



WARWICK TOWN COUNCIL

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COMMUNITY & CULTURAL COMMITTEE

3rd FEBRUARY 2022

Present:

Councillor R Eddy (Chair)

Councillor Mrs M A Grainger (sub)

Councillor O Jacques

Councillor T Morris

Councillor N Murphy

Councillor D Skinner

The Mayor (Ex Officio)

Co-opted Members:

Mrs B Allen and Rick Thompson Sec. Unlocking Warwick

MINUTES

287. Apologies – Cllr M Ashford, Cllr PS Birdi, Cllr Mrs L Butler – it was resolved to accept their apologies.

288. Declarations of Personal and Prejudicial Interests.

The Mayor and Cllr R Eddy – Court Leet Grant application.

289. Minutes of the meeting held on 11th November 2021.

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

290. Development in Warwick – a presentation was made by Padraig Herlihy WDC. Councillors had the opportunity to ask questions.

291. Commonwealth Games – the report supplied by Cllr Butler was discussed.

- Update on plans for the Commonwealth Games Road cycling races to be held on Sunday 7th August 2022
- There is official Games merchandise which has to be used to decorate the street and is to be paid for by the host council which in this case is Warwickshire County Council (WCC) as WDC are funding the same for Leamington.
- After checking for cost effectiveness, the cost stands at just under £39,000 and WCC have made a request to WTC to contribute to the cost of this.

- As far as the WTC contribution is concerned it is felt that we should offer to contribute 25% of the final cost up to a maximum of £10,000. There is currently £5,000 allocated to this in the 2022/23 budget so if this recommendation is accepted, WTC needs to increase this figure to £10,000.
- Cllr Butler & Town Clerk to carry out a detailed review of every item to ensure the best value for the money to be spent is achieved

It was resolved to take to E & T allowing for full details to be shared before decisions were made.

292. Community Engagement

Unlocking Warwick – Rick Thompson Sec Unlocking Warwick report was reviewed (Report appendix 1)

293. Community Update - Mrs B Allen WDC was absent.

294. Children Centre – Cllr PS Birdi was absent.

295. St Mary's Lands Working Party – Cllr D Skinner advised that the working group should meet in March/April 2022. New signage is in place. Fencing is being put up ready for the breeding season – full information available on their website.
Mrs L Bromley was thanked for circulating survey results to Councillors.

296. Twinning – 2021 – 30-year celebration with Verden – Cllr R Eddy advised that visit to Verden was cancelled due to Covid restrictions and rising cases.
A partnership meeting in Havelberg is due to go ahead in May 2022.
The Town Clerk confirmed that the 30 trees were on schedule for planting in November.
WDC grant funding was agreed for the project.

Warwick Twinning Association – update: New committee as per December AGM

- Chair: Mandy Littlejohn
- Treasurer: George Palmer
- Secretary: Linda Butler

Mandy said -- As incoming Chair, I look forward to keeping the Association thriving and, all being well, we'll begin with a relaunch of the Association & its constitution at the summer BBQ. This will also be held to (belatedly) celebrate 30 years of being twinned with Verden and you can expect bratwurst on the BBQ

297. Warwick in Bloom — Cllr R Eddy advised:

- There is a Red, white & Blue colour theme for the Queen's Jubilee.
- 256 hanging baskets are planned to be sold this year.
- We have some new planters thanks to Chamber of Trade.
- Warwick in Bloom Competition launch event in May 2022.

298. Queen's Jubilee – Cllr R Eddy advised:

We have an update from the Jubilee group – which includes Cllrs Noel & Linda Butler, Mandy Littlejohn, and others who planning for a community event on Thursday 2nd June 2022 in the market square.

- The day will officially be opened by The Mayor
- Prior to the official opening, Jeremy Dibble and the “Warwick is a Singing Town” group will be on stage as the warm up and showcase themselves.
- Then the Community Band will play - prob start with God save the Queen.
- The day will then continue with various bands - music going through the decades.
 - CHAOS – chaosband.co.uk
 - BOPARTER - facebook.com/boperatorboogieband
 - The Peas - encoremusicians.com/The-Peas
 - Malc Evans - soundcloud.com/malcevansmusic
- During the day there will also be the steam train running across the top of the square.
- CJ's are providing the stage and 15 picnic benches -
- Tommy Wilson from the Mop will provide a couple of rides.
- There will be Warwick traders present in their mobile period Vans in the square - such as -
- Ronnies Bar - jacks Shack - also pubs in the square will be doing outdoor food.
- Various places will also be doing special Jubilee picnic boxes to be purchased - love bread and co and others tbc.
- Norma Jean Bakery to do a jubilee cake competition with the schools.
- Also hope to involve the museum to do something special for the children.
- Event will be promoted with posters in the square and on social media –
- If it looks like rain, then we will have to provide gazebos etc from CJ's
- We have been provided the working budget costs which fall within the £5K allowance
- As this is a WTC event it falls under our public liability insurance
- Thanks to Cllr Noel Butler is working with CJ's and WDC events.

Queen's canopy – The Mayor advised that he was in discussion with WDC – there have been some personnel changes and the planting timeframes have changed. He is awaiting confirmation.

299. Blue Plaque – programme for 2022 – Cllr R Eddy reviewed the recent event for Dick Turpin. No further applications have been received.

300. Grants: Forms attached for approval.

St Mary's Church, Tower Repairs - £5,000 for the next three years – this was approved to go to Full Council. Review requested as concerns raised around scaffolding costs.

Warwick Folk Festival, Annual Grant - £5,000 – approved to be paid.

2nd Warwick Sea Scouts, Scouting Equipment - £4,005.54 – the AV costs were reviewed. Further quotes required. The AV costs can be reviewed again as part of this grant.

All other items can be paid.

Lantern Rouge Cycling, Town Centre Cycle Races - £3,000.00 – approved.

Warwick Court Leet, Beer Festival 2022 - £1,615.00 – approved.
Lifespace Trust, Youth Mental Health Programme - £1,550.00 – approved.
Achieving Results in Communities, Packmores Shed - £559.00 – approved.
Woodloes Primary PTA, Community Events 2022 - £538.02 – approved.

301. Assets of the Town – following a discussion it was agreed to form a working party.
To allow any Councillor to be involved the item will be taken to Full Council.

302. Bear & Ragged staff Plaque – retrieved from Montague Road development site –
It was agreed to place the plaque, on display, in the Visitor Information Centre with
information. The Mayor will meet with Mr Hartley who advised us about the plaque.

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