



WARWICK TOWN COUNCIL

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Town Clerk

COMMUNITY & CULTURAL COMMITTEE

THURSDAY 17th SEPTEMBER 2020

MINUTES

Present:

Councillor N Butler (Sub)	Councillor Mrs L Butler
Councillor R Eddy	Councillor R Edgington
Councillor Mrs MA Grainger	Councillor D Skinner
Councillor N Murphy	
The Mayor (Ex Officio)	

Co-opted Members:

Mrs B Allen WDC and Rick Thompson Sec. of Unlocking Warwick

AGENDA

51. To elect a Chairman for the Municipal Year 2020/2021

The Town Clerk asked the committee for any nominations - Cllr R Eddy was nominated, there were no other nominations – all were in agreement.

52. Apologies – Cllr PS Birdi & Cllr O Jacques– it was resolved to accept their apologies.

53. Declarations of Personal and Prejudicial Interests. - None

54. To elect a Deputy Chairman for the Municipal Year 2020/2021

The Chair asked the committee for any nominations - Cllr Mrs L Butler was nominated, there were no other nominations – all were in agreement.

55. Minutes of the meeting held on 18th June 2020.

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

56. Blue Plaque – Healey Court – review application (Information attached)

It was resolved to approve.

Cllr Skinner enquired about the number of Blue Plaques in Warwick – the Town Clerk

didn't know and suggested that the Tourist Information Centre could create a trail of Plaques.

There is restriction of two plaques per year, Cllr N Butler was keen to advertise the scheme subject to budget restrictions. Unlocking Warwick offered to support Healey Court with historical information.

57. Community Engagement

Unlocking Warwick – update from Unlocking Warwick Chair Rick Thompson

- The Court House App is now ready to be launched. Peter Knell, Patrick and Karen will arrange with you a date for a photo-call for The Courier / social media around the end of the month.
- War Memorial Project - The website was relaunched and now has information about all the 477 names from both world wars, and there is a new sign at the memorial (all at UW's expense). There have been 15 full page articles in the Courier about personal stories and wartime memories as a result of the project. We have found 15 Warwick men killed in the two wars who are not named on the memorial and suggest two extra plaques. (We will take advice on how to organise that and hope WTC will cover the cost. 2021 will be the centenary of the unveiling of the memorial - a good year to add the extra names?)
- In the Ballroom, Tea and Dance Lessons and the 2020 Regency Ball have been cancelled until further notice. The monthly quiz has continued online "Not in the Ballroom".
- The 'Do You Know Warwick?' photographs continue to be posted on Facebook. There have been 43 so far.
- The final Court House Tours of the season will be this Saturday 19th Sept as part of Heritage Open Days; they are reduced to 5 guests per tour to comply with the new Rule of Six.
- The Great Fire Walk on Sept 11th for HODs was a great success with all three walks sold out. Organised by Sue Rigby in partnership with Culture and Heritage Warwickshire, the Lord Leycester, The County Record Office and St. Mary's with Sue and Paula the guides and documents on display in the Council Chamber.
- Volunteers continue to help out in the Visitor Centre when needed.
- Our 'What's on in Warwick' has been updated much more frequently to keep up with changes to the coronavirus rules and event cancellations and alterations. It continues to get more than 2,000 views per month on the Unlocking Warwick site and probably many more on 'Visit Warwick'.

58. Community Forums

Update from Mrs B Allen WDC

The community forums have been cancelled due to COVID. There will be a planning meeting arranged remotely to discuss the remaining grant funds/County Council grant funds. Locality issues will also be discussed. Meetings will be held in October 2020 and March 2021. Dates will be circulated.

Mrs Allen summarised other activities she had been involved with (Appendix 1).

59. Warwick Rotary – Peace Pole – Update. The Town Clerk advised that, due to conservation requirements, the Rotary were sourcing a wooden pole.

60. Children Centre – update from Cllr PS Birdi – Cllr Birdi was unable to attend the meeting he did advise that he would send the Town Clerk an update to be circulated.

61. St Mary's Lands Working Party – update from Cllr N Butler & Cllr D Skinner

Cllr N Butler & D Skinner advised that the group had a number of sub projects on going:

- Cycle way Woodloes through to Aylesford School is complete, lights being replaced due to vandalism.
- New entrance sign -planning permission has been applied for.
- Discussions continue regarding the flying of model aircraft.
- Racing Club Warwick – work starts soon on the new 3 G pitch.
- Golf centre should be having a new hub – subject to funding.
- Nesting birds protection – barriers being discussed and four wetland Scrapes, planning being sort for the south side of St Mary's lands.
- Race meeting, with restricted attendance, to be held on Monday 21st.

62. Twinning

Eurocamp – Cllr R Eddy advised that plans are still in place to hold Eurocamp in Warwick 2021

Ready Steady Go – Twinning Project – Town Clerk advised that this project was proposed to be held remotely, students are being sourced to represent Warwick.

2021 – 30-year celebration with Verden – Cllr R Eddy asked for volunteers to move this project forward. The suggestion was for 30 trees to be planted in Warwick and Verden.

Partnership meeting dates changed to May 2021 6th- 9th or 13th – 16th proposed.

63. Warwick in Bloom

– Provider quotes – Cllr Eddy praised Barn Close for the wonderful display of colour and quality of plants again. They had provided quotes for planting for the next three years – the costs for planting remain the same therefore, it was resolved to continue with the same provider for the next three years.

Colour themes for 2021 to be decided.

The winner's awards will be presented this Saturday.

- Railway station planting – concerns were raised around the lack of planting at the station. It was resolved for the Town Clerk and Cllr Mrs L Butler to liaise with Friends of Warwick Station and Chilton Railways to support them with future planting.

64. Schools artwork permanent display – Cllr Skinner had given this project a lot of thought and it was felt that it would be appropriate to hold the idea until next year.

65. Grants: Peas Allotments - £1,570 – approved subject to PEAS committee's start date.

Citizens Advice Bureau - £5k – approved – taken to Full Council to be ratified.

Friends of Priory Park - £300 – approved – to be paid annually on presentation of invoice.

Jayne Topham Town Clerk 3.9.20