



WARWICK TOWN COUNCIL

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Town Clerk

ECONOMIC & TOURISM COMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY 11th APRIL 2018

MINUTES

PRESENT:

Councillor M Ashford
Councillor Mrs C Cross
Councillor R Eddy (Chairman)
Councillor R Edgington
Councillor Mrs MA Grainger
Councillor J Holland
The Mayor

Co-opted Members:

Mrs S Butcher, Mrs E Healey

308. Apologies – Councillors Mrs L Bolton, Mrs D Da Cruz, G Guest, Mrs M Littlejohn

It was resolved to accept the apologies made.

309. Declarations of Personal and Prejudicial Interests.

None.

310. Minutes of the meeting held on 1st February 2018 – It was resolved to approve the minutes as a true record.

311. Change of removing plastic by 2020 – an article on the BBC news website was brought to our attention by a local resident. The TC contacted Ashburton Town Council who adopted a scheme to support retailers to move towards being plastic free by 2020. The Councillors supported an initiative to review the feasibility of Warwick adopting such a scheme. It was resolved to bring this item to the next meeting to form a working party with the Chamber of Trade.

312. Hill Close Gardens – appeal for volunteers -Richard Hayward Centre Manager

A presentation was given to Councillors giving the background to the Management of Hill

Close Gardens and the importance of volunteers to the charity. Councillors gave advice which was duly noted.

313. Town Centre Management

Discuss any issues raised via Chamber of Trade:

Mrs S Butcher advised of the Chambers AGM and her attendance at the WCC

Town Centre Conference where the Chamber have picked up some ideas for retailers.

WDC held a Business Development meeting to explain their support for retailers.

Correspondence has been received from WCC advising that signage for the Barrack Street car park is schedule for this financial year.

314. Visitor Information Centre

Manager Mrs L Healey to report (see Appendix 1)

315. Court House – discuss dishwasher. The Town Clerk advised that a quote for further repair made the existing dishwasher untenable. Discussion were held around the type and source of a new machine. In view of the on going issues it was resolved to lease a dishwasher.

316. Grant application

Warwick Festival £1,500- Cllr R Eddy gave Councillors and overview of the weekend,

The grant was explained and discussed. It was resolved to approve the funding subject to receiving bank details.

317. Report from Co-Opted Members

Emailed reports received alongside apologies for absence from:

A Klein, Race Course – We lost our April 5, (St Mary’s Land Cup Day) meeting due to a waterlogged track. It was an issue experienced by many venues around the country last week. Business has been satisfactory other than that with several large C&E functions, including one that ran over a week where we welcomed 1200 policemen to the racecourse. Plans for the May Carnival are going well, and pre-sales are up. We have attracted Qatar Airways as the principal sponsor of the four-day event. The Ladies Night on May 12 looks strong. We have just five more fixtures to go until the summer break. Projects in the pipe line for the warmer period include the conversion of our canter down to a cycle path, drainage in the back straight and resurfacing of the service/St Mary’s perimeter road.

L Bartlett, Warwick Castle – Easter has been tricky with horrible weather over the bank holiday weekend meaning it’s been a slow start to the year (made worse by lots of snow days in Feb causing full site closures. Accommodation sales are strong and improving and we have launched our Guy of Warwick Evening product (Dragon Slayer) – Early demand looks good. We have also introduced a competitive annual pass price (£27) which should be popular with locals.

318. Up and coming Events – Councillors were provided with Events Guides.

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