



WARWICK TOWN COUNCIL

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ECONOMIC & TOURISM COMMITTEE

MINUTES

16th September 2020

Present:

Councillor PS Birdi
Councillor N Butler
Councillor J Darcy
Councillor R Eddy
Councillor R Edgington
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), Janet Baldry (B & B) Mrs S Butcher & Mrs A Littlejohn
(Chamber of Trade), M Ferguson (WDC Events).

Also, attending Cllr Mrs MA Grainger & Cllr Mrs L Butler as subs. Cllr D Skinner ref. grant.

39. To elect a chairman for the Municipal Year 2020/2021 Cllr R Edgington was proposed as Chair – there were no other nominations – all were in agreement.

40. Apologies: Cllr Ashford & Cllr Cross.
It was resolved to accept their apologies.

41. Declarations of Personal and Prejudicial Interests. None

42. To elect a deputy chairman for the Municipal Year 2020/2021 Cllr PS Birdi was proposed as Deputy Chair – there were no other nominations – all were in agreement

43. Minutes of the meeting held on 23rd June 2020
It was resolved to approve the minutes as a true record.

44. Town Centre Management – Update quarterly town meeting – Cllr R Edgington advised that a Teams meeting was being set up before the next meeting.

45. Clean air Warwick –update from Cllr PS Birdi. There had been strong progress in the group. Four subgroups have been established to look at:

Public Transport, Cycleways, journeys to work and school and promoting the group

Cllr Birdi will ask the organiser to send a full report to the Town Clerk for circulation.

A transport survey had been instigated and a lot of progress made liaising with schools regarding lift sharing and they are also looking at journeys to work. Cycle routes established on a map which will be sent to the Town Clerk to be shared.

Cllr Grainger advised that there was to be Cycle ride on the 6th October, if Councillors would like too involved with the Clean air group. The route is from Leamington to Warwick and back.

A Cycle bus at Warwick Gates has been established, starting in October, to the local Schools. Councillors were asked to promote.

46. Chamber of Trade update

#Buy in2 Warwick – new website is nearing completion

Vision for Warwick – video – this has been a great success and was positively received.

Plastic Free Warwick – Due to COVID no meetings have been held.

Clean up Britain – appoint Champion – no volunteer was found, and it was agreed to open this up to all Councillors.

Victorian Evening – update – this event has been cancelled due to COVID a light switch on is being organised by Warwick District Council events team.

47. Visitors Information Centre

(i) Manager Mrs E Healey reported – (appendix 1)

(ii) Review usage/ review workshop – Cllr R Edgington updated on progress.

48. Lord Leicester Hospital – update from Master Heidi Meyer (appendix 2)

49. Grant application: Warwick Words - £3,000 the grant application was fully supported.

50. Co-opted Members to report

Bed & Breakfasts – Mrs J Baldry summarised the effects of “Lockdown” on her industry. August and September had seen numbers increase, helped by the good weather. Winter was a concern.

Racecourse – A Klein gave a summary of the last few months with the restricts, he was pleased to report that there will be a pilot race next Monday. Fixtures have been announced for next year.

Warwick Castle –L Bartlett - The Castle has been busy since lift of lockdown with restricted numbers. Future events planned for Halloween, Luna Cinema, Evening Light Trail, Ice rink and picnic at the Castle.

Warwick District Council events – There is a SAG meeting organised on the 24th September to determine if the Mop is to be held in Warwick this year, due to COVID. There was a strong feeling that, due to safety reasons, it should be cancelled this year. The date and final detail for the Light switch on is to be agreed. There will be a Chocolate Market in October and a Winter Food Market – details to follow.

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