



WARWICK TOWN COUNCIL

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ECONOMIC & TOURISM COMMITTEE

25th JUNE 2026

PRESENT:

Councillor Jackie D'Arcy (Chair)

Councillor Mrs K Dray

Councillor M Edwards

Councillor O Jacques

Councillor J Sinnott

Councillor P Wightman

The Mayor (ex-officio)

TOWN CLERK Mrs J Topham

COOPTED MEMBERS:

Mrs J Baldry B & B, Mrs E Healey Manager VIC, Alan Faulkner St Mary's Church, Mrs Emma Andrews Warwick Museum, Miss Jessica Hicks Lord Leycester Hospital. Mrs Kelly Scott Town Centre Manager. Mrs M Vincent Hill Close Gardens.

MINUTES

1.	<u>TO ELECT A CHAIRMAN FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR 2026/7</u> – Town Clerk Town Clerk asked for nominations for Chair, Councillor J Darcy was nominated and seconded, there were no other nominations, and all were in favour.
2.	<u>APOLOGIES:</u> Councillor D Browne sent his apologies it was resolved to accept them. Councillor Mrs M Mangat was absent. Mrs K Bryan Chamber of Trade, T Williams Warwick Racecourse sent their apologies. Liam Bartlett Warwick Castle, Ms Jo Randall WDC Business Dev were absent.
3.	<u>DECLARATION OF PERSONAL OR PREJUDICIAL INTEREST:</u> None

4.	<u>TO ELECT A DEPUTY CHAIRMAN FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR 2026/7</u> – Chair The Chair asked for nominations for Deputy Chair, Councillor P Wightman was nominated and seconded, there were no other nominations, and all were in favour.
5.	<u>MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES. April 2026</u> 1) The electronic parking signs advising you on the number of spaces available – update TCM. Councillors were encouraged to complete a survey the link is in the Town Centre Manager’s report. Minutes attached for reference E T Minutes April 2026.docx
6.	<u>TOWN CENTRE</u> – To RECEIVE and NOTE and APPROVE Reports from Kelly Scott Town Centre Manager ET report 25th June 2026.docx Market Place Public Realm Enhancements Appendix A .docx Appendix B 25.06.2026.docx Following a discussion the report and requests for funding were approved: Approve the development of a new long-term town centre flag scheme and associated costs. Approval is given for a community noticeboard to be installed at Market Place using Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) funding. All were in favour.
7.	<u>TOWN PROMOTION</u> Report from Ellen EMPR PR & Comms Consultant. To RECEIVE a written report. Warwick PR Report June 26.xlsx Eco Tourism Update June 2026.docx The report was noted.
8.	<u>CHAMBER OF TRADE</u> - Report from Chair To RECEIVE a verbal report. The Chair was absent but sent a short report. July 9th – Chamber Network meeting Warwick Sports Club 6pm.
9.	<u>VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE</u> – Report from Mrs E Healey To RECEIVE a written report. Report to Economic and Tourism Committee June 2026.docx Liz gave here last report before retiring. A vote of thanks was made for her service of 24 years which was supported by all.
10.	<u>WARWICK TOWN VISION WORKSHOP</u> – Written progress report from Kelly Scott Town Centre Manager Vision Report June 2026.docx The report was noted.

11.	<u>GRANTS</u> To RECEIVE and APPROVE grant applications – see below, documents attached:  Families at the Lord Leycester June 2026.pdf Families at the Lord Leycester, supported by Dave Skinner for £4295.76 This grant was approved to go to Full Council. All were in favour. Operation Clothes Rails, £1092 supported by Kathleen Gorman  W.A.R.M June 2026.pdf The grant was approved. The majority were in favour. St Mary's Christmas Tree festival 2026, £2622.89, supported by Katya Dray  St Mary's Christmas Tree Festival 2026.pdf The grant was approved. All were in favour.
12.	<u>WAYFINDING – Phase 2</u> DISCUSS- next steps Recently completed map below. Information Sign IF.04 Final Map Wayfinding.pdf It was resolved to set up a working group to look at the opportunities to expand the Wayfinding in Warwick.
13.	<u>SHAKESPEARE'S ENGLAND</u> – overview Liam Bartlett. Liam was absent.
14.	<u>CO-OPTED MEMBERS</u> To RECEIVE verbal reports. <u>Hill Close Gardens</u> Father's Day event was successful. Monthly guided tours are proving popular, telling the history of the gardens. Open Air theatres starting through the summer. <u>Lord Leycester Hospital</u> Footfall has been good. Free entry for under 12s introduced. Lecture programmes introduced. New brother joining in August this year. In September the Master will be inaugurated. <u>Bed & Breakfasts</u> Bookings have been busy since Easter. American tourists are back. August looking lighter at the moment. <u>St Mary's Church</u> An update on the Vision was distributed. Very positive feedback on Peace Festival. Looking to repeat in a year or two's time. Welcome Managers and Visitor Assistance being introduced. £5 charge to visit Beauchamp Chapel. Volunteer team helping to keep the

	church open for longer. Armed Forces Day choral evensong service marking the end of Armed forces week. <u>Market Hall Museum and St Johns</u> Warwick Unboxed opened as an exhibition on the 20th March. Summer Town trail launches on the 9th July 2026. Autumn will see St Johns turning into a Haunted House for Halloween. Civil War reenactment 8/9th August 2026.
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Signed..... **Dated**.....