

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE CULTURAL AND COMMUNITY COMMITTEE HELD ON 28<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY, 2019 AT THE TOWN HALL, PARADE, LEAMINGTON SPA**

Present: Councillors Judith Clarke (Chair), Sarah Boad (substituting for Cllr Kenyon-Brown), Caroline Evetts, Heather Calver, Mota Singh and Amanda Stevens.

In attendance: Margaret Begg and Sue Staddon (Leamington International Twinning Society).

**44. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Tom Kenyon Brown, Jojo Norris and Andrew Thompson.

**45. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest at this time.

**46. PUBLIC FORUM**

There were no representations from Members of the Public.

**47. TOWN TWINNING MATTERS**

Margaret Begg reminded the Committee that the Members of LITS were taking part in a twinning visit to Bruhl over the period 13<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> April and arrangements had now been finalised with the cost being £240 per head. The Deputy Mayor, Councillor Barker, had agreed to join the party.

A draft of the programme for the visit of the Twinning Society from Sceaux over the period 18<sup>th</sup> -22<sup>nd</sup> October was circulated comprising:-

18th OCT	Arrival of group from Sceaux Reception in RLS Town Hall
19th OCT	am Ceremony of Renewal of Charter RLS Town Hall (?) Lunch pm Visit to Warwick castle Evening with hosts
20th OCT	Free with hosts Evening Civic dinner, Warwick School Firework display
21st OCT	Visit to Coventry (Herbert Gallery?) Lunch Coventry Cathedral Social evening / buffet

The Civic Dinner on the evening of the 20<sup>th</sup> October was suggested as a possible occasion for a firework display. This additional element was not covered by the Town Council grant to LITS. The representatives were advised to apply for a Community

Grant toward the cost of this element of the evening. With regard to the renewal of the Charter at the Town Hall on 19<sup>th</sup> October, the Town Clerk advised that the accommodation needed to be reserved as soon as possible, given the demands for letting of the building.

There being no further business the Chairman thanked Margaret and Sue for their attendance.

**RESOLVED** that the Report is noted and that preparatory arrangements are made for the events at the Town Hall on 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> October 2019.

**48. MINUTES**

Consideration was given to the Minutes of the Meeting of the Cultural and Community Committee held on 17<sup>TH</sup> January, 2019

**RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Cultural and Community Committee, held on 17<sup>th</sup> January, 2019, are confirmed and signed as a correct record.

**49. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

i) TREE PLANTING AND RENEWAL

Consideration was given to the schedule of locations for new trees to be planted in Leamington spa in 2019 as part of the agreement with Warwickshire County Council, Forestry Department.

The Town Clerk reminded the Committee that the budget for the year was £6,000 and that the schedule contained sites that had been identified by Councillors and local residents. In addition there were a number of sites where the Forestry Team had identified the need for a tree and these were separately identified in the schedule. A request by Cllr Morrison for some trees along Brunswick Street, near Masters Road, was under investigation by the Forestry Team and would be implemented where possible.

Councillor Stevens referred to an earlier request for a tree outside a property on Montrose Avenue which was not included within the schedule.

**RESOLVED** that the schedule, as submitted, is approved as part of the re-planting programme for 2019, with the addition of trees at Montrose Avenue and Brunswick Street, if practicable and funding permits.

**50. BLUE PLAQUE SCHEME**

The Blue Plaque Group had met on 19<sup>th</sup> February and considered possible plaques at 12 Willes Road to William Gascoyne and a location on Parade to Rosa Newmarch. Further investigation was needed to establish if the Newmarch plaque was viable. Consideration was also being given to a plaque to Mr Toby Cave at 24 Portland Street and Mayor Harry Gem and J.B. Perera, the founders of modern lawn tennis.

**RESOLVED** that the Report is received.

**51. LEAMINGTON IN BLOOM**

The Town Clerk reported that the Leamington in Bloom group was now working on preparations for the tour of the Town by the Heart of England Judges in July as part of this year's competition. The Group continued to publicise for more volunteers to ensure that the Town's entry in the HEIB Competition was maintained at the same high standards. Members of the Committee who were not seeking re-election as Councillors were invited to consider volunteering.

The Town Clerk also reported that some minor damage had been occasioned to the ornamental planters outside the Town Hall. This would be repaired before the visit of the judging panel.

**RESOLVED** that the Repot is received.

The meeting commenced at 6.00 pm and ended at 7:55 pm.

