreen, Myton, Warwick, Warwick Prep &, Aylesford.</i></p> <p>Cllr Pargeter sent a statement, which was read out by the Town Clerk in his absence. It was resolved to approve the grant – all were in favour.</p>
<p>8.</p>	<p><u>ST MARY’S LAND WORKING PARTY</u> – update from the Chair To RECEIVE a verbal report Cllr D Brown advised: The working party met at the end of November 2024. The minutes will be agreed at the next meeting, due soon, and then available on the Warwick District Council website. The working party spoke about initiatives to make St Mary’s Lands more accessible and supporting wildlife. The fencing is due to return soon, in order to protect the</p>

	<p>nesting birds. The working party agreed also that it would be useful to have a pool of residence with constructive attitudes to engage with regarding initiatives to maintain and enhance St Mary's Lands. It is regrettable that the Chair of the Friends of St Mary's Lands was not suitable due to past behaviour.</p>
9.	<p><u>TWINNING</u> Verbal update from the Town Clerk</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Eurocamp 2025 – Recruitment – Deadline for applications 14th April 2025 for Saumur 2025. Cllrs encouraged to share social media posts advertising the event. - Partnership meeting – Warwick starting 26th May 2025. The outline agenda was shared for the short time that the group are in Warwick. Councillors were asked to keep the evening of the 26th and 27th May free to welcome the Twin Towns representatives. - Friendship Town Link – Herouville-Saint-Clair Normandy France – The Mayor will host representatives from the 15th -17th April 2025. No details have been decided as yet. Information will be emailed to Councillors.
10.	<p><u>ARTS & CULTURE INITIATIVE</u> Minutes of the last meeting attached for information. WARWICK ARTS CULTURE MEETING Minutes 21st January 2025.docx Next meeting 12th May 2025 Cllr O Jacques gave an overview of the meeting.</p>
11.	<p><u>VE/VJ Day celebrations 2025</u> Verbal update from the Town Clerk The Fish and Chip Supper on the 9th May 2025 is being organised. We have a 40's singer booked. Tickets will go on sale at the beginning of April 2025. A vidual will be held on the 8th May 9.30pm at the War memorial. Cllr O Jacques is researching old colleagues stories to mark the VJ celebration later in the year.</p>
12.	<p><u>COURT HOUSE 2025 – 300-year anniversary</u> Verbal update from the Town Clerk The Town Clerk advised that Unlocking Warwick were preparing a timeline to be displayed in the corridor of the Court House. There will be an unveiling and display in the VIC in June 2025. The anniversary will be highlighted at the Warwick Words Festival.</p>
13.	<p><u>BLUE PLAQUES</u> To consider and APPROVE a new application – Dr Connolly BP Nomination Feb 2025.docx The application was reviewed and it was resolved to approve – all were in favour.</p>

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