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Dear Councillor,

A meeting of the Cultural and Community Committee will be held in Meeting Room 5 at the Town Hall, Parade, Royal Leamington Spa on **MONDAY 15<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2012 commencing at 6.30 pm.**

The business will be as set out below.

Yours faithfully,

**Clerk to the Town Council**

To:- Councillors J. Clarke, R. Copping, G. Dulay, S. Ingleby, S. Lytton, Y. Moore, Mota Singh and A. Stevens.

Mr J. Mather and Mr M. Crawshaw (Leamington International Twinning Society)

(All other Members of the Town Council – Agenda for information only)

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### **AGENDA**

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**
2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**  
Members are invited to declare any interest they may have in an item identified for discussion at the Meeting.
3. **PUBLIC FORUM**  
To receive representations from Members of the public in accordance with Council Standing Orders
4. **MINUTES**  
To approve and sign as a correct record the Minutes of the Meeting of the Cultural and Community Committee held on 18<sup>th</sup> September 2012 (Report No. 4)

5. **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**  
**Blue Plaques (Minute No. 27 (i))**  
Town Clerk to report on unveiling of plaques on 28<sup>th</sup> September  
**Erection of Defibrillator (Minute 27 (ii))**  
Town Clerk to report orally.
6. **TOWN TWINNING**  
To consider any matters arising in relation to Town Twinning.  
Members of LITS are in attendance for the above item.
7. **CHRISTCHURCH GARDENS**  
To consider and approve a programme for the planting of bulbs at Christchurch Gardens. Town Clerk to update on discussions with the District Council.
8. **TREE REPLACEMENT PROGRAMME**  
To consider potential sites for tree replacement (Report No. 8)
9. **COMMUNITY GRANT FUND**  
To note the response to the Community Grant Fund and discuss arrangements for the consideration of applications at the next Meeting.

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE CULTURAL AND COMMUNITY COMMITTEE  
HELD ON 18<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2012 AT THE TOWN HALL LEAMINGTON SPA**

Present: Councillors J. Clarke (Chairman), R. Copping, S. Ingleby, Yvonne Moore and M. Singh.

Mr J Mather (Leamington Twinning Society) (LITS)

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors S. Lytton and A. Stevens and Mr M Crawshaw (LITS)

23. **PUBLIC FORUM**

Ms Liz Drake asked that the Committee consider the implications for the loss of Community facilities as a result of the proposed development of the former Library site at York Road which was now the subject of a planning application for residential development. She referred to the Town Council's consideration of the planning application at a recent meeting of the Planning Committee on which occasion the Council had made no objection to the loss of the community facilities from the site presently occupied by Bath Place. She considered that if this factor been included among the policy constraints on the District Council website, the Town Council may have reached a different decision. In addition the application for residential development had been separated from the application for listed building consent which was also likely to attract significant objection.

The Chairman explained that this matter was within the delegated responsibility of the Council's Planning Committee and therefore Ms Drake was advised to raise her concerns at the next meeting of that Committee on 27<sup>th</sup> September. The loss of community facilities, though regrettable, had been considered at the Meeting of the Council on 13<sup>th</sup> September following the presentation of a petition by Bath Place Community Venture.

24. **ST PETER'S AID FOR THE NEEDY (SATURDAY FRIENDSHIP CLUB)**

The Chairman welcomed Mrs J. Armstrong and Mr J. Chilvers to the meeting and invited their presentation on progress with regard to a project supported with a Community Grant from the Town Council of £2,000 in 2011/12

The Committee was advised that demand for the provision offered by the Saturday Club had continued to grow and had expanded to include a range of welfare assistance and social activities. The project had now been re-named "way ahead" and catered for as many as 40 clients on some occasions. It was evident that clients' needs were complex with many experiencing multiple needs including alcohol dependency, mental health issues and homelessness.

The Committee was thanked for its continuing support of the Group which was utilised to support the core of volunteers without whom the project would not be a success. She thanked the representatives of the Friendship Club who then left the meeting.

25. **MINUTES**

**RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Cultural and Community Committee held on 30<sup>th</sup> July 2012 are confirmed and signed as a correct record.

26. **TOWN TWINNING**

Consideration was given to a report (Report No. 7) setting out details of the meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> September attended by representatives of LITS, the Bruhl Twinning Society and the Town Council.

Mr Mather confirmed that the recent visit to Leamington by the Bruhl Twinning Society had been a great success and a letter of warm and sincere thanks had been received from the Society subsequent to the visit.

With regard to the funding bid to the European Union for the proposed Conference programme, it was hoped that a decision would be made on the application by early December. If the application was unsuccessful it was improbable that the programme would proceed. Further discussion on the preferred dates for Conferences would need to take place in any event since some of these were likely to result in difficulties for many of the partners.

The Committee was also advised of a visit to the area by French students who had accepted an invitation from Warwick School. 12 students and 2 teachers would be visiting over the period 9<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> October and a brief reception had been arranged for them to meet the Mayor at Leamington Town Hall.

**RESOLVED**

- (i) that the arrangements for the provision of a reception for French students on 9<sup>th</sup> October are approved and the minimal cost met from the Civic budget; and
- (ii) that the report (Report No. 7) and update on progress of the funding application is noted.

Mr Mather then left the Meeting.

27. **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

(i) **BLUE PLAQUE SCHEME**

The Town Clerk confirmed that the Blue plaques were due to be unveiled on 28<sup>th</sup> September as follows:-

Henry Tandey – Angel Hotel

Mary Dormer Harris- 16 Gaveston Road

Thomas Baker – 13 Church Street

Invitations to each unveiling and a reception at the Town Hall afterwards had been sent to a variety of Civic guests and representatives of organisations with an interest in the subjects to be commemorated.

**RESOLVED** that the Report is noted.

(ii) **INSTALLATION OF AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR**

In answer to a question regarding the recommendation of the Committee to the full Council meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> July, the Town Clerk confirmed that work was now proceeding with the submission of a formal planning application for Listed Building Consent for the erection of an External defibrillator on the Town Hall.

**RESOLVED** that the Report is noted.

28. **TREE REPLACEMENT PROGRAMME**

The Town Clerk reminded the Committee that during the autumn is was the customary practice for a sites inspection panel to be formed to consider applications for urban tree replacement. Prior to the sites inspection, Members were encouraged to place suggested sites on a list for further investigation. It was suggested that a tree is planted at Clarendon Square to replace one removed earlier in the year. It was confirmed that this was an area of open space managed by Warwick District Council and initially the request would be better referred to that Authority. A further planting option was suggested at a site at Villiers Street.

**RESOLVED**

- (i) that all Members of the Council are reminded of the opportunity to identify potential sites for the planting of trees in the urban landscape during 2013;
- (ii) the site at Villiers Street is included on the sites inspection list for further investigation; and
- (iii) in the first instance the planting of a replacement tree at Clarendon Square is referred to the District Council for further investigation.

29. **COMMUNITY GRANTS**

The Committee considered feedback on the following grants awarded under the Community Grant Fund 2012:-

Enrych Warwickshire – Weekly Dance Classes for elderly - £550  
Warwickshire Children and Voluntary Youth Services – Young leaders development programme - £900.

The Committee noted the positive outcomes of both projects and welcomed the feedback offered by the recipients.

**RESOLVED** that the letters are received and noted.

The meeting commenced at 6.30pm and ended at 7.45 pm



