



Jayne Topham
Town Clerk

ECONOMIC & TOURISM COMMITTEE

MINUTES

14th NOVEMBER 2019

Present:

Councillor M Ashford
Councillor PS Birdi
Councillor N Butler
Councillor S Cross
Councillor J Darcy
Councillor R Eddy
Councillor R Edgington (Chair)
Councillor Ms M Noone
Councillor J Tracey

Co-opted Members:

L Bartlett (Warwick Castle), Mrs E Healey (Warwick Tourist Information Centre),
Mrs C Hodgetts (Warwick Society),

201. Apologies: The Mayor – it was resolved to accept his apologies.

202. Declarations of Personal and Prejudicial Interests. None

203. Minutes of the meeting held on 18th September 2019

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

204. Town Centre Management

Update quarterly town meeting – this item was carried forward.

Sue Butcher sent her apologies, the Town Clerk reported of a meeting held at Highways to resolve some road closure signage issues. The Reindeer trail was shared with Councillors.

An email had been sent to the Mayor, from a resident, regarding cycling clubs. It was agreed that the matter was best dealt with by the police and therefore the Town Clerk will share contact

details. There is a “cuppa with a coppa” event to be held at Jack’s Shack on the 21st November.

205. Car Park Fees and charges – draft proposals for 2020 - Zoe Court WDC

Zoe was unable to attend but sent a report for Councillors. This report raised several concerns and therefore the Town Clerk will ask Zoe to attend the next meeting Full Council on the 2nd December. Report appendix 1

Cllr Butler advised that the St Mary’s Lands car parks were set to given names removing the current number usage.

206. Plastic Free Campaign – Jo Ally to give an update – Jo was unable to attend

207. #Buyin2Warwick – Cllr Edgington updated Councillors on the Christmas campaign.

208. Visitors Information Centre

- (i) Manager Mrs L Healey reported – appendix 2
- (ii) Review usage/ review workshop – Cllr R Edgington outlined the outcome of the last meeting. Plans for change will be presented to Councillors at a future meeting.
- (iii) Business plan – comment – Councillors felt that the objective of the plan needed to be reviewed alongside the financial information. Testimonials to be sort and a revised document to be circulated. Councillors to give written feedback by Monday 18th November.

209. Lord Leycester Hospital – update from the Master Heidi Meyer. Councillors were invited to the Lord Leycester in August where they toured the building and were given an insight into the restoration challenges ahead. The Master now sort guaranteed backing from the Council. The Town Clerk will share and discuss grant options. The Master or a representative will attend future committee meeting to update Councillors on their progress with funding to secure the HLF grant.

210. Reports from Co-opted Members

It was agreed that Councillors who were trustees should report back to committees twice a year – once being the Annual meeting. TC to review how this will be structured with the Leader of the Council. Councillors will be asked to report at the December Full Council meeting.

Warwick Castle – The footfall for this year’s Halloween event had been affected by the weather in October and the school holidays running back to back. The new Ice rink is available from next week access is outside the castle and therefore tickets can be bought just for this event.

Restoration work starts next Monday for two years on the front face of the Castle. New footpath and adaptations to the bridge will go through planning in the new year.

The toddler market will be explored to create new events for next year. They are hoping to get the trebuchet up and running again.

The accommodation side is successful and busy.

211. Grant applications

St Mary's Church £2,100 grant form attached

Following discussions and assurances that the grant was sourced to establish a new ongoing concept, Councillors unanimously agreed to approve the funding.

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