



# WARWICK TOWN COUNCIL

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## COMMUNITY & CULTURAL COMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY 12 OCTOBER 2016

### MINUTES

#### PRESENT:

Councillor Mrs M Littlejohn (Chairman)  
Councillors Mrs D da Cruz, R Edgington, Mrs M A Grainger (Substitute), J Holland,  
N Murphy (Substitute)

#### Co-opted Members:

Mrs B Allen  
Also Mrs Sue Butcher, Warwick Chamber of Trade

#### 192. Apologies

Apologies were accepted for Councillors, Mrs L Bolton, R Eddy (Chairman of Economic & Tourism), G Guest, T Morris and the Mayor (ex Officio)

Ms L Holroyd, and Mrs M Hooper

#### 193. Declarations of Personal and Prejudicial Interests.

Councillor Holland declared his connection with Warwick Provident Dispensary Trust mentioned in documents discussed in Item 10.

Councillor Littlejohn updated her position with regard to Friends of Warwick Station at Item 9 and confirmed that she was no longer on the committee for the group.

Councillor Moira-Ann Granger clarified her position connected at Item 12 and the Community Forum review.

#### 194. Minutes of the meeting held on 25 August 2016 – minutes to be signed

It was resolved to accept and sign the minutes as a true record.

The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting.

**195. (i) Town Twinning** – Report from the Chairman of the Town Twinning Association was communicated to members and the Chairman reported that CJ's Events had been involved

with the organisation of markets stalls from Warwick going to Saumur for their Christmas market. Shops from Warwick who were to send products to the Market would have 10% of their profit donated back to Warwick Twinning Association.

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

Confirmation of dates as set out in the Agenda and the Chairman confirmed that participants for Formigine would look to be sourced from Aylesford and a connection would be followed up with WAYC.

#### **196. Children's Centres**

Councillors Mrs D da Cruz and N Murphy along with the Town Clerk attended a meeting with Helen King as part of the multi-agency strategy Group responsible for the review of Children's Services in the County. There was to be a meeting on 19 October to discuss the report along with Barnardo's. Feedback was requested for the next Full Council on 14 December. Children's services could potentially be allocated to various centres and would offer a specialized service (Hub and Spoke centres) as opposed to multi sites offering all services in one which was presently in use. Grants would also be available long term for groups to apply for. This would be an online process via [www.warwickshire.gov.uk/smartstart](http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/smartstart) and this link was requested to be added to the Town Council Website.

#### **197. Warwick in Bloom**

Chairman report that Warwick had again been awarded a Gold in the RHS Heart of England in Bloom Awards and the judges marking was circulated with particular praise for the top mark in 3 categories which had not been accomplished before.

Particular thanks were extended to Berni Allen for the donation of two of the WDC Payback Scheme days, Torry's Hardware for the donation of paint and varnish for the scheme to carry out bench refurbishment and to Dave Adams of the Payback Scheme for all their assistance. Next Year the RHS HEIB Awards will take place in Warwick at Warwick Castle on September 14 2017 with a pack to be brought together which offered concessions to those who attended from hotels and businesses around Warwick. It would be expected to draw around 200 people to Warwick for the event.

Update at the next meeting in February.

The Town Clerk also reported that feedback from the recent Tourism Audit revealed that mystery visitors made very positive comments about the cleanliness of the Town, the Park and benches were excellent as well as the floral displays and that the Town residents were very proud of the Town.

#### **198. Community Engagement**

Town Clerk confirmed that a decision from Heritage Lottery was awaited.

ATC reported that further meetings had taken place with both Warwick Glass and Tommy Mellis and the project was moving forward.

ATC to contact HLF to confirm redesign of the internal exhibition space.

The 'In the Ballroom project was due to start the following day with Posters, Flyers and a piece in the Courier all with the invitation to this new initiative. Report to next meeting.

It was also confirmed that part of this idea would be incorporated into the community Team Project at WDC under the Enjoy Life project.

### **199. Unlocking Warwick**

Confirmation of the volunteer's involvement in the Turpin project and the In the Ballroom project and that they had a new twitter account.

### **200. Community Grant Application**

It was resolved that the agreed support shown to the Really Youthful Theatre Company for £1260 be met by the Community Grant fund.

It was resolved that the Application from Emscote School for £1500 towards the outdoor Learning Environment be granted

It was resolved that the Application from All Saints School for £1500 for Courtyard Art Installation be granted

It was resolved that the Application from Friends of Warwick Station for £250 towards Bat and Bird Boxes be granted

### **201. Community Support Applications (Max £5000)**

It was resolved that the application from WAYC (Warwickshire Association of Youth Clubs) 'Sharp Minds' project be awarded £2500 with a request from Councillors to receive a regular report from the organisation as to its success.

It was resolved that Warwick Racing Club be awarded £2500 of the £5000 requested with a view that the new financial year would enable Racing Club Warwick to have a clearer view of their financial need and funds for Community Grants could be applied for in the new Municipal Year 2017 if necessary.

Warwick Sea Scouts, The GAP and WDC had all contacted the Town Council to express their thanks for the Grants awarded by this committee.

### **202. Community Buildings Grant**

It was confirmed that WCC had announced a new grant fund to assist with Community Buildings and that the ATC had forwarded these details onto Racing Club Warwick & Warwick Space. It would also be sent to the GAP and Chase Meadow Community Centre.

### **203. Future of Community Forums**

It was recognised by the members that the Community Partnership Team did an extremely good job with its support and delivery of community services around the District. This would be communicated at the next Community Forum to be held at Racing Club Warwick on 27 October 2016 at 6.30pm, All Town Council members would be invited to attend.

The Task and Finish group would meet March 2017

### **204. Fairtrade. (Item Brought Forward)**

It was reported that last meeting of the steering group had reviewed the activities over the summer months and outlined the ideas for Christmas which included a Tree in St Mary's. Fairtrade Fortnight would be 27 February – 4 March 2017 and they would look to have a Fairtrade Fashion Show.

**205. Christmas Lights.**

Chairman of Warwick Chamber of Trade who attended the meeting reported that the Chamber had been awarded a grant of £20,000 from National Grid for Christmas lights.

Congratulations were extended to the Chamber for this magnificent achievement and thanks extended to National Grid for their significant contribution to make Warwick look wonderful in the Festive seasons to come.

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