



# WARWICK TOWN COUNCIL

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## COMMUNITY & CULTURAL COMMITTEE

TUESDAY 7th FEBRUARY 2017

### MINUTES

#### **Present:**

Councillor Mrs M Littlejohn (Chairman)

Councillor Mrs L Bolton

Councillor G Guest

Councillor T Morris

Councillor Mrs D Da Cruz

Councillor J Holland

The Mayor (Ex Officio) (Sub)

#### **Co-opted Members:**

Unlocking Warwick representative Rick Thompson

**295. Apologies:** Cllr R Edgington & Cllr R Eddy, Mrs M Hooper, Bernie Allen, Liz Holdroyd.

#### **296. Declarations of Personal and Prejudicial Interests.**

None

**297. Minutes of the meeting held on 12 October 2016.** It was resolved to approve the minutes as a true record.

**298. (i) Town Twinning** – the report from the Warwick Twinning Association was distributed to all Councillors – no questions were raised.

#### **(ii) Euro Camp 2016 / 2017**

Eurocamp in Formigine, The Chairman to report on applicants for this year's Eurocamp.

Cllr M Littlejohn advised that 6 applications received were suitable for interview.

Councillors were asked if they could join Cllr Littlejohn for daytime interviews at the relevant schools. The Town Clerk has requested full information from Formigine regarding risk assessments, accommodation, programme of activities.

#### **299. Warwick in Bloom**

Chairman to report: This year's theme is Red & White linked to the Castles War of the Roses event. The Castle are paying all the hosting costs for the RHA awards ceremony to be held at the Castle on the 14<sup>th</sup> September 6pm. The Chamber have prepared a

pack to offer accommodation options to all those involved. The event will bring revenue to the town.

### **300.Community Engagement**

Turpin Project- TC to report – This project will be reviewed by the Economic and Tourism committee in future.

'In the Ballroom' Social Group Project- TC to report. This project and the You've never had it so good project, which we received the Heritage Lottery Application, will be managed by this committee in future. A meeting to review the project moving forward will take place week commencing 20th February. Thanks, were passed to Ann Lettis from Unlocking Warwick for her time in managing this event thus far. TC will send Councillors a copy of the grant application form for information.

**301.Unlocking Warwick**, the Town Council have invited a member of Unlocking Warwick to join this Committee and attend future meetings to update all on their progress and activities. Rick Thompson gave a resume of the activities planned this year. It was felt that the group had supported the Court House very professionally and proactive way and thanked them for the events and tours conducted in the past and offered support for future events. Volunteers are needed for the group any support to advertise this would be appreciated.

### **302.Community Grant Applications**

The Community Support and Community Grant funds have been amalgamated into one Community Grant fund. Amended forms to be formally adopted. It was resolved to adopt the new forms. Thanks, were passed to Cllr Eddy for his help in this review.

The following applications were assessed.

Application from Warwick Cricket Club for £675.00 – rejected. The Club no longer involve the community in events and therefore the grant did not apply.

Application from 7<sup>th</sup> Warwick Woodloes Scout Group for £750.00 – accepted subject to 3 x quotes being received for coach hire.

Application from Kenilworth Helping Hands Club for £500 – accepted subject to success in achieving grants from the Community fund.

**303.Community Forums- update** – Bernie Allen was not in attendance.

### **304.Christmas Lights**

Agree to sell the old column lights x 30 and the old bulbs x 900. – Approved invoice to be sent from TC

Discuss remaining budget and gain agreement to purchase mistletoe ball of lights for the tree in the corner of the Market Square. It was resolved to approve the purchase.

**305.Fairtrade.**

Report from Councillors Mrs D. Da Cruz. The fair trade had a Christmas tree at St Mary’s which created a lot of publicity and good will from a popular event. The Christmas fair at St Pauls was attended promoting Fair Trade product/gifts. Fairtrade fortnight is February 27<sup>th</sup> to March 12<sup>th</sup> 2017. The theme this year is “taking exploitation out of your break” We will not have a stall this year but will walk around distributing leaflets on 4<sup>th</sup> /11<sup>th</sup> March in the Market Square. Social media is needed, Cllr Littlejohn offered help setting up a Facebook page. Increased membership is crucial to making our bid to being a Fairtrade town.

**306.Dementia Training**

Councillor R Edgington to send a report – Cllr Edgington was awaiting dates for the training. This will be sent to the Councillors once known.

**307.Blue Plaques/ In recognition nominations**

The Town Council has also been approached to consider recognition in some suitable way for Mr Bryan Johnson of the Yeomanry who as well as being decorated with the British Empire Medal in 1980, he is also the recipient of the Légion d’honneur medal from the French Government for his part in the Liberation of the French Town of Bethune in 1944.

He has also served the Town with the creation of the QOWWYR Museum and had been the Remembrance Sunday Parade Marshall for some 43 years. Whilst this was acknowledged by the Royal British Legion back in November 2016 it was also suggested that the Town may wish to consider an appropriate acknowledgment. Chair to propose a sun-dial in Pageant Gardens. The sun dial was received positively. Cllr G Guest proposed that Mr Johnson was awarded with the Freeman of the Town this was unanimously agreed.

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