



WARWICK TOWN COUNCIL

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Town Clerk

ECONOMIC & TOURISM COMMITTEE 22nd NOVEMBER 2022

Present:

Councillor Mrs L Butler (sub)
Councillor S Cross
Councillor R Eddy
Councillor O Jacques
Councillor J Tracey

Councillor N Butler
Councillor J Darcy
Councillor R Edgington (Chair)
Councillor Ms Mary Noone

Co-opted Members:

Mrs S Butcher Chamber of Trade, Mrs E Healey VIC Manager, Tim Clarke St Mary's, Jo Randall WDC Events.

MINUTES

206. Apologies: The Mayor (ex-officio) & Councillor Mrs M A Grainger sent their apologies it was resolved to accept them. Mrs J Baldry & Mr T Williams Warwick Racecourse also sent their apologies.

207. Declarations of Personal and Prejudicial Interests. Mrs L Butler Item 212.

208. Matters arising from previous minutes – Town Clerk advised that nothing had moved forward with the railings at the Railway station as yet. Network rail were holding a meeting at Warwick Arms at 3pm 28th November 2022 regarding the new lift.

209. Chamber of Trade -Sue Butcher, Chair, reviewed the forthcoming Victorian Evening. Further discussions held around the decision to not allow animals by WDC events. The Town Clerk will ask for further information and report back. Christmas trees were being sold to local business for display on their buildings.

PR Quotes – Cllr R Edgington reviewed, and it was noted that EMPR were the most competitive.

PR summary of activities – Ellen EMPR report had been circulated – no comments, review meeting to be held 16th December 2022.

210. Visitor Information Centre - Manager Mrs L Healey reviewed her report

There were no questions. Interviews for the Supervisor role are being held on the 28th November 2022. Thanks, given to Liz, Paula and the Unlocking Warwick volunteers for keeping the VIC open during low staffing levels.

211. Wayfinding project and grant – The Town Clerk asked for feedback from the report circulated – Cllr N Butler will email feedback – a meeting is being organised late November 2022. A presentation will be made at the next meeting.

212. Lord Leycester – The Master sent a report and an invitation to Councillor's to view works on the 17th February 2023 – pm.

It was resolved to release £5k grant. All were in favour.

213. Grant application – Coton End School - £1,994.75

It was resolved to approve. All were in favour.

214. Co-opted Members to report

WCC – Aaron Corsi – sent a report (see attached)

A discussion was held about the difference between café and pavement licences.

Aaron will clarify by sending information to the Chamber and the Town Clerk for circulation.

Warwick Racecourse - Thomas William reported

Sell-out Warwick Town Bonfire event on Saturday 5th November – 6000 attendance.

NYE race day with 8000 anticipated.

Andre Klein now stepped down as General Manager at the racecourse & Thomas has officially taken over. Congratulations will be passed on by the Town Clerk.

WDC -Jo Randall – advised that WDC were funding Shakespeare England to give all businesses a free listing. VIC Business plan and 3-year request for a further £25k was being discussed in December. A grant agreement will need to be put in place.

St Mary's -Tim Clarke advised that a visitor's survey had been started. The stats would be shared at the next meeting.

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