

Council meeting: Wednesday, 17 November 2021

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of Warwick District Council will be held in the Pump Rooms, Royal Leamington Spa on Wednesday 17 November 2021, at 6.00pm.

Agenda

1. Apologies for Absence

2. Declarations of Interest

Members to declare the existence and nature of interests in items on the agenda in accordance with the adopted Code of Conduct. Declarations should be disclosed during this item. However, the existence and nature of any interest that subsequently becomes apparent during the course of the meeting must be disclosed immediately. If the interest is not registered, Members must notify the Monitoring Officer of the interest within 28 days.

Members are also reminded of the need to declare predetermination on any matter.

If Members are unsure about whether or not they have an interest, or about its nature, they are strongly advised to seek advice from officers prior to the meeting.

3. Minutes

To confirm the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 20 October 2021.
(Pages 1 to 17)

4. Communications and Announcements

5. Petitions

To receive a petition from the Kenilworth Lido Campaign of 952 signatures that reads as follows:

"In view of the time that has passed since the original Kenilworth Leisure Facilities Consultation in 2018 much of the data on which decisions have been based is no longer correct. We are therefore asking that Warwick District Council pause the current Kenilworth leisure project and carry out a fair assessment of the feasibility of a modern Lido in Abbey Fields.

2/3rds of the people responding to WDC's Leisure Facilities Consultation wanted to keep and develop an outdoor pool in Abbey Fields, so it is hard to understand why WDC are ignoring the wishes of our community and have approved plans to build 2 indoor pools at a cost of £10 million when a Lido and one indoor pool would be less expensive. At a time when Lidos across the country are growing in popularity it seems a poorly judged and short-sighted decision by WDC, to close Kenilworth's outdoor pool in Abbey Fields.

Why is this important?

Outdoor swimming in Kenilworth is part of the town's history. Abbey Fields Lido was one of the 1st in the country. The current outdoor pool is the furthest from the sea and the only safe public outdoor swimming facility within 30 miles. The pool's heritage is highly valued, but change is in its history. The original pool has already been rebuilt twice and we now have the perfect opportunity to create a lido for today; with the latest chemical free filtering, and the best 21st century design and eco credentials."

6. Notices of Motion

To consider a notice of Notice of Motion to be proposed by Councillor Mangat and second by Councillor Hales that reads as follows:

"This Council Notes:

Across the UK harassment and violence towards women and girls is endemic. Women and girls suffer harassment and abuse every single day. The shocking prevalence of violence against women and girls has most recently been visible by in the appalling murders of Sarah Everard and Sabina Nessa. In the 28 days following the murder of Sarah Everard, a further 81 women were killed in the UK where the suspect was a man. This violence is fuelled by a toxic culture of misogyny, with a recent report on sexual harassment from the All Party Parliamentary Group for UN Women UK found that 71% of women of all ages in the UK have experienced some form of sexual harassment in a public space. Warwickshire is no exception. Sexual offences have seen a 26% increase in 5 years, Rape of a woman and girl has seen a 24% increase in 5 years, Sexual assault of a woman or girl has seen a 6% increase in five years Stalking and harassment shows a 1805% increase in five years. These statistics may not give us an accurate picture of the extent of crimes against women. Most of these types of crimes are never reported to the police. Under-reporting is contributed to by very low rates of detection and charging. In March 2020 just 1.4% of rape cases recorded by police resulted in a suspect being charged (or receiving a summons).

Studies have shown that the intersectional nature of discrimination means that women with additional protected characteristics, such as those who are from Black, Asian or Ethnic Minority communities, disabled or LGBT+, are even more likely to experience discrimination, harassment, and abuse.

In all levels of society, we must come together to end the narrative that tells women and girls that they are responsible for preventing male harassment, abuse, and violence. Instead, we must tell perpetrators and potential perpetrators that we will not tolerate harassment, abuse, and violence against women and girls any longer.

The Council Resolves:

- 1. That its representatives on the Safer South Warwickshire Board and South Warwickshire Community Partnership to raise this issue and provide all Councillors with an update on the work these Groups are doing to tackle violence against women and girls;*
- 2. To write to the Police & Crime Commissioner to ask them to report on performance on tackling street violence against women and what their strategy is moving forward (including their strategy for tackling the issue at source with prevention work on stopping perpetrators or potential perpetrators before they inflict damage) as well as the allocation of*

resources to support this and request our representative on the Warwickshire Police and Crime Panel to raise these points at the next meeting of the Panel and for the representative to report back to this Council February 2022; and

3. *The Council asks the Leader to consider, with the relevant Portfolio Holders, what steps this Council could take to promote that this is not a 'Women's issues', men can play a crucial part in culture change across Warwick District and report back to the Cabinet in February 2022."*

7. Leader and Portfolio Holders' Statements

8. Questions to the Leader of the Council & Portfolio Holders

9. Cabinet Reports

To consider the report from Cabinet on 4 November 2021 **(Pages 1 to 107)**

10. Licensing & Regulatory Committee

To consider the report from Licensing & Regulatory Committee on 15 November 2021 **(To follow)**

11. Appointments to South Warwickshire Community Safety Partnership

To consider appointing Councillor Ian Davison to the Council's vacancy on the South Warwickshire Community Safety Partnership as an interim appointment to the end of the Municipal year.

12. Common Seal

To authorise the affixing of the Common Seal of the Council to such deeds and documents as may be required for implementing decisions of the Council arrived at this day.



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