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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 **TUESDAY 8TH JANUARY 2013 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)

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. **TOWN TWINNING MATTERS**
 - (i) **Joint Conference Proposal**
To consider the attached Report (Report No.4)
 - (ii) **Other Twinning matters**
Members of Leamington Twinning Society are in attendance for these items.

5. MINUTES

To approve and sign as a correct record the Minutes of the Meeting of the Cultural and Community Committee held on 15th November 2012 (Report No. 5)

6. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

(i) Christchurch Gardens

Town Clerk to report orally on the recent planting project at Christchurch Gardens.

(ii) Trees

To consider the response of the District Council Green Space Manager concerning possible tree planting at Villiers Street.

7. ERECTION OF AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR TO EXTERNAL WALL OF TOWN HALL

Town Clerk to report orally on application for Listed Building Consent

8. COMMUNITY GRANT FUND

To note arrangements for the submission of applications for the remaining funding within the Community Grant Fund for 2012/13.

**REPORT TO A MEETING OF THE CULTURAL AND COMMUNITY COMMITTEE HELD ON
8TH JANUARY 2013**

TOWN TWINNING CONFERENCES

1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

To update the Committee on progress in relation to the proposed series of twinning Conferences, currently subject to a funding bid to the European Union.

2. INTRODUCTION

2.1 The Committee will recall that, in April, 2012, it considered a proposal submitted by the Bruhl Twinning Society to host a series of Conferences over the period 2013-2014 involving each of the Towns with which Bruhl is presently "twinned". Thus Conferences are intended to take place at Bruhl (Germany), Sceaux (France), Royal Leamington Spa and Kunice (Poland). Some of these conferences will be associated with the usual Twinning exchanges scheduled to take place between the Towns.

2.2 The Programme is based upon a bid to the European Union for funding from the Europe for Citizens Programme. A bid for the project maximum of 150,000 Euro has been submitted. At a time when the European Union faces particular challenges due to the economic crisis and the uncertainties around the continued participation of some Member States, the Commission is promoting opportunities to help engage citizens in becoming more actively involved in activities which foster integration and a better understanding of the European identity.

2.3 The Town Council subsequently approved participation in this proposal on the following basis:-

(i) that Royal Leamington Spa supports the bid for European Union Funding for a series of Twinning Conferences at Sceaux, Bruhl, Leamington Spa and Kunice during 2013 and 2014;

(ii) the role of the Town Council in terms of organising and funding the Conference to take place at Leamington Spa is clarified and an estimate of the cost to this Council obtained at the earliest opportunity.

2.4 The Cultural and Community subsequently appointed a Working Group to consider the implications of the project, specifically the extent to which it could generate interest within the wider Community in terms of participation at Conferences, particularly those held overseas.

2.5 The programme of Conferences envisaged the following itinerary:-

Location	Dates
Bruhl	31 st January – 4 th February 2013
Sceaux	30 th May – 3 rd June 2013
Kunice	23 rd -26 th August 2013
Bruhl	30 th September-7 th October 2013 (40 th Anniversary of Twinning with Leamington Spa)
Bruhl	6 th -9 th June 2014
Leamington Spa	4 th -8 th September 2014

3. **EUROPEAN FUNDING BID**

- 3.1 The Funding Bid has now been assessed by the European Union and is not among the 21 successful bids. It should be noted that there were 140 applicants for funding from this programme. At present the reasons for the rejection of the bid are not clear. Bruhl Twinning Association has been advised that a revised bid will be entertained provided it is submitted before the new closing date of 1st February 2013.
- 3.2 In anticipation of a successful funding bid, an initial budget estimate was made of £10,000 to meet the Council's costs of travel to Bruhl, Sceaux and Kunice. This was calculated on the basis of £3,000 per conference for coach hire.
- 3.3 The Committee will be aware that all local authorities are presently under pressure to maintain minimal increases in Council Tax. It appears that this Council will be expected to increase its budget by no more than 2% in 2013/14 therefore there is very little scope for new budgetary items which add significantly to the rise in the proportion of Council Tax paid to this Council.
- 3.4 Whilst it is difficult to be prescriptive on the outcome of the revised funding bid, it is evident that a decision will not be announced before early June 2013. Even if the revised bid to the EU is successful, it is improbable that more than two Conferences will now take place during the financial year 2013/14 (see table above). The Committee may therefore wish to consider the extent of funding that it considers appropriate to support this initiative in the year ahead, assuming that ultimately the programme progresses as originally envisaged. It is suggested that in view of the planned celebration of the 40th Anniversary of the twinning of Bruhl and Leamington Spa in October 2013, a budget of £3,000 is set aside as a prudent provision.
- 3.5 It will be recalled that the Working Group also agreed to establish which organisations within the Community were potentially interested in attending these Conferences. A schedule indicating responses received to a general invitation are enclosed at Appendix 1 for the Committee's information.

4. **CONCLUSIONS**

- 4.1 The proposal to implement a series of partnership building Conferences at each of the four partner Towns has been rejected initially by the European Union and a decision on the revised submission to be made by Bruhl is awaited.
- 4.2 It appears that should the revised bid for funding be successful, only two of the Conferences and partnership meetings planned for 2013/14 will take place. Should the revised bid be unsuccessful it would be unlikely that the programme will proceed.
- 4.3 A revised budget estimate is to be put before the Council meeting on 14th January of £3,000 to assist with the cost of attending the 40th Anniversary celebrations at Bruhl in early October. Should the Committee wish to increase this sum it will need to justify the additional expenditure to the Council.
- 4.4 Should there be a successful outcome to the funding bid, work will need to commence on planning a response to the respective Conference themes and engagement with the business, social and cultural groups that have responded favourably to the initial invitation.

Town Twinning Conferences Proposal			No response (to date)		
Business/Social/Cultural					
Name	Organisation	Response			
Dr S. J. Librowski, Chair	Leamington Polish Catholic Mission	Mr Krzysztof Arkuszynski nominated to attend Conferences	Inner Wheel Fellowship Club		
David Swain	RLS Rotary Club	Available to attend Conference as rep of Rotary Club			
Bo Davies	Sambassadors of Groove	Very interested in proposal as builds on existing links with Sambassarium (Bruhl)	Leamington Darts League,		
Jonathan Meredith	RLS Chamber of Trade	To be considered at next Chamber Meeting	Leamington District Scouts		
Malcolm Rowson	Warwickshire Symphony Orchestra	I am keen to take part but am particularly interested in the visit to Paris rather than Bruhl as the Warwickshire Symphony Orchestra [WSO] has recent twinning arrangements there already with Villebon, the Whitnash twin town. Our type of event which usually involves choirs would be suitable for combined twin towns, reasonably close to one another, such as Sceaux & Villebon.	Leamington Division Guide Association		
er Williams	University of 3rd Age	Supportive of the Conference proposal and will provide a delegate to Conference scheduled for Feb 2013. Would be able to nominate delegates for other conferences too	Leamington Rugby Union Football Club		
Juliet Carter	Transition Town Leamington	Interested to know more and possibly attend a Conference	Leamington Spa Opera Group,		
Chris Gabbett	Principal, Trinity School	Would like to involve School in Conferences in order to build upon existing links through the language studies Dept. Interested too receive further updates	Leamington Spa South Townswomen's Guild		
Martin Key, Chairman	Leamington & Warwick Musical Society	Many years associated with the Pingsdorf Choir in Bruhl but in recent years this seems to have cooled off somewhat. I would say that as a Society we would be interested in any Conferences that may be held and I will certainly discuss this with my committee at our September meeting	RNA Male Voice Choir		
Avril James	Leamington & Warwick Sea Cadets	Interested in principle of exchanges - subject to receiving more detail	Rotary Club of Leamington Spa (Regency),		
			Royal Leamington Spa Bach Choir		
			Royal Leamington Spa Probus		
			Warwick & Kenilworth Choral Society		
			Warwick University Students Union		
			Campion School		
			Myton School		
			North Leamington School		
			Warwickshire College		



**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE CULTURAL AND COMMUNITY COMMITTEE
HELD ON 15th NOVEMBER 2012 AT THE TOWN HALL LEAMINGTON SPA**

Present: Councillors Judith Clarke (Chairman), Roger Copping, Gurpreet Dulay, Sue Ingleby, Simon Lytton, Yvonne Moore, Mota Singh and Amanda Stevens.

There were no members of the public in attendance.

36. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

In accordance with the Council's Code of Conduct, declarations of interest were made in relation to applications for Community Grants by Councillors Dulay, Lytton, Moore and Singh and action taken as appropriate (see Minute 39 below).

37. MINUTES

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

38. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

(i) Town Twinning

Councillors Dulay and Lytton confirmed that the possible participation of Champion School and Lillington Primary Schools had been raised with their respective Governing bodies and a response would be reported in due course.

(ii) Christchurch Gardens

The Town Clerk reported that a list of potential partners to assist with the community planting scheme had been passed to the District Council and it was intended to commence this work in the next few weeks.

RESOLVED that a report on the outcome of the first phase of planting is made to the next meeting.

(iii) Tree Planting

The Town Clerk reported that all the sites approved for re-planting had now been inspected by the Green Space Manager of Warwick District Council. Of the 27 trees suggested by the Committee, 4 locations were considered unacceptable for the following reasons:-

Baker Avenue – beneath an overhead telephone line

Central Avenue – proposed location close to underground services

Crown Way Shops – there is an existing tree near this location

Cloister Crofts – o/s No 35 – insufficient space to accommodate another tree.

It was confirmed that 22 trees would now be planted with 8 being funded by Warwick District Council or the Highway Authority. The cost to the Town Council budget was therefore £2600. It was agreed that there was no need for a sites inspection. The earlier suggestion of possible tree planting at Villiers Street remained an additional option which would be raised with the District Council again.

RESOLVED that the Report is noted and the District Council instructed to proceed with replanting of trees at the approved locations, subject to further investigation of the option of additional planting at Villiers Street.

39. **COMMUNITY GRANT FUNDING**

Consideration was given to a Report (Report No. 6) containing details of applications for financial assistance from the Community Grant Fund and a scoring matrix. The Town Clerk confirmed that a file containing background papers to all the applications had been made available for inspection by Members of the Committee several weeks prior to the meeting and that all Members had taken the opportunity to read them.

Following consideration of the applications and additional information reported by the Town Clerk it was

RESOLVED that under Sections 137 and 139 of the Local Government Act 1972, being expenditure that is in the interests of the area and its inhabitants that will benefit them in a manner commensurate with the expenditure, the following grants are awarded:

Organisation	Project Title	Amount Awarded
St Mary's Allotments Association	Bringing Us Together	£2,000
Shree Krishna Community Centre	Diwali Celebrations	£1,000
Sikh Cultural & Sports Community Centre	Refurbishment of 2 halls in community centre	£2,000
Children's Safety Education Foundation	Junior Citizens	£0
GALS	Equipment for GALS	£200
Leamington & Warwick Sea Cadets	Boating facility for 2013-14	£1,500
Fallow Hill Residents Association	Old Age Pensioners Christmas Party	£350
Push Projects	Push Projects Support	£1,000
New Hope Counselling	New Prospects	£1,600

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Warwickshire Association for the Blind	Leamington Drop In Centre	£1,950
Krishna Temple	Youth Art & Cultural Show	£0
BABPA	Diwali Lights Switch-on	£1,000
WAYC	Mentoring	£1,920
Action 21 (2010) Ltd	Training opportunities in traditional skills	£1,800
Cruse Bereavement Care	Counselling	£2,000
Leamington & District Table Tennis	Refurbishment of the Associations HQ at Lewis Road, Radford Semele	£2,000
Way Ahead Support Services	Streets Ahead	£1,000
Friends of the Dell	Annual Community Party	£500
Friends of Leamington Station	Planters at Leamington Station	£400
ARC CIC	Creating a pond in foundry wood, Princes Drive	£0
St Mary's Church	Pathway Project	£1,250
St Peter Apostle RC Church	Saturday Friendship Group	£2,000
Leamington History Group	Leamington Discovered	£0
1 st Sydenham Scouts	1 st Sydenham Scouts Group	£1,000
WREP	BME Healthy Lifestyles Project	£1,000
Heritage Matters	Leamington Looks Back 2013	£0
The Sydni Centre	Festival of Light	£2,000
Lillington Local History Society	Lillington History on Line	£0
The Gilbert Scott Trust	The Gilbert Scott Trust Concert Series 2013	£1,250
African Caribbean Project	Community Support	£0
The Chain Lillington Ltd	Leamington Town Breastfeeding Supporters Training Project	£2,000
Elderly Men's Group	Community Diwali Celebrations	£0
South Warwickshire Local Foods CIC	Fresh food Co-ops	£1,000
Bath Place Community Venture	Re-instatement of Community Café	£1,750

A Better Champion Eco Group	Drama and PE Entrance	£0
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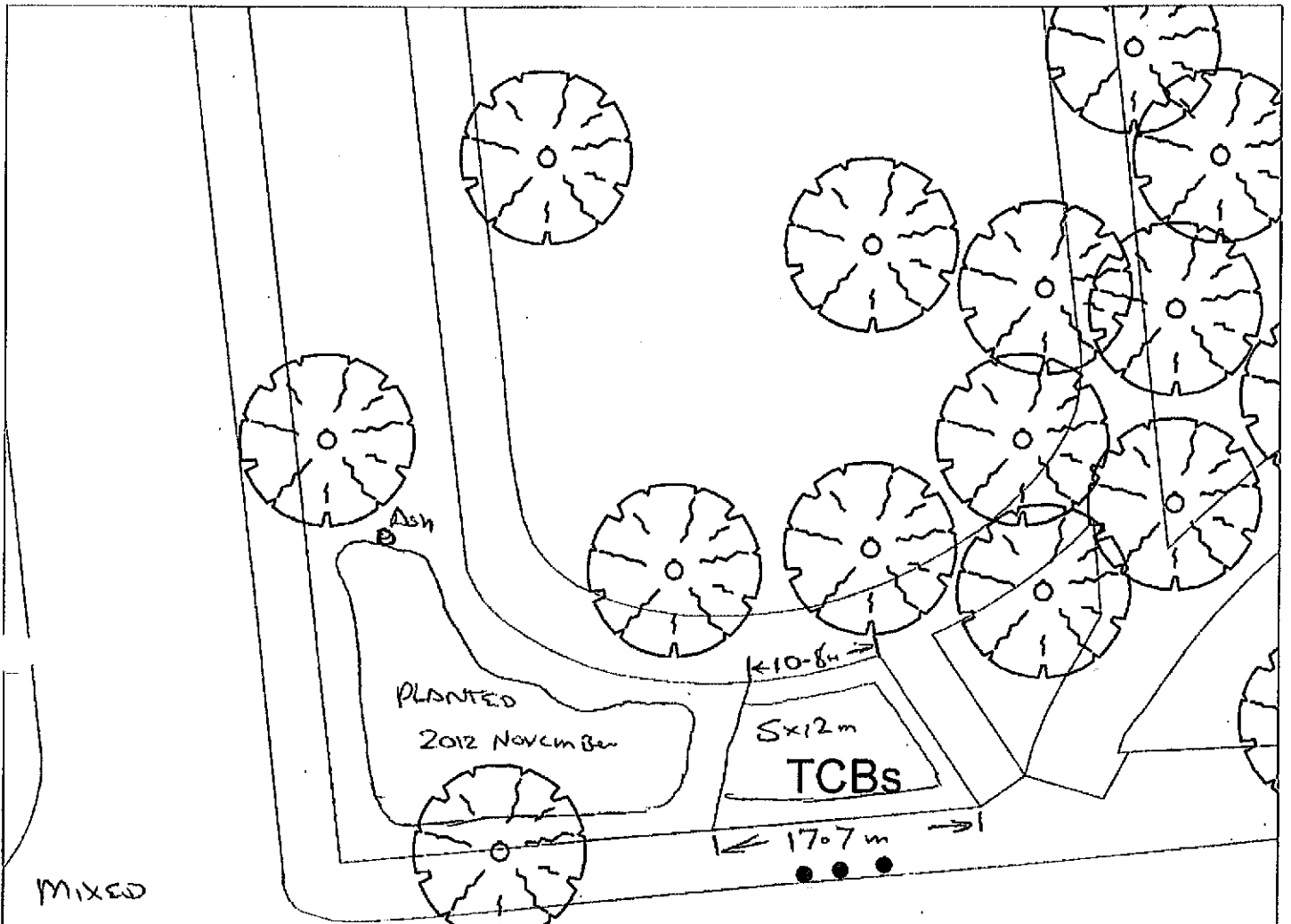
Note: In accordance with the National Code of Conduct, the following Councillors declared a pecuniary or non-pecuniary interest in the items indicated:-

Name	Nature of Interest	Pecuniary / Non Pecuniary	Action taken
Cllr S. Lytton	The Gilbert Scott Trust – Volunteer with body associated with applicant	Non- Pecuniary	Remained in the meeting and took part in the discussion and voting
Cllr M. Singh	The Sydni Centre – Trustee of Charity	Pecuniary	Left the meeting and took no part in the discussion and voting
Cllr M. Singh	WREP – Trustee of Charity	Pecuniary	Left the meeting and took no part in the discussion and voting
Cllr Y. Moore	African Caribbean Project – former client of Project	Non-pecuniary	Remained in the meeting and took part in the discussion and voting
Cllr G. Dulay	A better Champion Eco Group – Governor of Champion School	Non-pecuniary	Remained in the meeting and took part in the discussion and voting

The meeting commenced at 6.30pm and closed at 10.05 pm.

Signed

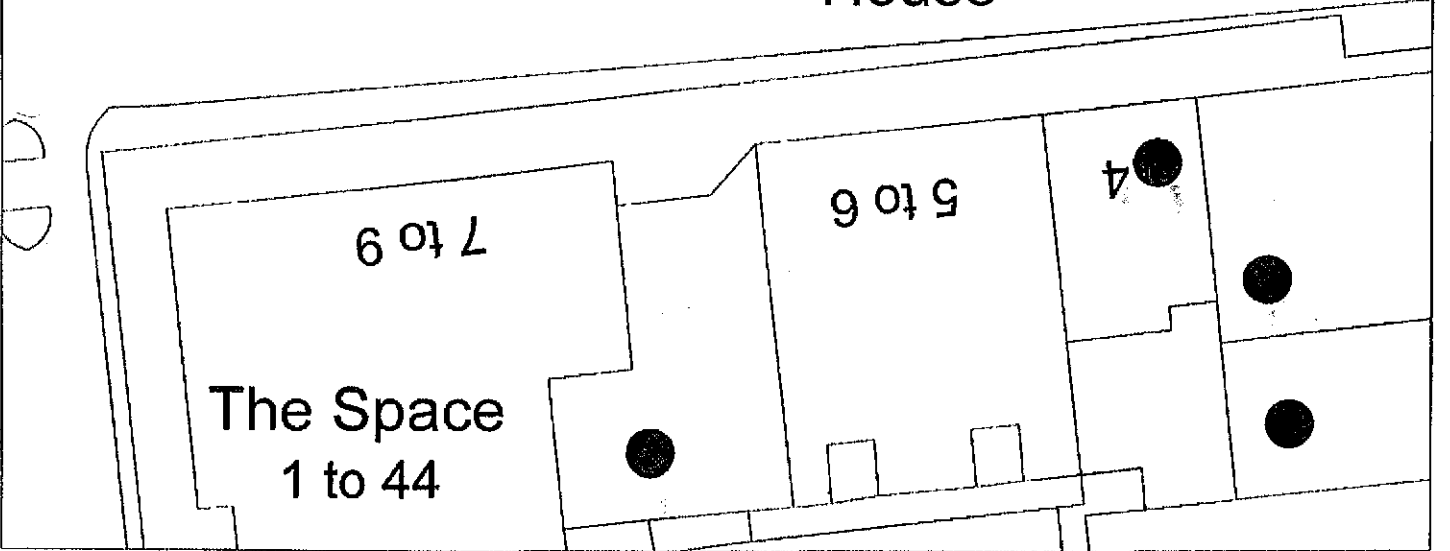
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