



**Minutes of the Meeting of the Events and Tourism
Committee of**

Westgate-On Sea Town Council

on 13th March 2017

Held at

**Town Hall Buildings, 31 St Mildred's Road, Westgate-
On-Sea, Kent CT8 8RE**

Present	Cllr Nightingale (Chairman), Cllr Cornford, Cllr King, Cllr Page, Cllr Pennington	
Also in attendance	Miss Julie Pilbeam (Town Clerk), 1 members of the public	
	To receive apologies for absence Apologies were received from Cllr Rickett with reasons for absence. It was RESOLVED that apologies be accepted.	
	Declarations of Interest There were none	
	Minutes It was RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of 16 th January 2017 be signed and approved as a true record of the meeting.	
	Chairman's Announcements The Chairman explained that he had been thinking about how the council attract more people to the town. He mentioned public transport links, only one train per hour direct from Westgate and the lack of trains stopping at Westgate and having to Birchington or Margate. Cllr Cornford left the meeting at 19.44pm Cllr Cornford re-entered the meeting at 19.46pm. A member of the public left the meeting at 19.50pm. The chairman moved to the tourism update report.	
	Public Participation Session There were no public questions.	
	Public Transport Links After some discussion, it was agreed to write to Network Rail to notify them of the creation of a town council and ask for their assistance in rejuvenating the identity of Westgate as a tourist destination and for them to take into consideration how they can support the council with better rail links to the town. The chairman reported that the station cleaning continues to be an issue, particularly after weekends. It	Clerk

	was suggested that the town clerk write to Birchington Parish Council to explore as a joint initiative.	Clerk
	Holiday Accommodation It was noted the lack of advertising of B&B and holiday accommodation. The Clerk was asked to investigate the flat lets at the Walmer Castle. The Clerk was asked to investigate hosting a Tourist Information Board site in Westgate.	Clerk Clerk
	Britain in Bloom It was agreed for the Clerk to proceed with Britain in Bloom initiative and to ensure that existing planting contributors are contacted for this year's planting. Cllr Cornford to send details of what was arranged with retailers previously to Clerk.	Clerk Cllr Cornford
	Punch and Judy August Bank Holiday 2017 It was agreed to recommend to the Finance and General Purposes Committee £1200 expenditure to proceed with Punch and Judy shows during the summer bank holiday weekend; to be organised by the Town Clerk Cllr Cornford asked for her abstention vote to be recorded. The putting green was discussed and the committee agreed to investigate an adventure playground/outdoor equipment at the next meeting.	Clerk Clerk
	Remembrance Day The clerk reported that the event pack will be presented to the committee in July for ratification.	Clerk
	Pancake Races 2018 The clerk is investigating the event plan for 2018.	Clerk
	Music by the sea 2018 It was agreed for the clerk to investigate the plans for 2018 with the chairman and a report to follow at the next meeting.	Clerk
	Historic Information Boards This item was deferred until the next meeting.	Cllr Rickett
	Coastal Community Team Cllr Pennington reported that the inaugural meeting of the team had taken place and it is hoped that the funding will be secured from central government to help in promoting tourism in Westgate.	
	Questions from Councillors Cllr Page asked if there could be a date every year for the anniversary of the town. This was discussed at length	

	and suggested as a day to build pride and respect in the town. It was agreed for Cllr Page to prepare a proposal. It was asked for a Calendar of Events to be prepared for the next meeting.	Cllr Page Clerk
	Next Meeting The next meeting is expected to be on 15 th May 2017, the requirement for monthly meetings was agreed from May onwards.	
	Meeting Closed at 9.03pm	

Signed.....

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