

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE CULTURAL AND COMMUNITY COMMITTEE HELD
AT THE TOWN HALL ON 13th JUNE 2022**

Present: Councillors David Brunson (Chair), Jennifer McAllister, Amanda Stevens, Judith Clarke, Will Bryce and Louisa Radice

Katherine Geddes (Democratic Support Officer)

1. **APOLOGIES**

There were none.

Councillors Susan Rasmussen and Jade McGhee were absent.

2. **ELECTION OF CHAIR OF THE CULTURAL & COMMUNITY COMMITTEE 2022/23**

Councillor David Brunson was nominated as Chair of the Cultural & Community Committee 2022/23 by Councillor McAllister and seconded by Councillor Stevens.

There were no other nominations and Councillor Brunson was duly elected Chair of the Cultural & Community Committee 2022/23.

3. **ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIR OF THE CULTURAL & COMMUNITY COMMITTEE 2022/23**

Councillor Will Bryce was nominated as Vice Chair of the Cultural & Community Committee 2022/23 by Councillor McAllister and seconded by Councillor Radice.

There were no other nominations and Councillor Bryce was duly elected Vice Chair of the Cultural & Community Committee 2022/23.

4. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor Stevens declared a non-pecuniary interest as the Town Council representative on Leamington International Twinning Society and on Leamington in Bloom. Councillor Stevens also declared a non-pecuniary interest in Community Grant application no. 11 (Lillington Fund Day) as she is involved in the organisation of the event on the day.

Councillor McAllister declared a non-pecuniary interest as the Town Council representative on the Leamington Blue Plaques Group.

All members declared a non-pecuniary interest in Community Grant application no. 11 (Lillington Fund Day) as the applicants are known to them as being members of the Town Council.

5. **PUBLIC FORUM**

There were no representations from Members of the public

6. **TOWN TWINNING MATTERS**

Mrs Margaret Begg presented an Update from LITS:

- The trip to Sceaux from May 6th – 10 went very well and the LITS Committee appreciated the attendance of the Mayor (Cllr Susan Rasmussen). A particular highlight was a trip to see the large memorial installed by the river which commemorates three thousand British soldiers preventing German troops from reaching Paris during the First World War. The memorial includes display boards with information and background for visitors.
- A delegation from Bruhl will be visiting Leamington Spa from October 8th – 12th. Members are welcome to attend all the social events to be held during their visit and hosts are currently being sought for the visitors. Members were asked to consider being hosts if they felt they could. October 9th/10th/11th would be spent with the German guests. The visit would include a formal dinner to be held at Warwick School as usual to which the Mayor would be invited.
- Mrs Begg reiterated the idea of naming/renaming a street or area in Leamington Spa after Sceaux (and/or Bruhl) as they have done in Sceaux for Leamington Spa. The new proposed bridge connecting Spencer Yard to the Pump Rooms was suggested as a possibility – this to be put forward to the Transformation Board for consideration.
- Mrs Begg asked if members could think of potential venues for the farewell for the Bruhl visit on October 11th. Possibilities put forward included the Gurdwara, St John the Baptist Church or Holy Trinity Church.

RESOLVED that the Update is received and noted.

Margaret Begg was thanked for her attendance and left the meeting at 6:17pm.

7. **MINUTES**

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Cultural and Community Committee held on 4th April 2022 are confirmed and signed as a correct record.

8. **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

- **Town Council Community Grant Fund ‘How To’ Workshop** was held on Saturday 23rd April at the SYDNI Centre between 10:00 and 11:30am.

14 people attended and it was an informal and relaxed session with lots of chances for people to ask questions. Each attendee was given an info pack on arrival which was then worked through during the session, and useful ‘How To’ notes as guidance on completing the application form. The session also included how to set up a new constituted group, how to access the right community bank account and completion and submission of the monitoring form.

The workshop was successful and it is intended to become an annual occurrence at different venues around town.

- **Monitoring Forms**

The form has been updated with the changes as agreed and is now available on the Town Council website as are the notes from the workshop.

9. **COMMUNITY GRANTS**

The committee considered the community grant applications received. Cllr Stevens did not participate in the discussion on the application for Lillington Fun Day.

No.	Applicant	Project	Amount Requested	Amount Awarded
1	Warwickshire Vision Support	Weekly vision support centre and fortnightly social club for blind and partially sighted people - contribution to staff costs	£1500	£1500
2	Leamington Cricket Club	Refurb of cricket training nets	£750	£750
3	Brunswick Hub	Long Covid support group - contribution to staff costs	£1571.94	Further info required
4	Myton Hospice	Myton at Home x 18 visits (Leamington Spa)	£1908	£1908
5	PBC Foundation	Funding for 26 copies of PBC Foundation Magazine for sufferers of PBC in Leamington	£499.20	£499.20
6	Age UK Coventry & Warwickshire	Paintings Plantation - outdoor eco activity centre restoration	£1600	£1600
7	All Saints Church - Xmas Tree Festival	Leamington Spa Xmas Tree Festival: Schools Project	£2000	£1600
8	In The Moment	Musical Exchanges - support for performances/workshops as part of Culturefest	£2000	Further info required
9	Old Milverton Horticultural Show	Contribution to cost of storage container	£2000	£1000
10	Myton Church - Westbury	Improvement of storage space for community groups using the centre	£1981.39	Could not proceed

	Community Centre			
11	Lillington Fun Day	Hiring of equipment for Lillington Community Fun Day	£2000	£2000
12	Arts Trail	Support for preparation and delivery of exhibition in conjunction with Leam History Group re "Commonwealth Trail", tying in with Commonwealth Games 2022	£1600	£1080
			TOTAL	£11,937.20

The Democratic Support Officer to request additional information for applications 3 and 8, and to contact the applicant for application 10 to explain why the application could not proceed. Once answers are received for applications 3 and 8, these to be shared with members and a decision made unanimously or by majority as to whether the answers supplied are satisfactory and whether, as a result, those grants are to be made.

10. **BLUE PLAQUES GROUP UPDATE**

The committee considered the update report in relation to Blue Plaques.

- Current Plaques ongoing are for William Heynes, Christopher & Janey Ironside and the Camouflage Unit. The Jaguar Daimler Heritage Trust have offered to cover the costs of the William Heynes plaque as it is 100 years since he joined the company. A Listed Building Consent application will be submitted for the Ironsides plaque as the property in question is Grade 2 listed. Warwick District Council and Complex Development Projects to be asked if they would support the erection of the Special Interest Plaque for the Camouflage Unit on the Old Dole Office in Spencer Yard as no response has been forthcoming from the owners of the Regent Hotel on the Parade for six months now.
- Plaques under consideration for 2023/24 are for Nelly Thornton, Sir John Hicks and Donald Healey.
- New and update Blue Plaques Walks leaflets have been printed and are now available via the Town Hall, the Tourist Information Centre at the Pump Rooms and the Town Council website.

11. **LEAMINGTON IN BLOOM UPDATE**

The Committee noted the written report provided.

Ongoing projects:

- Trees of Jephson Gardens leaflet – draft is with Sidney Syson for final updates and corrections.

- Heart of England in Bloom judges' visit – due on Wednesday 13th July. Three-hour visit including Town Hall, The Holt park, Newbold Comyn, Eagle Recreation Ground, Shrubland St Primary School, Brunswick Hub, St Mary's allotments and Jephson Gardens, concluding with a lunch in The Glasshouse restaurant, courtesy of the operators.
- Floral Trains – to be delivered on 1st July, planted up on 4th July and put in situ outside the Glasshouse in Jephson Gardens and in the garden at the railway station on 5th July. Official launch with the Mayor and Chiltern Rail on 8th July.
- Green Grants – three grants of £200 each available for schools and for green groups. Closing date is 17th June. Four completed applications received to date – 3 community, 1 school.
- Art in the Park/Ecofest – stalls booked at both events. Payments, risk assessments and intended activities sent through. Need to fill shifts for all three days (13th and 14th August, 3rd Sept)

12. **STREET TREES UPDATE**

WCC Forestry have confirmed that the recent list of works and information sent through to members on 20th May is the most up to date list. The trees list for 2022/23 is being compiled and completed now. Any works not completed and possible to do will be rolled forward to the new list.

The DSO will chase for the new list and forward to members when it is received.

The meeting commenced at 6.00 pm and ended at 7:52pm.

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