



## WARWICK TOWN COUNCIL

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## COMMUNITY & CULTURE COMMITTEE

THURSDAY 13<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2025

**PRESENT:**

Councillor D Browne  
Councillor Ms E Harrison  
Councillor Miss CL Moynihan  
Councillor J Sinnott  
The Mayor (Ex Officio)

Councillor K Dray  
Councillor O Jacques  
Councillor S Pargeter  
Councillor D Skinner (Chair)

**COOPTED MEMBERS:**

Bernadette Allen WDC

## MINUTES

1.	<b><u>APOLOGIES:</u></b> Cllr D Browne sent his apologies; it was resolved to accept them.  Bernie Allen WDC
2.	<b><u>DECLARATION OF PERSONAL OR PREJUDICIAL INTEREST:</u></b> Cllr S Pargeter Priory Area Community grant. Cllr J Sinnott Armed Forces Day.
3.	<b><u>MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES.</u></b> Sept 2025 Minutes attached for reference. <a href="#">C &amp; C Minutes September 2025.docx</a> There were no matters arising.
4.	<b><u>COMMUNITY UPDATE</u></b> - Report from Mrs B Allen WDC To RECEIVE a written report. <a href="#">Bernie Allen Report Nov 2025.docx</a>

	<p>Bernie sent her apologies.</p> <p>Cllr Skinner asked for an update on Armed Forces Day. The Town Clerk gave an update. Stating that the event will be held in Leamington again in 2026. The Freedom parade with the Queen's Royal Hussars to be held on the 20<sup>th</sup> June, subject to their approval.</p> <p>A discussion was held around the event being moved from the County Town, where all the Military museums were held.</p> <p>There was a strong view that the event should be held in Warwick and the Town Clerk was asked to write to Bernie to express the disappointment particularly when she had stated that she would not allow the event to be moved for a second year.</p>
5.	<p><b><u>GRANTS</u></b></p> <p>To RECEIVE and APPROVE grant applications – see below, documents attached:</p> <p>1 – Canalside Allotment Society. £574 requested for Water Butts. Supported by Simon Pargeter. This has been to C&amp;C before, and questions were asked.</p> <p><i>Following a discussion - It was resolved to decline the grant as it was felt that individuals should purchase their own water butt.</i></p> <p>2 – Priory Area Community. £1,250 requested for Xmas Party. Supported by Jim Sinnott. Have asked for evidence of best value for money</p> <p><i>It was resolved to approve the grant. All were in favour.</i></p> <p>3 – The Gap Community Centre. £1,500 requested for next external doors. Supported by Cora-Laine Moynihan</p> <p><i>It was resolved to approve the grant. All were in favour.</i></p> <p><a href="#"><u>The Gap Community Centre.pdf</u></a>  <a href="#"><u>Priory Area Community.pdf</u></a>  <a href="#"><u>Canalside Allotment Society.pdf</u></a></p>
6.	<p><b><u>TWINNING</u></b></p> <p>Verbal update from the Town Clerk</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Partnership meeting – Review of meeting – next meeting 18th May 2026</li> <li>- 50-year anniversary with Saumur April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2026.</li> </ul> <p>The Town Clerk advised that a tree will be planted in November in St Nicholas Park – on the site where a tree has failed. The tree will be a Cedar of Lebanon.</p>

	<p>Saumur are planting the same tree on the 9th February 2026. At this point our Mayor will unveil a plaque on the tree to mark the anniversary. The logo was shared with Saumur who asked if a tree could be added Josephine presented the redesigned logo which met approval.</p> <p>- <a href="#"><u>Warwick Twinning Association's Autumn Newsletter 2025.msg</u></a></p>
7.	<p><b><u>WARWICK PAGEANT - 120 years 7<sup>th</sup> July 2026</u></b></p> <p>Update- Town Clerk</p> <p><a href="#"><u>Warwick Pageant Celebrations July 2026 A Book of Portraits.docx</u></a> – Alexander Kaniewski presenting.</p> <p>Alexander and Peter Bell gave a background to their organisation and their proposal to work with Unlocking Warwick to hold an event on the Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> July 2026 at the Court House and in Pageant Gardens.</p> <p>Funding will be applied for via WDC arts and culture grant and WTC community grant fund.</p>
8.	<p><b><u>CYCLE PARKING WORKING GROUP</u></b> - update Cllr Mrs E Harrison</p> <p>Cllr Harrison advised Cllrs of the new cycle stand at the Racecourse. The group are looking for other sites and Councillors were asked for ideas. Coton End was suggested. Other sites had been identified in the Town Centre.</p>
9.	<p><b><u>ARTS AND CULTURE GROUP</u></b> RECEIVE an update Cllr O Jacques</p> <p>Minutes of the last meeting attached for reference.</p> <p><a href="#"><u>WARWICK ARTS CULTURE MEETING 29th September 2025 Minutes.pdf</u></a></p> <p>Cllr O Jacques gave an overview of the last meeting. Next meeting 1.12.25 St John's House.</p>
10.	<p><b><u>TOWN OF CULTURE</u></b> – REVIEW and APPROVE decision to submit an entry.</p> <p><a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/news/new-town-of-culture-competition-to-shine-a-spotlight-on-the-contribution-of-towns-that-tell-national-story"><u>https://www.gov.uk/government/news/new-town-of-culture-competition-to-shine-a-spotlight-on-the-contribution-of-towns-that-tell-national-story</u></a></p> <p>Johnathan Branson had introduced this competition also we had contact from Jim Carley, who was the Project Director author of Doncaster's successful bid. He would like to support. It was resolved to set up a meeting with Johnathan, Jim, Kelly Scott TCM, Cllr D Skinner and the Town Clerk to determine a plan.</p> <p>It was resolved to approve the submission of an entry.</p>
11.	<p><b><u>WARWICK IN BLOOM</u></b></p> <p>REVIEW and APPROVE recommendations from report regarding watering provider for 2026.</p>

[Warwick in Bloom Watering.docx](#)

**Report attached**

The report was reviewed, and it was resolved to approve the recommendation subject to the following points:

1. Staffing contingency available
2. Baskets will be replaced if watering issues arise.

All were in favour.

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

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