

Coventry and Warwickshire Place Board Meeting
MINUTES

Wednesday, 12 June 2019 8:00am – 9:30am
PET Xi, Nuneaton

Present:

Les Ratcliffe (Chairman)
Steve Stewart (Vice-Chairman)
Paula Deas
Nic Erskine
Adam Dent
Keith Perry
Martin Reeves
Fleur Sexton
Kate Hughes
Louise Bennett
Nicola Cox (Minutes)
Catherine Marks

Community Engagement Ltd
The Stewart Alliance
Coventry and Warwickshire LEP
Coventry & Warwickshire Place & Champions
Advent Communications
Coventry Telegraph
Coventry City Council
PET-Xi
Coventry and Warwickshire LEP
CW Chamber
Coventry and Warwickshire LEP
Warwickshire County Council

Apologies:

Kelly-Anne Lewis
Martin Gibbs
Gill Banks
Kevin Rodgers
David Shortland
Jacky Isaac
Monica Fogarty
Mark Ryder
Paul Evans
Dave Buckland
Steve Maxey
Iain Patrick
Sophie Davies

Coventry University
Dafferns LLP (representing Coventry First)
Coventry College
WM Housing
Shortland Horne
Ricoh Arena
Warwickshire County Council
Warwickshire County Council
Severn Trent
Stratford-on-Avon District Council
North Warwickshire Borough Council
Coventry and Warwickshire LEP
Coventry & Warwickshire Champions

1.	<p>Welcome</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LR welcomed board members to the meeting, and Catherine Marks, Project Manager for Transforming Nuneaton at Warwickshire County Council • LR thanked FS for kindly hosting the meeting at PET Xi • Apologies from Kelly-Anne Lewis, Martin Gibbs, Gill Banks, Kevin Rodgers, David Shortland, Jacky Isaac, Monica Fogarty, Mark Ryder, Paul Evans, Dave Buckland, Steve Maxey, Iain Patrick and Sophie Davies 	LR
2.	<p>Approval of Minutes of the last Meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minutes accepted by Board • All action points complete or discussed in today's agenda 	LR/NE
3.	<p>Conflicts of interest</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None 	LR
4.	<p>Matters Arising</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None 	LR
5.	<p>Future Board Activities</p> <p><u>Diversity & Equality Update</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • KH reported that a small group (KH, SS, PD, NE) have undertaken some research into Equality & Diversity, which identified that within Coventry & Warwickshire 4.8% of businesses are equal/diverse, compared with 24% in the Black Country and 15% in Greater Birmingham & Solihull Further work needs to be done to establish the way to reach people, such as speaking to colleagues at BOPA. KH will report back to the next meeting • PD advised that CWLEP are supporting the WMCA Inclusive Leadership Pledge, with a launch planned on 25 June 2019 at Friargate in Coventry. Invitations will be extended to all Champions Board members, who are encouraged to attend • PD reported that she attended a LEP Network Women Leaders 2019 event last week, with around 150 female business leaders; also the Woman Who Awards (sponsored by FSB and PET-Xi, amongst others) with around 250 attendees, with a rich supply of potential businesses to approach 	<p>KH</p> <p>KH</p> <p>PD</p> <p>PD</p>

8.	<p>External PR Update</p> <p>AD reported on several events/publicity, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The OVO Energy Women’s Tour cycling race, is being held in Coventry & Warwickshire tomorrow • Discussions are taking place with the Daily Telegraph to feature Steve Lindsey of Lontra, who was a speaker at the Champions event in May • C&W has recently been highlighted in the Sunday Times in an article on visiting the area, and there are plans for further features • Alan Griffiths of Broad Street Meeting Hall has received an MBE in the Queen’s Birthday Honours 2019 for services to the community in Coventry, and we should plan to interview him if he attends the next Champions event • LR distributed a newspaper article (Nuneaton News) featuring Jo Williams of Joco Interiors based in Nuneaton, who won Independent Gift Retailer for the Midlands and Wales in the National Great Gift Retailer Awards in May. PD advised that Jo had also received a commendation at the Woman Who Awards on 7 June in the Micro Business Category. It was agreed that efforts should be made to widely publicise local success stories such as this 	<p>AD</p> <p>LR</p> <p>PD</p>
9.	<p>CWLEP, WMCA, WM Growth Company Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PD advised that Kate Hughes has now joined the CWLEP Executive team as Head of Strategy & Engagement, on a secondment from the University of Warwick • PD reported on the successful launch of the West Midlands Local Industrial Strategy which took place on 16 May at the University of Warwick (WMG), and coincided with the launch of the UK Battery Industrialisation Centre (UKBIC) • PD updated on WMCA changes to portfolios assigned to Leaders post-election, with new roles for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Transport (Cllr Ian Ward, Birmingham) - Economy and Innovation (Cllr Ian Brookfield, Wolverhampton) - Environment& Energy HS2 (Cllr Ian Courts, Solihull) - Public Service Reform (Cllr Yvonne Davies, Sandwell) - Creative and Digital (Cllr Patrick Harley, Dudley) - Inclusive Communities (Cllr Brigid Jones, Birmingham) * new portfolio <p>There were no changes for Coventry & Warwickshire</p>	<p>PD</p> <p>PD</p> <p>PD</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> MR reported that Coventry is due to be awarded £31m from WMCA for the CoC readiness programme 	MR
10.	<p>Coventry European City of Sport 2019, Commonwealth Games & City of Culture updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> MR advised that an announcement is due imminently on venues for Commonwealth Games MR noted that Warwickshire County Council are supporting the City of Culture, and advised that they have given £1m to the Trust. Monica Fogarty of WCC is a Trustee of the Board, who have a meeting scheduled this evening MR advised that plans are on track for the City of Culture and suggested that all Board members view the 'Timeline' which demonstrates this. MR to circulate 	MR MR MR
11.	<p>Transforming Nuneaton Programme update</p> <p>Catherine Marks, Programme Manager for Transforming Nuneaton (Warwickshire County Council) presented and updated the Board on the programme:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The programme was created by Warwickshire County Council and Nuneaton & Bedworth Borough Council, with commitment from both authorities to invest in the town, along with support from CWLEP (£7.5m funding) Nuneaton is the largest town in Warwickshire, and is under-performing economically, and heavily reliant on the retail sector Vicarage Street and Abbey Street are the primary focus, with 12 other identified sites Coton Arches improvement works were completed earlier this year McCarthy & Stone have commenced works on a new residential development programme There are plans for a new transport hub to upgrade the existing train station, with access routes to be improved to the north of the station Discussions have taken place with the health and education sectors, who have shown interest to relocate to the town centre Leisure offer needs to be developed, with emphasis on the river to attract visitors SS noted the importance of considering crime statistics in Nuneaton and the impact they might have on the programme, and suggested speaking with the relevant bodies to prepare a reaction to this 	CM SS

12.	<p>Any Other Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LB suggested that congratulations be extended to John Latham and Rashid Bhayat, who received a CBE and MBE respectively in the Queen’s Birthday Honours 2019 • AD noted that congratulations should also be extended to Dr Abdullahi Shehu from University Hospital Coventry & Warwickshire, who received an MBE 	NE/AD
	<p>Future Dates</p> <p>2019 Coventry & Warwickshire Champions board meetings- All 8am to 9:30am</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4th September 2019 • 4th December 2019 <p>If you are able to host a board meeting, please let Nic know.</p> <p>2019 Coventry & Warwickshire Champions events-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 20th June – Next Generation Champions/Summer Social, Herbert Art Gallery (5:30pm – 7:00pm, new event) • 3rd July – British Motor Museum (7:30 – 9:30am) • 18th September – tbc (7:30 – 9:30am) • 20th November – FANUC (7:30 – 9:30am) 	