



WARWICK TOWN COUNCIL

COMMUNITY & CULTURE COMMITTEE

MINUTES

6.30pm

Thursday 30 June 2016

Present:

Councillor Mrs D Da Cruz

Councillor R Edgington

Councillor J Holland

Councillor T Morris

The Mayor (Ex Officio)

Councillor G Guest (Chairman of Finance & Policy)

Councillor Mrs M Littlejohn

Councillor R Eddy (Chairman of Economic & Tourism)

Co-opted Members:

Mrs B Allen WDC

54. Election of Chairman

It was proposed by Councillor R Eddy and seconded by Councillor R Edgington that Councillor Mrs M Littlejohn be elected Chairman.

No other nominations were received and it was;

RESOLVED: That Councillor Mrs M Littlejohn be elected Chairman of the Community & Culture Committee for the ensuing Municipal Year 2016/2017.

Councillor Mrs M Littlejohn took the Chair

55. Apologies

Apologies for inability to attend were received on behalf of Councillor L Bolton,

Ms L Holroyd & Mrs M Hooper

56. Declarations of Interest

There were no notifications of any matters arising from the agenda on which Members might have an interest of personal or prejudicial nature.

57. Election of Deputy Chairman

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs M Littlejohn and seconded by Councillor R Eddy that Councillor T Morris be elected Deputy Chairman.

No other nominations were received and it was:

RESOLVED: That Councillor T Morris be elected Deputy Chairman of the Community & Culture Committee for the ensuing Municipal Year 2016/2017.

58. Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on 16 March 2016 were signed by the Chairman.

59. Item 8 on the Agenda brought forward: Warwick Rotary Activities

Alan Bailey from Warwick Rotary was welcomed by the Chairman.

He reported that Mr John Taylor had recently taken over as President following Mr Johnathan Wassall, on 1 July 2016.

A schedule of events planned for the forthcoming year organised by Rotary was circulated outlining some 17 different events, in particular was the Thai Festival which this year had been moved down from market Place to Warwick Racecourse and was to be operated on a more commercial footing in order to encourage a higher income to ensure the events future and raise more funds for charity.

It was acknowledged that that further discussion was necessary to secure the future of the town Bonfire night celebrations & Carols in the Castle as the new proposals and plans for St Mary's Lands and a change of Management at Warwick Castle would result in re negotiation. The Chairman thanked Mr Bailey for his report and gave reassurances of the Town Councils ongoing support and recognition of the Community service delivered by Rotary across the area.

60. Item 13 (iii) brought forwards: Community Support Application from Newburgh Primary School- £5000

After discussion and input from Councillor R Eddy (Supporter) & Vicky Bartlett, it was resolved to support the application to the sum of £3000 taking the schools own fundraising so far and the potential of more with the schools Summer fete considered as match funding for the proposed outdoor performance stage and seating area.

61. Community Engagement

Fran Godwin submitted his report to the Committee which outlined the work in progress to gain funding for the different initiatives which had been explained at previous meetings.

The result of the Application for funding for the Social Club scheme and collection of memories of that club focussing on post War Warwick, was expected in early AUGUST.

It was agreed that the Town Clerk, Assistant Town Clerk and Fran would review the ongoing role for Community Engagement following this result.

Further ideas for the use of the Court House as a venue for Tea Dances and as an Exhibition space for the Randolph Turpin Lonsdale Belt was also discussed, if funding could be secured to enable this project it would potentially lead to a redesign of the Information Centre layout which would encourage footfall and had the potential to expand from the small space presently suggested. The Turpin Story was fully supported by the Committee.

A report to the next meeting would be submitted.

62. Town Twinning

The Chairman of Warwick Twinning Association Mo Hooper arrived at the meeting but during discussion of Item 13(iii) left before submitting her report.

63. Eurocamp 2016 & Town Partnership meeting 2016: The Chairman reported on item 6&7

The Partnership meeting held in Verden at the end of June had been a great success and the Warwick delegates were made very welcome despite late arrival due to flight delay.

The 10.am. Partnership meeting went very well with recognition from the Town Clerk from her first visit, that fellow twin towns achieved a higher involvement of inter European relations due to a much higher budget and dedicated staff.

As a result of the meeting the Mayor would hold a meeting with Warwick Twinning Association to discuss the ongoing relations with the Town Council and the Partnership.

The Eurocamp project for 2016 in Havelberg was outlined and confirmed following the presentation of the film made by the participants from the Warwick Eurocamp 2015.

This made a huge impact and it was agreed by the partners going forward to create similar presentations as a demonstration of the impressive, beneficial impact the project has on the young adults involved.

The Chairman reported that the only way to ensure the future of both Eurocamp and twinning was to encourage our youth and proposed the formation of a Youth Twinning group which was in a formation period in Warwick and would be extended out to the Partnership towns and was to be very much based from the ideas of those involved. The Warwick Youth Representative George Palmer would be invited to the October meeting along with the Havelberg participants who would be invited to report on their own experience.

The four Participants for Havelberg Eurocamp this year were also confirmed and thanks were extended to Warwick Twinning Association for their contribution to acquire a new passport for one of the participants.

64. Warwick in Bloom

The Chairman reported that the Payback scheme had been contacted with a view to help in the preparations for the judging day on 11 July.

WDC officer Mrs B Allan confirmed her relationship with the scheme also and offered assistance.

65. Awards Scheme

The Chairman outlined the presentation of the Award scheme highlighted by the Lord Lieutenant, and encouraged all Councillors to consider proposing local people who might fit the criteria and to be put forward.

66. Community Grant Application

It was resolved to agree to the funding request by Warwick Sea Scouts for the sum of £1500 towards their project to purchase two new Dinghies.

67. Community Support Application

(i) It was resolved to agree to a grant of £5000 to Warwick District Citizens Advice Bureau with the stipulation attached that the funding be specifically for Warwick/ CV34 area and that an Audit trail be established and submitted to the Town Council to verify the stipulation.

(ii) The Application from the Really Useful Theatre Company for £1960 was deferred to the next meeting due to lack of information which could not be supplied for consideration.

68. Fairtrade

A report was submitted about the various activities of the Fairtrade group, Councillor Mrs D da Cruz had been able to help out on a Stall at a recent event and Councillor Edgington would be exhibiting the winners of the Fairtrade Sculpture Competition in the Information Centre, the Mayor would be the Judge.

ATC also confirmed that a Fairtrade Stall would be on display during the Folk Festival Weekend.

69. Alan Sorrell Mural

The Committee was greatly pleased by the information that the Alan Sorrell Mural at Myton School had received the protection of a Grade II listing.

Signed..... Date.....