

WESTGATE-ON-SEA TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held at 7pm, Monday 7th March 2016 in the Council Chamber, Town Hall Buildings, 31 St. Mildred's Road, Westgate-on-Sea.

Present: Councillors King (Chairman), Ashbee, Charlton, Cornford, Morrish, Nightingale, Pennington, Rickett, Rolfe and Scott.

Also present: Laura Bungard (Community Warden) and Roy Wade (Interim Town Council)

231. CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME

The Chairman opened the meeting, welcomed Members and residents and gave the usual "housekeeping" instructions.

232. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

No apologies for absence were submitted.

233. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

A declaration of interest was disclosed by Councillor Ashbee in respect of the minutes of the Finance and General Purposes Committee and the minute relating to Margate Charter Trustees.

234. MINUTES

It was moved by Cllr. Rickett and seconded by Cllr. Scott that the minutes of the meeting held on 3rd February 2016, as amended by the insertion of "it was suggested that funds from Margate Charter Trustees should not be used as income to finance current expenditure since this one-off payment would not be available for the 2017/18 budget" into Minute 207 be approved and signed by the Chairman.

235. REPORT OF THE COMMUNITY WARDEN

Laura Bungard, the Community Warden, read from her report (attached at appendix A**) and responded to questions.**

The Chairman thanked Laura for her hard work and commitment to the community and Westgate.

236. PUBLIC RIGHT TO SPEAK

The Council received oral representations from the following residents:

- i) James Brazier a) queried the precept agreed and the percentage increase this represented and b) the future management of the Lymington Road allotments and the financial measures to be put in place.
- ii) Jenny Stedman - spoke on whether some help could be given to provide bulbs etc for the garden area at the Library to make it more attractive. Cllr. Scott said that she would discuss with Ms. Stedman this excellent idea and help her draft an item for the next agenda seeking financial help from the Town Council to plant out the area.

237. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman reported that part of Harold Avenue would be closed from 24th March until 22nd April to allow for works to be undertaken.

It was agreed to post the notice of closure on the Town Council's notice board and to also place it on the Council's web site.

238. INTERIM TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

The Interim Town Clerk had no further matter to report upon.

239. MINUTES OF STANDING COMMITTEES

- i) **Planning & Environmental** – The minutes of the meeting held on 22nd February 2016 were received; and
- ii) **Finance & General Purposes** – The minutes of the meeting held on 2nd March 2016 were received. In respect of minute 225 Cllr. Cornford reported that the figures reported should not include the rateable value figure of £1500 and in respect of minute 228 the Chairman reported upon the meeting he had attended with the Vice Chairman and the Interim Town Clerk to discuss the future cleansing arrangements for Westgate-on-Sea.

RESOLVED: That (A) the minutes of the meeting be received and the variation to minute 225 be noted; and

(B) it was further moved by Cllr. Morrish and seconded by Cllr. Rickett that Minute 228 – Future Cleansing Operations be referred to the Planning and Environmental Committee for consideration and determination.

Cllr. Ashbee abstained from voting on this matter.

240. WESTGATE-ON-SEA COMMUNITY CENTRE ASSOCIATION – APPLICATION FOR GRANT

Council considered an application from the Association for grant aid in the sum of £3000.00 for works to insulate the walls and replace certain doors etc. The total cost of the works was £8700.00 and the Association was also seeking a grant from the KCC member grant scheme and a decision on that was still awaited.

It was moved by Cllr. Scott and seconded by Cllr. Morrish and

RESOLVED: That an initial grant of £1500.00 be made to the Community Centre Association.

Cllr. Nightingale abstained from voting on this matter.

241. WESTGATE-ON-SEA N.H.S. PRACTICE – PROPOSED T.R.O.

Council considered a letter from the Westgate Surgery Patients Focus Group that in its view the proposals to make a T.R.O. are inappropriate. Members noted the views of the Planning & Environment Committee (See minute 219) that TDC be asked to make an appropriate T.R.O. and also the observations of Cllr. Morrish on discussions with the District Council and that consideration would be given to this matter in June by the Joint Transportation Board.. He further reported that he was awaiting further information from the District Council on this issue.

It was agreed to defer consideration of this matter until the views of TDC are received.

242. CHRIST CHURCH URC

Council considered a request for grant assistance towards the cost of servicing the clock which is the second oldest in Westgate-on-Sea. The estimate from Smiths of Derby for servicing the clock was in the sum of £1772 plus VAT.

RESOLVED: That the Church be advised to pass the account to the Town Council who will pay for the servicing of the clock.

243. TOWN ASSEMBLY MEETING

Members considered the time and format of the first town assembly meeting.

It was moved by Cllr. Pennington and seconded by Cllr. Rickett and

RESOLVED: That (A) The Town Assembly Meeting be held on 13th April 2016 at 6.00pm and that notices be prepared of the meeting and notification be placed on the Council's web site; and (B) Dr. Dawn Crouch be invited to address the assembly meeting.

244. KALC REGIONAL ROADSHOW

Council noted the written report of Cllr. Morrish on the Roadshow he had attended, on behalf of the Council, on 3rd February 2016.

245. EVENTS COMMITTEE

Members considered the setting up of an Events Committee to co-ordinate the many events that occur during the year. Councillor Cornford stressed the importance of the whole community being involved in the events that are held in Westgate and suggested that the committee be called the community engagement committee.

It was moved by Cllr. Nightingale and seconded by Cllr. Cornford and

RESOLVED: That a committee be set up to co-ordinate the many events which are held each year in Westgae-on-Sea

246. LYMINGTON ROAD ALLOTMENTS

Council noted the report of the Interim Town on the handing over by TDC of the management and administration of the Lymington Road allotments and that a more detailed report would be made to a future meeting.

Signed: Chairman of the Council

Time concluded: 8.50pm