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COMMUNITY & CULTURAL COMMITTEE

7th APRIL 2022

Present Membership:

Councillor Mrs Linda Butler (Chair)	
Councillor Mrs MA Grainger	Councillor T Morris
Councillor O Jacques	Councillor D Skinner
Councillor N Murphy	Councillor N Butler
Councillor M Ashford	Councillor PS Birdi

Co-opted Members:

Mrs B Allen and Unlocking Warwick

MINUTES

375. Apologies

Rich Eddy, Bernie Allen and Unlocking Warwick – it was resolved to accept their apologies

376. Declarations of Personal and Prejudicial Interests. None

377. Minutes of the meeting held on 3rd February 2022.

It was resolved to approve the minutes as a true record

378. Commonwealth Games

Cllr. N Butler provided the follow update:

Costs

At the last meeting it was agreed that WTC contribute 25% of the cost of the street decoration up to a maximum of £10,000. This was subsequently approved at both E&T and Full Council

At that time the cost were c£33k so our contribution would have been around £8,250. Subsequently, WCC advised that they were looking to put some additional street decorations on the Emscote Road which would increase the costs.

Since then, there has been a small reduction of just under £300 because a residents refused permission to have the banner hung from their property.

This afternoon we received the following update and request from WCC

“At the moment the cost figure is at £33k, but I think this is going to increase. Do you think WTC would be prepared to contribute the full £10k, which may end up being a little more than 25% but we still have a few unknowns and are anticipating some increase costs associated with activities for the Live Site. Just let me know if the Council would prefer to stick to 25% of the street dressing costs, in which case I would say 25% of £35k”

This would be £8,750. If we were to contribute the full £10,000 which is in the budget, we would be meeting 28.6% of the cost; an increase in percentage terms of 3.6% but still within our budget.

Following a discussion, it was agreed to support 25% of the costs, which was already previously agreed.

Cycle Races: The course for the cycle races still has not been completed but this is expected shortly. The delay is a result of the amount of work required to identify people who would require access along the route and make suitable arrangements.

It appears that on the day the rout will be closed to all vehicle and pedestrian traffic. This will be from 3am for vehicles and around 7am for pedestrians. Roads will reopen about 5pm except Myton Road which will not reopen until the following morning. However, this is still to be confirmed.

Market Place: it is the intention to have a screen in Market Place for whole of the games

An information stand will be at Warwick Food Festival on 1st May and residents are encouraged to visit to obtain additional information. It was agreed that the Town Clerk would write to Commonwealth Games to express concerns and obtain further information on the road closures.

379. Community Engagement

Unlocking Warwick were not in attendance. A report is attached

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Update from Mrs B Allen WDC – deferred due to absence

381. Children Centres

Cllr PS Birdi advised there had not been a meeting since the last update

382. St Mary's Lands Working Party

Cllr N Butler advised the Working Party haven't met since our last meeting

383. Twinning – 2021 – 30-year celebration with Verden

Cllr. Mrs L Butler advised that the Mayor, Town Clerk will be travelling with Verden on 10th May to commemorate the anniversary (previous arrangements last year were postponed due to Covid).

From Verden The Mayor and Town Clerk will travel to Havelberg to attend the annual Partnership meeting. This meeting will include the discussion and signing of the Eurocamp contract.

The new partnership agreement will commit the Council to hosting a Eurocamp in one of the four years covered by the agreement. In addition, Warwick will have to identify 4 to 6 students to attend the camps hosted by the other towns, the traveling costs will be funded by Warwick Town Council

Warwick are hosting the postponed Eurocamp in 2023 but this is from the previous partnership agreement.

384. Warwick in Bloom

Cllr Mrs L Butler advised that hanging baskets were now on sale and have already received payment for 50 baskets. Warwick will be celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in June as well as welcoming the Commonwealth Games in August so this year the colour theme of our flowers will be the traditional red, white and blue.

Warwick in Bloom launch evening will be held at Hill Close Gardens on Tuesday 10th May. Invitations to follow via email; Councillors will be encouraged to attend

385. Queen's Jubilee

Cllr N Butler advised an event plan had been submitted to Warwick District Council's Events Team; a SAG meeting will take place on 10th May.

The Mayor will officially open the event at Midday followed by a cry from our Town Crier. There will be a stage in the Market Square with music throughout the decades. The event will finish at 7pm.

Queen's Canopy

The Mayor wasn't in attendance – no update.

386. Blue Plaque – Application received Thomas Henry Kendall & Sons

This application was discussed in detail. The proposed site is part of King's High Developments, and it is understood the building is due to be demolished.

All were in favour to support the application in principle and that the committee will reconsider once an appropriate location is found on the site.

387. Grants

Myton School - £4,500

This item was brought forward to discuss at the start of the meeting to allow Cllr N Murphy and Cllr. Mrs MA Grainger to leave the meeting at 6.55pm

Concerns were raised on this application as the toilets that are in need of repair are owned by an academy. Following a detailed discussion, it was agreed to support this application as the school is used for a variety of community activities to benefit Warwick residents.

This will be taken to Full Council for a decision

Horticultural Society - £1,850

Councillors raised concerns on this grant application. It was felt that the Horticultural Society shouldn't be applying for funding to pay back to Warwick Town Council for the use of The Court House. It was agreed that the Annual Show is an important community event for Warwick. This grant application was approved, and Cllr. N Butler will meet with the Town Clerk to discuss future options.

388. CIL Monies – WIB Barrier Baskets, 6 X Tesco's Emscote Road. Approve £1,600 + VAT

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Cllr Mrs MA Grainger advised that a minimum of 6 planters were required for the barriers at the front of Tesco's Supermarket. The cost of these planters, and this year's planting, will be paid for out of the CIL money with intention that the supermarket will pay for annual ongoing planting. As the planting and ordering process will take time it was agreed to approve this cost.

An additional 3 planters are required at the front of Sainsbury's supermarket on the Saltisford. The Town Clerk will contact the CIL Working Party with this suggestion and await approval.