



WARWICK TOWN COUNCIL

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COMMUNITY & CULTURAL COMMITTEE

THURSDAY 11th FEBRUARY 2021

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	
The Mayor (Ex Officio)	

Co-opted Members:

Mrs B Allen and Rick Thompson sec. of Unlocking Warwick

MINUTES

- 189. Apologies:** Councillor P S Birdi - it was resolved to accept these apologies.
- 190. Declarations of Personal and Prejudicial Interests.** Cllr O Jacques – grants Sea Scouts.
- 191. Minutes of the meeting held on 12th November 2020.**

It was resolved to approve the minutes as a true record.
Matters arising: Peace Pole, Names for Memorial – Town Clerk advised that the Rotary had not sourced a Wooden Peace Pole as yet. The names for the memorial will be noted in the report from Unlocking Warwick.
- 192. Unlocking Warwick** – Rick Thompson update – Report Appendix A
Thanks were passed to Rick for all the work being carried out despite the current restrictions.
- 193. Community Update**

Community forums Mrs B Allen WDC advised that the Community Forums were under review and changes are to be proposed by April 2021. A planning group meeting is being organised for March 2021. Cuts were being made to the grant funds.

Community partnership team – Leek Wootton is a designated area for vaccinations. VASA from Stratford District, who operate a transport scheme, are being used by WDC are also using to get residents to the centre to be vaccinated. Uber are also offering free lifts to those who have no transport. Contact details to be advised to the Town Clerk. Concerns were raised about some residents not having smart phones for communication regarding bookings. Councillors were advised that these residents are phoned. The team are also fielding calls to support and co-ordinating bids to help for vulnerable residents who are shielding.

Warwick visioning event.

Focused groups to aid recovery have been divided into subgroups to look at unemployment, homelessness, youth work, socialisation, and mental health and a future vision for the Town. Outcomes will be reported back to this committee.

Warwickshire health and wellbeing strategy

This is currently under review and outcomes will be known in June 2021. Family poverty strategy is being consulted at present – 8th March 2021 is the deadline for comments.

194. Children Centre – this item was deferred due to Cllr PS Birdi being absent.

195. St Mary's Lands Working Party – update from Cllr N Butler & Cllr D Skinner
Cllr N Butler advised that at the last meeting a draft plan was issued of the Master Plan. Arrangements will be made for Councillors to have sight of the plan. A planning application has been submitted for the new signage at the entrance.

196. Twinning

Twining initiatives – Cllr O Jacques reviewed current situation with Twinning Association and shared his vision of twinning in the future.

Eurocamp – Cllr R Eddy clarified that the other Twin Towns agreed to defer Eurocamp to 2022 in Warwick. A request has been made to hold a partnership meeting virtually, to discuss the contract for Eurocamp as this comes to an end in 2022.

2021 – 30-year celebration with Verden – Cllr R Eddy advised that WDC neighbourhood services are determining a location, they have advised that the cost per standard tree should be budgeted at £220 each.

197. Warwick in Bloom – Tubs in the Market square- sponsorship – Town Clerk advised that the 16 tubs are being painted black – they will be planted with sustainable planting. Countryside Management will maintain. Each tub is available to sponsor at £120.

- Competition 2021 – Cllr R Eddy advised that the competition will be virtual as last year. There could be a virtual class in future years.
- Basket pricing – Cllr R Eddy advised that the basket prices will increase to £60 - £50 plus VAT.
- Railway station – Cllr Mrs L Butler updated Councillors about the communication with Chiltern Railways raising concern about the refurbishment of Warwick Railway station. Commonwealth Games are the target date for completion. We have asked to be involved in working groups to progress change. Friends of Warwick Station are applying for funding for new tubs and planting for the spring. COVID-19 restrictions prevent any works being carried out on the station currently.

198. Closed Churchyards & Millennium Garden - Contractor’s review – Town Clerk advised that the current providers Thomas Fox and Countryside services have been contracted for a further year. Current pricing to be held.

199. Blue Plaque – agree a programme to be launched in the summer – Cllr Eddy launched a programme to be implemented in the summer in conjunction with the unveiling of the Healey Court Plaque. He will liaise with Liz Healy (VIC) to incorporate work that has already been carried out creating a trail. Councillors were asked to volunteer to be involved. Cllr Eddy will circulate his plan.

200. Queens Jubilee 2022– plan an event - discuss
 The May Bank Holiday weekend will be moved to Thursday 2 June and an additional Bank Holiday on Friday 3 June will see a four-day weekend to celebrate Her Majesty the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee - the first time any British monarch has reached this historic milestone.
 An outline programme was discussed using ideas created for VJ day, which was cancelled due to the COVID restrictions. The Market will feature. Councillors were asked to bring their ideas to the next meeting.

201. Grants to approve: 2nd Warwick Sea Scouts - £5,000 – approved to go to Full Council.
 Emscote & All Saints PTA - £5,000 – application to be expanded to explain about community access – review again, at Full Council.
 Citizen’s Advice Business - £5,000- approved to go to Full Council.
 Packmore’s Community Garden - £2,240 – approved.

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