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Clerk to the Town Council

27th March 2012

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 2ND APRIL 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, S. Ingleby, S. Lytton, A. Morrison, 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)

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 6th March 2012 (Report No. 4)

5. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

6. TOWN TWINNING

(i) To consider any matters arising in relation to Twinning. Representatives of LITS will be in attendance.

(ii) Twinning Conference – Bruhl – 24th/25th March 2012

To consider the attached Report (Report No. 6 to follow)

7. ROYAL JUBILEE

To consider arrangements for the Royal Jubilee and the arrival of Olympic Torch (Minutes if the meeting of the Royal Jubilee Working Party held on 8th March 2012 Report No. 7 herewith)

8. BLUE PLAQUES

To consider and note progress in relation to the erecting of Blue Plaques and agree a priority for 2012/13

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE CULTURAL AND COMMUNITY COMMITTEE HELD ON 6 MARCH 2012 AT THE TOWN HALL, PARADE, ROYAL LEAMINGTON SPA

PRESENT: Councillor Ann Morrison (Chairman), Judith Clarke, Roger Copping, Sue Ingleby, Simon Lytton, Yvonne Moore and Amanda Stevens.

An apology for absence was received from: Councillor Mota Singh.

In attendance: Peter Cantlay and Mike Crawshaw (Members of LITS); Joanne Coysh (Member of The Ups of Downs Group).

47. COMMUNITY GRANT – THE UPS OF DOWNS

The Chairman welcomed Joanne Coysh a member of The Ups of Downs Group to the meeting and invited her to outline the numeracy skills project which had received a grant of £850 from the Town Council in November 2011.

Ms Coysh explained how the funding provided by the Council had been used to purchase numeracy aids and displayed an example of the Numicon System which was used to assist children with Down's Syndrome to develop numeracy skills. The Committee noted that these items were made available to the parents of children so that the skills learned at school could be reinforced at home, although some cross-sharing of the resource also took place with the school.

The Committee expressed their pleasure at the outcome of the grant and wished The Ups of Downs Group continued success with its work. The Chairman thanked Ms Coysh for her presentation and she left the meeting.

48. TOWN TWINNING

The Chairman welcomed Peter Cantlay and Mike Crawshaw of LITS to the meeting. Consideration was given to a draft programme for a proposed Conference and Partnership meeting at Bruhl in October 2013 which would coincide with the 40th Anniversary of the twinning of Bruhl and Royal Leamington Spa.

Mr Crawshaw indicated that the Bruhl Twinning Association was planning a series of workshops and events over the next two years involving the towns of Leamington, Sceaux and Kunice (Poland) which, depending on the number of delegates, would attract significant European Union funding. It was uncertain at this stage the extent to which this Conference would provide a platform for increasing community participation in twinning, although each event was an undeniable opportunity to bring together partners with an interest in this area. It was noted that the Mayor, Councillor Stevens and the Town Clerk would be attending an initial exploratory meeting at Bruhl on 25 March 2012 at which time greater detail in respect of these workshops and partnership meetings would be discussed and emerge.

RESOLVED that the proposed partnership meetings and Conference are noted and that a further report is awaited following the meeting at Bruhl on 25th March 2012.

49. MINUTES

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Cultural and Community Committee held on 9 February 2012 are confirmed and signed as a correct record.

50. MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

51. ROYAL JUBILEE & OLYMPIC TORCH

Consideration was given to the Minutes of the Royal Jubilee Working Party (Report No. 8) together with the recommendations contained therein.

RESOLVED

- (i) that a contribution of £2,500 is made towards the hiring of a large screen TV for the Royal Pump Room Gardens event on Sunday, 3 June 2012;
- (ii) that a contribution of £750 is made towards the cost of a local Community Arts workshop for the production of flags and bunting;
- (iii) that the Town Council investigates, via the company's insurance, the costs of providing Public Liability cover for Community street parties;
- (iv) that contact is made with Age Concern and the local children's centres to establish if events are planned for the elderly and young people during the period of the Royal Jubilee; and
- (v) that enquiries are made with Warwick District Council to establish the suitability of using the beacon at Campion Hills.

52. COMMUNITY GRANT FUND

Consideration was given to a schedule of applications (Report No. 9) for assistance from the Community Grant Fund. The Committee noted that the applications had arisen due to a shortfall in funding awarded at the November meeting, and the sum of £7,561 remained to be disbursed.

Following consideration of the applications, including reference to the application forms, it was **RESOLVED** that the following grants be awarded:

App No.	Applicant	Project Title	Amount Awarded
1	Castel Froma	Electric Hoist Appeal	£1,250
2	Leamington & Warwick Sea Cadets	Boat Shed Renovation	£500
3	Netherfield Association	Theory Practical Community	£1,511
4	Lillington Local History Society	Lillington has a history tool	0
5	Warwickshire Race Equality Partnership (WREP)	BME Healthy Lifestyles Project	0
6	Older People in Action (OCAVA)	Older People in Action presents: Embassy Days & Nights	£700
7	Leamington & Warwick Gymnastics Club (LWGC)	LWGC Fundraising for AirSpring Mat	£900
8	The Friends of Leamington Station	Restoration of Art Deco paneling at Leamington Railway Station	£700
9	Achieving Results in Communities Community Interest Company (ARC CIC)	Tidying up Leamington Community Woodland	0

App. No.	Applicant	Prop. Title	Amount Awarded
10	The Sikh Cultural & Sports Community Centre	Apnee South Asian Advice Service	0
11	Warwickshire Clubs for Young People	Personal Development Residential and Training	£2,000
		TOTAL	£7,561

Note:- In accordance with the National Code of Conduct, Councillor Copping declared a prejudicial interest in application No. 6 above (Older People in Action (WCAVA), by reason of being a Trustee of the Management Board, left the meeting and took no part in the discussion and voting thereon.

53. FAIRTRADE DIRECTORY

The Town Clerk reported that he had received an application from a local volunteer who wished to undertake the task of updating the Fairtrade Directory. This had been undertaken previously by volunteers on which occasion an honorarium of £150 had been awarded.

RESOLVED that, subject to the volunteer completing an interview with the Town Clerk, he is appointed to undertake the task of updating the Fairtrade Directory and that an honorarium of £150 is awarded.

The meeting commenced at 6.30pm and ended at 8.10pm.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ROYAL JUBILEE WORKING GROUP HELD ON 8th MARCH 2012 AT THE TOWN HALL, PARADE, LEAMINGTON SPA

Present: Ann Morrison (Chairman), Bill Gifford, Yvonne Moore and Amanda Stevens

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Sue Ingleby.

5. CHAIRMAN

In the absence of Councillor Ingleby it was

RESOLVED that Councillor Ann Morrison takes the Chair for the meeting.

6. MINUTES

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Meeting held on 15th February 2012 are confirmed and signed as a correct record.

7. OLYMPIC TORCH PREPARATIONS

It was noted that there had been no further meetings of the District Council Task Force since the last Working Group meeting. A schedule of events, presently in draft form, had been circulated and a copy is attached to these Minutes. The Working Group considered that there was sufficient taking place at the event on the Pump Room Gardens that this aspect did not consider further consideration.

With regard to the Town Council participation, it was agreed that the Information stand could include details about the Town Council, community organisations and wider information services such as Visitor material. It was agreed that all Members of the Town Council be invited to submit ideas for display.

RESOLVED

- (i) that the draft schedule of events planned for 1st July, 2012 is noted;
- (ii) that Members of the Town Council are invited to suggest possible items for inclusion in the Information Display to be placed at the event.

8. ROYAL JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

(I) **Community Event – 3rd June, 2012**

The Town Clerk advised that he had spoken recently with the Manager of Leamington BID who had confirmed that arrangements were progressing for the community tea party at Jephson Gardens on 3rd June. Further discussion would take place with the Town Council on the format for the event and preparations such as the acquisition of street dressing to which the Town Council's funding contribution would be used.

(ii) Insurance for Street Parties

Consideration was given to a summary of the provisions relating to the arrangement of Street Parties contained within advice on the Warwick District Council website. It was evident that subject to the observance of certain practical considerations, the District and County Councils would not require organisers of street parties to obtain a formal road closure order. However, all such events taking place in the public highway were advised to be indemnified for public liability in the event of claims for personal injury or damage to property. Quotations available from reputable insurance Companies indicated that the cost of indemnifying the organisers of such events where the maximum number of people attending does not exceed 250 was £106. It was envisaged that many street parties would be for fewer people and as a consequence the insurance premium could be as little as £50 per event.

It was suggested that an appropriate use of the Town Council funding for the Royal Jubilee would be to support local neighbourhood and residents' groups with the cost of public liability insurance. Potentially there was also funding available through the Community Forums.

It was agreed that the availability of this funding should be publicised through the Town and District Council websites and a Press release, possibly initiated by the District Council Press Officer. In addition, the Town Clerk could write to those Resident and Neighbourhood Groups held on the Council database to alert them to the availability of the funding. Town Councillors would be able to publicise the availability of funding through Surgeries.

RESOLVED to Recommend the Cultural and Community Committee

- (i) that applications for financial assistance to meet the cost of public liability insurance for street parties are invited from neighbourhood and resident groups by means of direct correspondence, Members' Surgeries use of Websites and Press Release;
- (ii) that applications are treated on their merits and funding is disbursed until the available funding is exhausted, or the Working Group deems otherwise

(iii) Lighted Beacon – Campion Hills

Following discussion at the last meeting, inquiries made with Warwick District Council indicated that the District Council had no plans to light the brazier located at Campion Hills. This would require a significant amount of preparation and would entail the appointment of stewards and the fencing of the site to ensure public safety. The proprietors of the adjacent Golf Course would also need to be consulted.

The Town Clerk advised that such a venture would require the Council to take put separate insurance and that this would be a very costly exercise.

RESOLVED that no further action is taken in regard to the lighting of a beacon at
Campion Hills.

It was noted that Premier Christian Radio had drawn up a programme to enable the provision of a gas fired beacon on Church towers throughout the Country. The cost of the beacon was £299 and was provided in association with a commercial gas equipment supplier. However the latest date to secure an order in time for the Royal Jubilee was 12th March.

It was agreed that this was of potential interest to some Churches and that details of the scheme therefore are circulated as appropriate.

9. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

RESOLVED that the next Meeting is held on 2nd April, 2012 commencing at 3.00 pm.

APPROVED BLUE PLAQUE CANDIDATES IN ROYAL LEAMINGTON SPA

AMEY, William (5.3.1881-28.5.1940)	VC, MM	Born: Aston, Birmingham Lived: 13 Willes Road, Leamington Spa Died: Warneford Hospital, Leamington Spa Buried: All Saint's Churchyard
BAKER, Thomas (8.10.1808-10.8.1864)	Artist	Born: Harbourne, Birmingham Lived: Bath Cottages (1833-38) 10 Hamilton Terrace (1838-1846) 32 Church Street ((1846-1863) 10 Regent Grove (1863-1864)
BURGESS, John (1813-11.6.1874)	Artist	Born: London Lived: 32 Regent Street (1839-?) 6 Upper Parade Wellington House, Grove Street (?-1874)
CROWLEY, Aleister (12.10.1875-1.12.1947)	Occultist/mountaineer/ Philosopher/writer/mystic	Born : 30 Clarendon Square
LOCKHART, Sam (1851-1933)	Elephant Trainer	Lived : 1 Warwick New Road
SPILSBURY, Sir Bernard (16.5.1877-17.12.1947)	Pathologist	Born: 35 Bath Street Died: London
THOMAS, William (1799-26.12.1860)	Architect	Born: Suffolk Lived: 81 Upper Holly Walk Died: Toronto, Canada
WHITTLE, Sir Frank (1.6.1907-9.8.1996)	Jet engine designer	Born: 72 Newcombe Road, Earlsdon, Cov. Early workshop: Clinton Street Lived: 9 Victoria Street The Gable, Church Street Died: Columbia, Maryland, USA
WICKES, SL Whittington	Illusionist	Born: 65 Avenue Road Died : 80? Radford Road Creative studio: The Cottage, 14 St. Mary's Road
WISDEN, John (5.9.1826-5.4.1884)	Cricketer/almanac compiler	Born: 15 Hampden Place, Brighton Died: 21 Cranbourne Street, Westminster Lived: 2 Abbott Street, Wise Street

LIST OF POSSIBLE PLAQUE CANDIDATES IN ROYAL LEAMINGTON SPA

ALLWOOD, Job (?8.1835-?1903)	Survived Charge of the Light Brigade, Crimea Medal	Born: ? Radford Road Lived: 1 Upper Grove Street Stables, Oakfield House, Binswood Avenue 34 Moreton Street
AUGUSTA, Princess Vic.	Cousin to Queen Victoria	Stayed : 74 Parade
BARRETT, John C.(Col) (10.8.1897-7.3.1977)	VC	Born: Leamington Spa Died: Leicester
BAX, Ernest Belfort (23.7.1854-26.11.1926)	Journalist/philosopher/ Marxist theorist	Born: 27 Clarendon Square Died: 204 Bedford Hill, Balham, London
BISSETT, James	Local note	Lived: 19 Bath Street
BROWNE, William Denis (3.11.1888-7.6.1915)	Composer/critic	Born: Lynwood, (111?) Lillington Road Died: Dardanelles (WWI)
CUNDALL, John (18.5.1830-4.4.1889)	Architect	Born: ?21 Regent Street Lived: Gower House, High Street Died: Gower House, High Street
DICKENSON, William B. (1800-1870)	Surgeon	Born: Hinckley Lived: 5 Lansdowne Circus (1841-1870) Died: 5 Lansdowne Circus
DOORLY, Eleanor (?-1950)	Writer of children's books	Born: Jamaica
DUGGINS, James Edward (1881-1968)	Artist and photographer	Born: ? Cubbington Died: ? Lillington Taught at The Boys' College, Binswood Avenue and The Art School, Leamington Photographic studio : The Grove Studio, 23 (now 36/37) Regent Grove
ENRIGHT, D.J. (11.3.1920-31.12.2002)	Academic/poet/novelist/critic	Born: 29 Camberwell Terrace Lived: 6 Church Terrace (?1923-1933), Prospect Road Died: Trinity Hospice, Clapham, London
FELL, John (?1848-?1926)	Mayor/ builder Built Leamington Town Hall Promoted the Tramway	Born: Leamington Lived: ?26 St. Mary's Crescent Hollyhurst, Holly Walk

GOODFELLOW, Charles A VC (Indian Mutiny) (29.11.1838-1.9.1915)		Born: Essex Lived: Avon View, Warwick New Road Buried: Leamington Spa Cemetry
HARRIS, Mary Dormer Historian (11.8.1867-1936)		Born: Dale House, Stoneleigh Lived: 16 Gaveston Road, Leamington
HAVERGAL, Francis Ridley Hymn Writer (14.12.1836-3.6.1879)		Born: Astley, Worcestershire Lived: 37 Binswood Avenue Died: Wales
HILL, Robin Biochemist (2.4.1899-15.3.1991)		Born: Normanhurst, Warwick New Road Died: Nursing Home, Cambridge
HITCHMAN, John Dr. Doctor/benefactor (?1806-1867)		Lived: ?35 Lansdowne Street ?39 Leam Terrace
HOOPER, Mary Ann Prof of Domestic Economy (1829-1904)		Born: 47 Bath Street Died: ? London
LODGE, Sir Oliver Physicist/writer (12.6.1851-22.8.1940)		Born: Penkhull, Stoke on Trent Died: Lake, Wiltshire Lived: Lillington?
MATTHEWS, Denis Pianist/writer (27.2.1919-25.12.1988)		Born: Coventry Lived: Woodville, Kenilworth Road
MAUDSLEY, Henry E Dam Buster Pilot (21.07.1921- 16.05.1943)		Born Leamington Lived 1 Vicarage Road
MELLERS, Wilfrid Composer, writer (26.4.1914-17.5.2008)		Born: Leamington Spa Died: ?
MULLEY, Fred Politician/Labour cabinet (3.7.1918-15.3.1995) minister		Born: 42 Clemens Street Died: Sheffield
NEWMARCH, Rosa Influential writer on music (18.12.1857- 9.4.1940) Poetess		Born: 29 Lansdowne Place, L/Spa Died: Worthing Lived: 60 South Parade, L/Spa
PAYNE, Jack (John)Wesley Bandleader (22.8.1899-4.12.1969)		Born: 10 Church Street (site of) Died: Tonbridge, Kent
ROBINSON, Henry Peach Photographer (9.7.1830-21.2.1901)		Born: Ludlow, Shropshire Died: Royal Tunbridge Wells, Kent Studio: 15 & 16 Parade (?1855-1864)
SATCHWELL, Ben Postmaster/poet (3.1.1732-1.12.1810) Promoter of the town		Born: ?Cottage corner of New Street, Died: ? “ “

SCHRODINGER, Erwin (12.8.1887-4.1.1961)	Physicist	Born: Vienna Died: Vienna Stayed: 14 Portland Place
SMITH, Evelyn (27.12.1885-22.3.1929)	Writer of children's books	Born: 21 Brunswick Street Died: ? Glasgow
TAUSKY, Vilem CBE (20.7.1910-16.3.2004)	Conductor	Born: Moravia – later Czechoslovakia Died: London Lived: The Parade as part of the Czech Free Army