



WARWICK TOWN COUNCIL

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COMMUNITY & CULTURAL COMMITTEE

13th FEBRUARY 2020

MINUTES

Present:

Councillor Mrs L Butler
Councillor N Butler (sub)
Councillor R Eddy (Chair)
Councillor R Edgington
Councillor Mrs MA Grainger
Councillor O Jacques
Councillor D Skinner

Co-opted Members:

Unlocking Warwick representative – Karen Parker (Chair) & Bernie Allen WDC.

308. Apologies: The Mayor and Cllr P Birdi. It was resolved to accept their apologies.

309. Declarations of Personal and Prejudicial Interests. –None

310. Minutes of the meeting held on 19th November 2019.

It was resolved to approve the minutes as a true record.

Item 139 – Tree Charter day – is being carried over to the spring 2020.

VJ day celebrations being discussed at the April meeting.

311. VE day celebrations – Cllr R Eddy gave Councillors an update on the events.

Bernie Allen advised that the grant fund, created for VE day activities, was available for the Town Council. St Mary's are holding a VE75 Dinner which Councillors are invited to. This will be held in the Church on Wednesday 6th May. The tickets are selling fast. Proceeds to be shared with Mayor's Charities, Lord Leycester and St Mary's. Homemade bunting is being created which will be stored with the Town Council for future events.

There will be a VE day market on the Saturday, the Town Council will be working with CJ's to create a 40's theme market, with memorabilia for Warwick residents.

The Town Clerk advised that she had been approached by the Flower Class Corvette

Association. Their group will be meeting for the last time this year and to mark this they will be laying a wreath at the War Memorial at around 12.30 on Sunday the 10th May.

312. Community Engagement

Karen Parker, Unlocking Warwick Chair updated Councillors on the projects the group are involved with. (Appendix 1)

Thanks, were passed to those who volunteered as stewards and serving refreshments at the recent Holocaust Service.

313. Community Forums – Bernie Allen advised Councillors that the next meeting will be on the 5th March 2020. Venue to be St Nicholas Park. There had been little progress around changing the format of the meetings. A request had been made by the police to hold a further forum linked with the Town Council. It was agreed that the Town Clerk would meet with them to determine details. Bernie stated that there is going to be a follow up to the Warwick Community Network event, held last year, details will be published shortly.

314. Warwick Rotary – Peace Pole – Margaret Morley Warwick Rotary gave Councillors an insight into the history of the Peace Pole. The Rotary offered the Town Council a peace pole which they accepted. Cllr Eddy suggested that the Eurocamp students would be able to receive the peace pole and the languages used by our twin towns were inscribed on it. A discussion was held around the location it was felt that Pageant gardens would be a suitable place. The Town Clerk will discuss with the District Council and report back. The Rotary have also offered crocus bulbs to plant around the base of the pole to mark Polio awareness.

315. Children Centre – Cllr PS Birdi had given his apologies therefore this item was deferred.

316 St Mary's Lands Working Party – Cllr N Butler advised that no further meetings had been held - the next meeting is on the 2nd March 2020 so an update will be given at the next committee meeting.

317. Grants – approve

£5K – Citizen's advice South Warwickshire. Beth Nicholson attended the meeting she gave a background to the Crises support project stated in the grant application form. All agreed to approve taking this grant to Full Council for approval, it was felt to be very worthwhile.

318. Eurocamp – Cllr R Eddy reviewed the programme of events. Councillors will be invited to volunteer to support the two weeks. Dates being 19th July – 2nd August 2020. The Town Clerk will speak to Havelberg to find out details of the forthcoming Partnership meeting. This will be on the agenda for the next Committee meeting.

319. Ready Steady Go – Twinning Project – The Town Clerk advised that Formigine had approached us to join them with a project for young people focusing on sustainability, sports and environment. Two students from a sports association locally were required.

Subject to a successful funding bid, two students from Racing Club Warwick will travel to Formigine 1 – 4th May 2020 to take part.

320. Twinning – 2021 – 30-year celebration with Verden – Cllr R Eddy advised that the German Embassy wished to be included in any celebration organised with the Town. Verden had suggested planting 30 trees in each town. A small working group will be formed to plan this project. Cllr Jacques expressed an interest. Cllr Mrs MA Grainger suggested involving the Twinning Association in a visit to the partnership meeting that year.

321. Warwick in Bloom – review 2020 plans – The Town Clerk gave an overview of timings for this year. A new judge was being sort. A request was made to encourage Councillors to attend the awards evening. Cllr Mrs L Butler commented on the high standard of winter planting this year.

322. Christmas Lights – review costs/replacement of “Welcome to Warwick” lights across High Street and Jury Street. Comparison costs had been received for repair costs giving a one-year guarantee. A discussion was held about the costs of new, with a 3-year guarantee, this was considered to be more favourable with a cost of around £3K for both.

Using lettering was also reviewed and an example of stars was shown. The Town Clerk will investigate options for new and email Councillors. The monies are set aside from this year’s budget. There was a request for the Warwick Bear to be included in the lights.

323. Millennium gardens – discuss replanting. The “blandness” of the garden was raised at a recent Court Leet meeting. As a small budget remained for this year a proposal to revamp the garden 20 years on with the Court Leet was muted. Sharing the cost with the Court Leet would involve expanding the borders and including plants of colour (Appendix 2)

It was resolved to support the planting in March 2020 and the benches and plinth to be completed next financial year. It was felt that Peace Pole and Tommy would be better suited to Pageant Gardens, for security reasons.

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