



# WARWICK TOWN COUNCIL

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## FULL COUNCIL MEETING

24<sup>th</sup> September 2020

### MINUTES

#### Present:

The Mayor Councillor Terry Morris  
Councillor PS Birdi                      Councillor Mrs L Butler  
Councillor N Butler                      Councillor S Cross  
Councillor R Eddy                        Councillor R Edgington  
Councillor Mrs MA Grainger          Councillor O Jacques  
Councillor N Murphy                    Councillor D Skinner  
Councillor Ms M Noone                Councillor J Tracey

#### Section A Council

##### 66. Prayers – read by Jane Sault

The Mayor reflected on some of the words in Jane's reading and reminded Councillors of their conduct during remote meetings. It is the intention to consider Live streaming meetings and it is therefore imperative that Councillors are always prepared for meetings and apply the code of conduct.

**67. Apologies** – Cllr M Ashford and Cllr J Darcy- it was resolved to accept their apologies. WDC Cllrs L Bartlett and Mrs J Grey also tended their apologies.

**68. Declarations of Interest** – Cllr Mrs MA Grainger – item 76.

**69. Approve the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 30<sup>th</sup> July 2020-** it was resolved to approve the minutes as a true record.

**70. Mayor's Announcements** – Cllr T Morris reflected on his Mayor year so far highlighting key events. The Mayor can solicit to attend events, in the current climate. Councillors were asked to advise the Mayor's secretary if there is an event in your ward i.e. Business opening. The Mayor thanked Councillors for their support thus far.

## **71. Reports to be received from District or County Councillors.**

WCC Cllr J Holland – congratulations passed to the Mayor on his appointment.

Covid 19 - Public Health are setting up testing stations to need. Rate of infection increasing sharply – detailed figures hard to obtain. Economy effected in Warwick – recovery plans in place but no specific plans for tourism.

Warwick Town Council encouraged to focus on this area – which they will at the economic and tourism committee.

A Unitary Council for Warwickshire is being discussed – documents have been sent to Government putting a case for one unitary authority and one for two unitary authorities.

There is agreement that the District and County need to work closer together to improve services and cut costs.

WCC Cllr PS Birdi – thanked the Mayor for the engagements he is covering and promoting Warwick. He asked for the Officers of the Town, District and County Councils to be thanked for all the hard work that is going on behind the scenes to keep everything going during this pandemic. Credit should also be given to members and councillors for adopting the new ways of working with remote meetings.

Cllr Mrs M A Grainger reported for the District – The District should be congratulated in the speed of getting recovery funds out to the local businesses during the pandemic. The Town Hall in Leamington is currently being utilised differently – the District Council is using its assets differently to ensure the precept is not affected. Closer agreements are being seen with the move to a Unitary Authority. The economics are not as bad as predicted budgets are about to be reviewed so a truer picture will unfold.

Cllr Morris advised that the Leper Hospital project was moving forward.

## **72. Reports of Plans Committee**

To receive and adopt the Reports of the Plans Committee meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> August & 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2020.

It was resolved to approve the minutes for the Plans committee meetings on the 3<sup>rd</sup> August and 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2020.

## **73. Reports of Committees**

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

Allotments Committee meeting 7<sup>th</sup> September 2020

Economic & Tourism 16<sup>th</sup> September 2020

Community & Culture 17<sup>th</sup> September 2020

Finance & Policy 13<sup>th</sup> August 2020

It was resolved to approve the minutes of the committee meetings.

Thanks, passed to Unlocking Warwick for their ongoing support by Cllr Mrs MA Grainger.

## **74. To answer member's questions - None**

## **Section B General Purposes**

### **75. Public Question Time - none**

Cllr Skinner asked how we advertised the agenda to enable the public to participate. The Town Clerk advised that the process was the same as for previous meetings.

**76. Warwick District Council cleansing and grounds maintenance services.**

Report attached – it was proposed at Finance and Policy that this report be ratified. It was unanimously agreed to support this proposal.

**77. Grant Application**

**Citizens advice £5K** – it was resolved to approve.

**78. PEAS allotment Lease.** Report attached – it was proposed at Finance and Policy that this report be ratified. It was resolved to approve.

**79. Risk Management Strategy.** Report attached – it was proposed at Finance and Policy that this report be ratified. It was resolved to approve. Cllr Skinner asked for a review on RO1. Differences between a Disaster plan and an Emergency plan should be defined and the actions need to be reviewed. Cllr N Butler advised that this was a working document which will be constantly under review.

**80. Annual Town Meeting** – 21<sup>st</sup> October 2020 – due to COVID 19 the meeting is deferred to April 2021 – it was approved to postpone this meeting.

**Signed**..... **Dated** .....