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29<sup>th</sup> September 2020

Dear Councillor,

You are summoned to a meeting of the Cultural and Community Committee to be held on **MONDAY 5<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2020, commencing at 6.00 pm.**

**This meeting will be held remotely and can be joined as follows:-**

**Join Zoom Meeting**

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**Meeting ID:** 898 8068 8267

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The business will be as set out below.

Yours faithfully,

**CLERK TO THE TOWN COUNCIL**

To:- Councillors Julija Boulton, David Brunson, Will Bryce, Judith Clarke, Amy Evans, Jennifer McAllister, Louisa Radice and Amanda Stevens.

Ms Karen MacQueen (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 any items identified for discussion at the Meeting.

3. PUBLIC FORUM  
To receive representations from Members of the public in accordance with Council Standing Orders.
4. TOWN TWINNING MATTERS  
To consider matters relating to twinning activity.
5. MINUTES  
To approve and sign as a correct record the Minutes of the Meeting of the Cultural and Community Committee held on 13<sup>th</sup> July 2020 (Report No.5).
6. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES
  - (i) To note the progress of Leamington History Group's next stage of its "People & Places" project (a further film which will explore the development of Leamington Spa after the wane of its popularity as a Spa Town)
7. COMMUNITY GRANTS  
To consider a schedule of applications for assistance from the Community Grant Fund. Schedule of applications (report 7) herewith.
8. LEAMINGTON IN BLOOM  
To receive a verbal update on Leamington in Bloom activities since 13<sup>th</sup> July 2020.

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE CULTURAL AND COMMUNITY COMMITTEE HELD ON 13<sup>th</sup> JULY 2020**

The meeting was held remotely in accordance with the Coronavirus Act 2020.

Present: Councillors, David Brunson, Will Bryce, Judith Clarke, Amy Evans, Jennifer McAllister, Louisa Radice and Amanda Stevens.

Also present: Councillor Nick Wilkins and Ms Karen MacQueen (Leamington International Twinning Society)

10. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Navdeep Atwal and Julija Boulton and Karen McQueen (Leamington International Twinning Society).

11. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor Amanda Stevens declared a non pecuniary interest in Leamington Guild of Guides (Agenda item 7)

12. **PUBLIC FORUM**

There were no representations from Members of the public

13. **TOWN TWINNING MATTERS**

The Committee noted that there were no matters for report since the last meeting.

14. **MINUTES**

**RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Cultural and Community Committee held on 15<sup>th</sup> June, 2020, are confirmed and signed as a correct record.

15. **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

(i) **COUNCIL OBJECTIVES (Minute 8)**

Consideration was given to a schedule of Town Council Objectives relevant to this Committee. (Report No 6 herewith). The Report had been supplemented with comments by Councillor Brunson.

During discussion, the following observations were made with regard to the key objectives:-

***Develop collaborative working arrangements with Warwickshire County Council (WCC) and Warwick District Council (WDC), especially in relation to Town Centre development and planning in particularly deprived neighbourhoods.***

It was acknowledged that developing collaborative arrangements with other partner authorities was challenging. This could perhaps be given added focus by listing the

key Officers and contact points in relation to the activities that form part of the Committee's work programme.

In terms of targeting open space grant assistance to those areas supported by voluntary Groups, it was suggested that the venues supported with financial assistance should be considered for inclusion in the judging itinerary the year following the grant award.

***Promote the Rich Culture of Royal Leamington Spa***

It was recognised that the Community Grant budget provided assistance across a variety of sectors but there had been little analysis of the distribution of funding between the arts and music organisations. It was agreed that a report detailing allocations of funding over the last 3 years is made to a future meeting of the Committee.

The hosting of the Commonwealth Games Bowls Tournament at Leamington in 2022 was an opportunity to promote the Town more widely, including the history of Leamington, though it was not evident to what extent the Town Council could add value to this process. It was suggested dialogue with South Warwickshire Tourism was necessary to progress this further. Councillor Evans agreed to raise the matter with the Portfolio holder at Warwick District Council.

With regard to the objective of restoring the 'Lights of Leamington' project to coincide with the City of Culture celebrations on a one-off basis, it was agreed that this represented a very significant project which was likely to be beyond the financial capacity of the Town Council and the District Council in the current financial crisis. It was suggested that a more modest proposal incorporating some additional illuminations at street level could be considered.

***Promote equality for all, and particularly in the more socially deprived area in the Town***

The objective of promoting and encouraging community involvement in the cultural diversity of the town was partly achieved through the Council supporting projects with funding through the Community Grant Fund. However it was recognised that this was often the limit of the Council's involvement and that more work would need to be undertaken if a more expansive role, as envisaged by engaging with third sector, was to be achieved by April 2021.

***Promote equality for all, and particularly in the more socially deprived area in the Town***

It was noted that an action established for this objective was to investigate hosting a Community Fair for community and voluntary groups as a means of co-ordinating advice to residents. It was accepted that this need collaboration across the sectors, particularly with Warwick District Council and that any physical gathering would now be difficult as a result of Covid-19 restrictions.

### ***Improve the Environment.***

The Committee noted the success of the tree planting programme and welcomed opportunities to obtain feedback from Officers of the Forestry team on the outcomes achieved with the Council's funding. It was agreed that this should be a regular occurrence at least once a year.

#### **RESOLVED**

- (i) that the Objectives and actions are revised in accordance with the Committee's observations;
- (ii) that the Policy and Resources Committee is asked to reconsider the viability of the "Lights of Leamington" project to coincide with the City of Culture celebrations on a one-off basis;
- (iii) a further progress report is made to the Meeting of this Committee in October.

#### 16. **LEAMINGTON HISTORY GROUP - LEAMINGTON PEOPLE AND PLACES PROJECT**

The Leamington History Group had requested that the Committee consider reallocating the budget set aside for Guided Walks programme (£500) for the next stage of its People and Places Project. A copy of the project proposal is attached (Report No.7) is attached to these Minutes and was considered.

It was noted that the Guided Walks programme for 2020 had been cancelled due to the Coronavirus crisis. Members had viewed the first film "Birth of a Spa Town" that was now available of the History Groups website and Facebook account. It was intended that a further film would be made that explored the development of Leamington after the wane of its popularity as a Spa Town.

The Committee welcomed the project and complimented the History Group on its imaginative response to the difficulties presented by the current limitations imposed on public events and gatherings.

#### **RESOLVED**

- (I) that the grant allocated to the Leamington History Group in the sum of £500 for the Guided Walk Programme is redirected to assist with the cost of the People and Places Project; and
- (II) the Leamington History Group is advised that it is welcome to bid for additional financial support to the Community Grant Fund for the remainder of the project.

#### 17. **LEAMINGTON IN BLOOM**

Consideration was given to a report (Report No.8) regarding activities currently being implemented for Leamington in Bloom in 2020.

The Committee was reminded that due to the Covid -19 emergency, the Heart of England in Bloom Competition had been abandoned in 2020. However the

Leamington in Bloom Group had continued to undertake local activities including the floral trains (planted by volunteers), the Photographic and Painting Competitions and the awards to Shops, public houses and restaurants.

The Committee expressed its thanks to the Leamington in Bloom Group for its continued enthusiasm and hard working in difficult circumstances.

The meeting commenced at 6.00 pm and ended at 7.52 pm.

Community Grants - August 2020

No.	Applicant	Project	Amount Requested	Previous Awards (since 2015)	Cheque Number	Amount Awarded
1	Air Ambulance	Funding for one mission - restricted funding for Leamington Spa	£1,700.00	£1700 - Oct 2015, £2000 - Sept 2019		
2	Bach Choir	Redesign and reimplementation of website	£2,000.00	£1400 - Sept 2019		
3	Central England Lipreading Trust (CELSST)	Two ten week lipreading courses at Brunswick Hub	£2,000.00	£1000 - May 2018, £2000 May 2019		
4	Myton Hospice	18 Myton at Home visits	£1,908.00	£1552 - Feb 2016, £1000 - Feb 2017, £1840 - Jan 2018, £1000 - Jan 2019		
5	Marie Curie Nursing Service	3 nights of care and support	£540.00	None		
6	Time 4 Hope	Peer group support for 5 sessions and 1:1 counselling for 6 weekly sessions, via Microsoft Teams. For families with complex disabilities.	£2,000.00	£2000 - Jan 2018, £2000 - May 2019		
7	St John the Baptist Church	SJB Youth & Community Garden	£2,000.00	None		
8	RLS Archery Society	Generator, storage and installation	£2,000.00	£2000 - Feb 2016		
9	Friends of Leamington Station	Repaint running-in boards, rebuild compost bins	£1,150.00	£1300 - Sept 2018		
10	NW Active Community Foundation CIC	Art and yoga sessions for young people with mental health and anxiety issues	£1,100.00	None		
11	Age UK - Painting's Plantation (Campion School Nature Reserve)	Path extension	£2,000.00	£2000 - Feb 2015, £951 - Jan 2018, £808 - Jan 2019		
12	Arts Uplift CIC	Covid 19 Recovery Arts Programme for ex-offenders on probation	£2,000.00	None		
13	Castel Froma Neuro Care	Keep Connected - purchase of 5 l pads for residents	£1,745.00	£2000 - Jan 2018		
14	Leamington History Group	Creation of Spa Town video	£1,000.00	None		
15	Saturday Friendship Group - St Peter Apostle	Continued support of the Way Ahead project	£2,000.00	£2000 - Oct 2015, £2000 - Sept 2016, £2000 - Sept 2017, £2000 - Sept 2018, £2000 - Sept 2019		
		<b>Total of applications this time</b>	<b>£25,143.00</b>	<b>Total awarded this time</b>		
		Total awarded for year to date	<b>£10,731</b>	Total of Grants previously awarded	<b>£10,731</b>	
		Budget	<b>£55,000.00</b>	Total awarded to date	<b>£10,731</b>	

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No	Applicant	Project	Amount Requested	Previous Awards (since 2015)	Cheque Number	Amount Awarded
		Remaining Budget	£44,269.00	Total Fund now available	£44269	



Report no. 7	Applicant Evaluation (Maximum points)	Air Ambulance	Bach Choir	CELST	Myton Hospice	Marie Curie Nursing Service	SJB Youth & Community Garden	RLS Archery Society	Friends of the Railway Station	NW Active Community Foundation
<b>Criterion</b>										
<b>Funding Priorities</b>	<b>60 (up to five points for each category)</b>									
<b>Projects that will contribute to one or more of the following funding priorities:</b>										
Dealing with loneliness and isolation	0	4	5	5	5	3	0	4		
Promoting Health & Wellbeing	5	4	5	5	5	3	4	0	4	
Addressing skilling and unemployment	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	0
Providing positive activities for young people	0	0	0	0	0	5	2	0	0	5
Promoting community spirit	3	4	0	0	0	3	1	3	0	0
Enhancing the natural or built environment	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	4		
Supporting Music and the Arts	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Managing Climate Change and the environment	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	4		
<b>Partnership Working</b>										
Projects that work effectively with other organisations	5	2	1	4	4	3	1	4	3	
<b>Quality</b>										
Projects that are well thought out, with clear objectives, timescales, budget and demonstrate value for money	5	5	5	5	5	5	0	4	4	
<b>Reducing Inequalities</b>										
Projects that will benefit a local community or group of people experiencing specific disadvantage or exclusion from mainstream activities	0	2	5	5	5	3	0	0	4	
<b>Legacy</b>										
Projects that will create lasting benefits beyond the end of the funding	3	4	5	4	4	4	4	4	3	
<b>Total Points</b>		<b>21</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>27</b>

Criterion	Applicant Evaluation (Maximum points)	Age UK - Painting's Plantation	Arts Uplift CIC	Castel Froma	Learn History Group	Saturday Friendship Group							
Funding Priorities	60 (up to five points for each category)												
<b>Projects that will contribute to one or more of the following funding priorities:</b>													
Dealing with loneliness and isolation		5	3	5	4	5							
Promoting Health & Wellbeing		5	4	5	0	4							
Addressing skilling and unemployment		3	2	0	2	0							
Providing positive activities for young people		3	0	3	4	4							
Promoting community spirit		4	0	0	2	0							
Enhancing the natural or built environment		0	1	0	3	0							
Supporting Music and the Arts		3	0	0	0	0							
Managing Climate Change and the environment													
<b>Partnership Working</b>		5	5	5	5	5							
Projects that work effectively with other organisations													
<b>Quality</b>		5	5	5	5	5							
Projects that are well thought out, with clear objectives, timescales, budget and demonstrate value for money													
<b>Reducing Inequalities</b>		5	5	5	2	5							
Projects that will benefit a local community or group of people experiencing specific disadvantage or exclusion from mainstream activities													
<b>Legacy</b>		5	5	5	5	5							

Community Grant Applications - August/September 2020

Projects that will create lasting benefits beyond the end of the funding			46									
<b>Total Points</b>			34	33	34	35						

