



Jayne Topham
Town Clerk

FULL COUNCIL MEETING

27th April 2017

MINUTES

Present: The Mayor, Cllr M Ashford, Cllr PS Birdi, Cllr Mrs L Bolton, Cllr JP Bromley, Cllr S P Cross, Cllr Mrs D DaCruz, Cllr R Edgington, Cllr R Eddy, Cllr Mrs MA Grainger, Cllr G Guest, Cllr J Holland, Cllr T Morris, Cllr N Murphy.

Cllr Mrs J St John WCC

Section A Council

378. Prayers

379. Apologies: It was resolved to accept the apologies from Cllr Mrs M Littlejohn and Cllrs N Butler & Mrs J Darcy WDC

380. Declarations of Interest

Cllr J Holland – item 6

381. Approve the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 19th January 2017 – it was resolved to approve the minutes as a true record of the meeting.

382. Mayor's Announcements - The Mayor shared details on the engagements she had attended so far, this year. A reminder was given to Councillors about the Annual Meeting and the need for reports to be submitted.

383. Reports to be received from District or County Councillors.

Cllr N Butler provided a report to Councillors:

Linen Street Car Park:

Displacement Strategy: As reported at last meeting this has been published for public consultation.

Replacing the car park: A car parking strategy for the District is being put together now that agreement has been given for the rebuilding of the multi storey car park in Leamington. This is being developed and the first draft should go to the Executive in June.

The options being considered for replacing the car park will include the rebuilding the car park on its current site. These should also be available in June

St Mary's Lands

As reported previously WDC had commissioned a firm of consultants to conduct a feasibility study on whether a hotel on WDC land at the end of the grandstands would be viable. They concluded that a 100 bed 'Mid-scale', i.e. 3 star type, hotel would be very viable. (the 327 beds in our existing accommodation in Warwick have a nearly 80% occupancy rate, very much higher than national averages). As a result, this will be included in the SML master plan which can now go forward to WDC for approval.

This does not mean a hotel will be built. A partner will need to be found to develop it and it will have to go through the normal planning route.

The racecourse is going ahead with plans to improve the entrance. WDC executive has approved expenditure up to £60k to improve the landscaping etc. on its land around the entrance provided the work on the entrance goes ahead.

The Executive also approved expenditure to improve toilet facilities at the Golf Centre and RCW on the condition they are open for public use. This will mean there will be public toilets at each end of SML.

Discussions between WDC, Sustrans and the Racecourse on the route of the cycleway are progressing. It looks as if it will now go along the canter way with it being resurfaced with fibresand. The funding for this has still not being agreed.

Ladies Cycling Tour

For information on Friday 9th June this year's Ladies Cycling Tour will again pass through Warwick en-route to its finish on the Parade in Leamington.

Cllr Mrs J St John advised Councillors that she was not standing at the forthcoming County Council elections and that she wished to thank the Town Councillors and the Town Clerk for their support during her term of office. The support for the Children's Centres was welcomed. Cllr J Holland shared this view and stated that the success of the County Councillors during their term was down to their ability to work together. Cllr Mrs MA Grainger responded with thanks to the County Councillors for all the hard work and focus for what was best for Warwick.

384. Reports of Plans Committee

To receive and adopt the Reports of the Plans Committee meeting held on 20th March and 24th April 2017.

It was resolved to accept the minutes of the planning meeting held on the 20th March & 24th April 2017.

385. Reports of Committees

To receive and adopt the reports of the following committee's:

Finance & Policy 22nd March 2017

Community & Culture 10th April 2017

Economic & Tourism 20th April 2017

It was resolved to accept the minutes for all the above committees.

386. Election of Mayor and Deputy Mayor 2017/18

The Town Clerk asked for nominations for Mayor Elect for the year 2017/18 – it was unanimously agreed that Cllr S Cross be made Mayor Elect for this time period.

Nominations were also requested for Deputy Mayor Elect – it was also unanimously agreed that Cllr R Eddy became Deputy Mayor Elect for the same period 2017/18.

387. Appoint Governor of Warwick School – see attached letter

Cllr MA Grainger was the current Governor of Warwick school, representing the Town Council. The school had asked that she retain that position and all Councillors present agreed.

388. To answer member's questions - none

Section B General Purposes

389. Public Question Time

A member of the public raised the point that several years ago there was a petition, raised by retailers based in St Johns, regarding the time you could park. An update on this change was requested. Councillor J Holland advised that proposed changes were in place but the changes were on a waiting list.

390. Discuss posthumously approving Mr Bryan Johnson Freeman of the Town. The Town Clerk advised of

A policy found from another Town Council to award the Freeman of the Town posthumously. It was proposed that as family were not found, at the time, to present the scroll to the Yeomanry Museum, at the forthcoming Mayor Making for them to display. All Councillors agreed and a discussion was held about a tree to be planted in Bryan's memory – Town Clerk will speak to the Tree Wardens and report back.

391. Children's Centres – Cllr Mrs DA DaCruz & Cllr N Murphy to update

The Councillors had attended a Terms of Reference Review: Discussion covered our purpose, membership, parental representatives, frequency and location of meetings, Chair of our Board, roles, responsibilities and objectives and how to assess the meeting of objectives.

Cllr Jenny St John is happy to continue in role of Chair with an annual review and it was suggested a parent might serve as co-chair. Their next meeting will discuss identified roles within the Board.

Data: Members proposed that data showing percentages of targets met in differing categories should be better presented to enable clearer understanding and should be circulated prior to meetings to allow time for follow-up points to be raised. Data collection was useful in identifying target areas which need focus.

Parent voice: Parents and a grandparent attended and added personal comments to the user survey.

This shows that the services on offer are highly valued and beneficial to the local community. In they emphasised the importance of the building itself as a valuable resource which enabled a network of relationships to be formed and a centre of support to be offered within the town.

Staffing update: information was shared on positions to be advertised and staff member leaving. Next meeting is on 28th June

392. Appraisal policy – adopt policy approved at Finance and Policy – this policy was approved at Finance and Policy and it was resolved to adopt at Full Council. Thanks, were passed to the Town Clerk for introducing the required HR provision with the assistance of the HR consultant.

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