



# WARWICK TOWN COUNCIL

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## COMMUNITY & CULTURAL COMMITTEE

### MINUTES

Present:

Councillor P S Birdi

Councillor R Eddy (Chair)

Councillor Mrs MA Grainger

Councillor D Skinner

The Mayor (Ex Officio)

Councillor Mrs L Butler

Councillor R Edgington

Councillor O Jacques

Mrs Bernie Allen WDC & Councillor N Butler were also in attendance.

**103. Apologies - none**

**104. Declarations of Personal and Prejudicial Interests.**

Cllr Mrs MA Grainger item 108

**105. Minutes of the meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> September 2020.**

Minutes to be approved and signed. It was resolved to approve the minutes.

Matters arising: Blue Plaque- Healy Court are looking to unveil their plaque in July 2021. The Tourist Information centre are putting together a Blue Plaque trail. The Blue Plaque scheme is to be reviewed early next year with a view to launching the revised scheme when the Healy Court Plaque is unveiled.

Peace Pole- we are waiting to the Rotary to come back with alternative.

Names for Memorial – we are working with Unlocking Warwick to ensure the new names are place on the memorial early next year.

**106. Community Forums**

Update from Mrs B Allen WDC –

#### **Community Forums**

At the Community Forum Planning Group on the 12<sup>th</sup> October it was decided that for the remainder of the financial year 2020-21, no public facing Forums

will be held. It was suggested that in the absence of public that Planning Groups can be used as a mechanism for Elected Members to raise issues of concern in their locality around community safety, services, or any other areas. Members of the Planning also assisted County Councillors allocate awards from the County Councillors Grant Fund by making recommendations on bids.

### **COVID -Test and Trace**

Local Testing site

There is a new COVID testing site at Court Street Car Park in Leamington. For those without internet access they can call the COVID helpline number on 0800 408 1447. A request was made for improved signage.

COVID Mobile testing Unit

The mobile testing unit is based at the Hampton Road Car Park near Racing Club Warwick twice month. Dates to be advised.

### **South Warwickshire - Incident Management Team**

The aim and purpose of this meeting is providing Public Health with an opportunity to share the most recent data and develop actions that partners can take to help to disseminate messaging regarding COVID in your area. The actions that are being undertaken are linked to what the data is saying for example information is provided on the rate of infection by Ward area. The actions that have been taken are:

- WDC has developed an messaging campaign that says 'if you want to get to this, using images of what young people might have done before the pandemic, then reinforcing the hands, face and space messages
- Produce posters/ post cards for sharing the messages
- In some cases, getting them translated into other languages e.g. Polish
- Street Marshals in Leamington were giving them out before lockdown
- Using VCS partners to help get the messaging out
- Working closely with the Student Union regarding messaging and challenging behaviour

A request was made to share data with Town Councillors. Cllr PS Birdi will share data with the Town clerk.

### **Clinically Extremely Vulnerable (CEV)**

The Community Partnership Team are once again involving helping to support the shielding hub. Those individuals identified as being CEV will have received a text or email (or both) advising them to shield and they will be provided with the County Council's COVID hotline number (0800 408 1447) or WDC's COVID hotline (01926) 456111. Residents will be signposted to where they can gain support on a whole range of issues from one-off food parcels, prescription collections, Befriending and mental health support

### **Warwick Visioning Event**

The Community Partnership have been working closely with the Warwick Community Hubs Network which the team were instrumental in setting up. The aim and purpose of the event is to hear from County, District and Town Councils about their recovery plans and in discussions identify any gaps.

**Support with community recovery**

The Team have been involved with supporting community hubs developing and implement their recovery plans. This has been particularly challenging as like many other sectors, community hubs are running on reduced capacity in relation to delivering their service provision and staffing. This is particularly hard as just as they were beginning to open, the second lockdown hit and it will be a case of starting to recover a second time round.

**Community Economic Recovery Grant Fund**

The District launched in the middle of May 2020 and there have been a few applications. Councillors were asked to share details of the fund.

- 107. **Children Centre** – Cllr PS Birdi advised that he share reports with the Town Clerk who will circulate to the committee.
  
- 108. **St Mary’s Lands Working Party** – Cllr N Butler & Cllr D Skinner advised that no meetings had been held. The vandalised lights are still to be replaced on the cycleway. Flying policy has been approved. Barriers are being considered to protect nesting birds from dogs. Racing Club – work has started on the pitch. Work has started on the wet land scrapes. PCSOs are patrolling more due to vandalism of racecourse property.
  
- 109. **Twinning**  
**Eurocamp** – Cllr R Eddy raised concerns about the event being held in 2021. Plans would need to be put into action in January and Covid restrictions were not being seen to be lifted in time. Councillors supported postponing the event until 2022. The Town Clerk will write to the twin towns to get their feedback.  
**2021 – 30-year celebration with Verden** – Cllr R Eddy was keen to support tree planting. The Town Clerk will liaise with the District Council and Councillors were asked to feedback areas within Warwick where the planting could take place.
  
- 109. **Warwick in Bloom** – Cllr Mrs L Butler advised that a visit had been made to Warwick Train station. Winter planting had been carried out. She has joined the Friends of Warwick Station group and is supporting with plans for 2021. The Town Clerk has liaised with Chilton to discuss maintenance plans.
  
- 111. **Grants:** **Woodloes Scarecrow Festival £300** – this grant was supported.  
**Guys Cliffe £2,200** - this grant was supported.

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