



# WARWICK TOWN COUNCIL

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## FULL COUNCIL MEETING

THURSDAY 30<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2021

## MINUTES

### Section A Council

- 158. Prayers** – read by Rev V Roberts.
- 159. Apologies:** Cllr M Ashford, Cllr J Darcy & Cllr J Tracey sent their apologies – it was resolved to approve their apologies. Cllr L Bartlett WDC also sent his apologies.
- 160. Declarations of Interest** - None
- 161. Approve the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 29<sup>th</sup> July 2021.** It was resolved to approve the minutes as recorded.
- 162. Mayor's Announcements** The Mayor reviewed events that he had attended since the last meeting. Thanks to Councillors who had supported him by attending events. A review was made of events forthcoming events. A letter was sent to the family of Cllr T Heath who sadly passed away last week.
- 163. Reports to be received from District or County Councillors.**  
**Councillor J Holland WCC**– referred to the proposed merger of Warwick and Stratford District Councils and the effect this could have on the future of the Town Council. The Government will have to approve proposal.  
A £50 million new school has been approved Oakwood Grove. Cllr Holland attends the Police and Crime panel.  
**Councillor PS Birdi WCC** – advised that he is looking to get a footbridge linking the Country Park and Europa Way to ensure that all residents can get to the new school.  
Cllr T Morris asked a question of Cllr J Holland regarding the Disabled Lift at Warwick Station. Support was asked for to put pressure on Network Rail in view

of the inequality. The Town Clerk will write to Cllr Holland in support of change. District Council report to be read at the Annual Town Meeting. Cllr MA Grainger reminded Councillors to encourage residents to complete the consultation for the proposed merger of District Councils. A vote will be held on the 13<sup>th</sup> December to approve progression. A lot of service contract mergers are already taking place. The Leper Hospital CPO is progressing. There will be a Bi Election before Christmas due to Cllr Heaths death.

#### **164. Reports of Plans Committee**

To receive and adopt the Reports of the Plans Committee meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> August & 8<sup>th</sup> September 2021. It was resolved to approve the minutes of both meetings.

#### **165. Reports of Committees**

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

Allotments 6<sup>th</sup> September 2021  
Economic & Tourism 29<sup>th</sup> September 2021  
Community & Culture 1<sup>st</sup> September 2021  
Finance & Policy 26<sup>th</sup> August 2021

It was resolved to approve the minutes for all meetings.

Cllr T Morris - Clean Air Warwick – a representative was sort – Cllr N Murphy accepted as he has become involved with the group. He advised that maps are being produced for cycle and bus routes. The Leamington and Warwick group will be merging.

#### **166. To answer member's questions**

Cllr T Morris requested a debate, following the approval of the minutes for Finance and Policy – the proposal to change the standing orders – start time for meetings to 6pm. He felt that the full implications of the change were not discussed.

It was resolved to suspend standing orders and debate the item again. Following a vote it was agreed to change the start time of meetings to 6.30pm with a view to reviewing again at the end of the administration.

Cllr D Skinner raised the question about the lack of staffing at Warwick Station. The waiting room is closed off can this be changed before the Commonwealth games.

The Town Clerk will raise with Chiltern Railways

Cllr N Murphy asked the Town Clerk to write to the Leader of WDC to ask for their commitment for support with the refurbishment of the Station.

### **Section B General Purposes**

#### **167. Public question time - none**

#### **168. Councillor's objectives** – there were some updates – for progress to continue the item will be taken to the next Finance and Policy committee.

**169. Application for City status** – Cllr N Butler summarised events. Subject to a consultation the application will be submitted by the 8<sup>th</sup> December.

The main players in the Town are to be contacted – Chamber of Trade, Schools, St Mary’s, The MP, Castle and Lord Leycester. Costs will be small and publicity will be great.

There are some tangible benefits to being a City – we are at very early stages and will be grateful for help when requested.

Cllr T Morris supported Cllr Butlers comments and asked for details of those who maybe able to support the project to be brought forward as the timescales were short. Cllr D Skinner suggested contacting the County Council Heritage area.

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