



Minutes of the Meeting of the Full Council of

Westgate on Sea Town Council

on Tuesday 7th January 2020

Held at 78 St Mildreds Road, Westgate-On-Sea, Kent
CT8 8RF

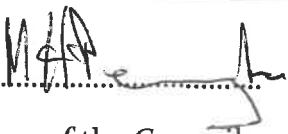
Present	Cllrs Pennington (Chairperson), Cornford, Donaldson, Nightingale, O'Connor, H Scott, Wallin	
Also, in attendance	Mrs Gill Gray (Town Clerk), 3 members of the public	
	Chairperson's Welcome The Chairperson opened the meeting and followed with the usual "housekeeping" instructions.	
2082	To receive apologies for absence Cllr Page, Cllr M Scott, Laura Bungard and Cllr Bambridge (TDC)	
2083	Members' Declarations of Interest There were none.	
2084	Minutes It was proposed by Cllr O'Connor and seconded by Cllr Nightingale and RESOLVED : that the minutes of the Council meeting held on 3 rd December 2019 be signed and approved as a true record of the meeting. One Member abstained as not at the last meeting. It was proposed by Cllr Cornford and seconded by Cllr Nightingale and RESOLVED : that the minutes of the Extra Ordinary Council meeting held on 10 th December 2019 be signed and approved as a true record of the meeting. One Member abstained as they did not attend the meeting. It was RESOLVED : that the minutes of the F & GP Committee 24 th September 2019 and the minutes of the HR Committee 29 th October 2019 were received.	
2085	County and District Councillor Reports There were none.	
2086	Report of the Community Warden There was no report from the Community Warden due to most of December taken up with welfare visits.	
2087	Councillor's Reports Cllr Donaldson reported that he had further worked on the Lymington Recreation Ground project and contributed an article to the latest Town Council magazine. Cllr O'Connor reported that she had contributed a draft article to the latest magazine and the monthly audit	

	<p>completed.</p> <p>Cllr Cornford reported that she had attended the St Michaels Care Home Christmas Party.</p> <p>Cllr Wallin reported that he had been concerned to hear about increased numbers of people begging outside the Co-Op and enquiries about the proposed VE Day 75 plans for the Town.</p> <p>Cllr H Scott raised concerns about the climate issue and proposed to look at the Finance reports to identify any areas that could potentially reduce the carbon footprint for the Council; Cllr O'Connor suggested that a report should be shared with the F & GP Committee in the first instance.</p>	
2088	<p>Town Clerk's Report</p> <p>Town Clerk reported on achievements of the Town Council last year including:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • office move • recycling initiative implemented • Westgate in Bloom launched • Foodbank collection point • Speedwatch maintained • Saturday surgeries now twice a month • Defib/CPR training facilitated • New Town Council magazine <p>Town Clerk reported the details of what is planned for 2020:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pancake Races, VE Day 75 Picnic in the Park, Westgate Day, Scarecrow Festival, Remembrance Parade Christmas Switch On (these are events that are facilitated alone or in collaboration with other organisations) • Community Groups regularly using the community space to meet • Resident hub created with two recycled computers available for the community to use for report/research to KCC, TDC and other public sector bodies • A Forward Plan written and adopted by Full Council • Consultation exercise undertaken for the Neighbourhood Plan • The community asset transfer completed for the Lymington Recreation Ground and two shelters on Sea Road; hosting football matches asap • Westgate in Bloom to continue along with Speedwatch and Saturday Surgeries <p>Town Clerk added that the offer of a flagpole for the</p>	

	Town was being researched to ascertain the cost of moving to a new proposed location. An election may be taking place on 13 th February for the vacant Town Councillor position.	
2089	<p>Public Participation Session</p> <p>There was one request received by the Town Clerk for public participation at this meeting. There was an update from a local resident in relation to the proposed Scarecrow Festival taking place over a weekend 26th and 27th September 2020. The local schools, shops and businesses should be invited to participate. The new Craft Group will be meeting the third Wednesday of each month. There is also an Easter Egg Hunt planned for Saturday 11th April 2020, Cllrs were invited to assist with the event. Town Clerk to contact Community Development officer at TDC to enquire about funding opportunities for the Craft Group.</p>	
2090	<p>Finance Reports</p> <p>The Town Clerk presented Members with the Bank Reconciliations for 30th November 2019; Payments and Receipts Report for November 2019; Receipts and Payments Report by Budget Heading to 30th November 2019.</p> <p>A, B and C It was moved by Cllr Donaldson and seconded by Cllr H Scott and RESOLVED: that the Finance Reports were received.</p>	
2091	<p>Westgate Day Update</p> <p>Members each reported on the specific tasks they were undertaking towards the event preparation.</p> <p>Cllr Pennington –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stage to remain in same position as last year, following conversation with the Swan public house and compromise reached to ensure no noise clash. <p>Cllr Donaldson –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Funding and Lottery bid ongoing, proposed application for £10,000 to sustain the event for three years. <p>Cllr Wallin –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two prizes obtained to date. <p>Cllr Nightingale –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Has approached participants at the Christmas Lights event and awaiting confirmation. <p>Cllr Cornford –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shared a draft steward and marshals' rules for the event <p>Cllr O'Connor –</p>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Preparing to contact community activity groups to confirm for the event <p>Cllr H Scott –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nothing to report due to illness <p>It was agreed that the Westgate Day reports should be an item on the Agenda each month.</p>	
2092	<p>Draft Expenses and Allowances Policy</p> <p>It was proposed by Cllr H Scott and seconded by Cllr Donaldson and RESOLVED: that the Expenses and Allowances Policy was adopted by Council.</p>	
2093	<p>KALC Community Awards Scheme 2020</p> <p>It was proposed by Cllr H Scott and seconded by Cllr O'Connor and RESOLVED: that the KALC Community Awards Scheme 2020 was adopted by Council.</p>	
2094	<p>Lymington Recreation Ground Strategy Update</p> <p>Cllr Donaldson provided an update to Members on the proposed concept and idea for a Health, Sport and Youth Community Project which is split into four phases. Cllr Donaldson reported that Phase four would need further research and consideration before a decision was possible. Cllr H Scott added that a modular system adopted by another organisation could be worth exploration as part of the research. Cllr O'Connor advised that due to the lack of experience and expertise that it was prudent to form a Working Group for future Phases and which had up to five Town Councillors, this proposal should be debated at the next F & GP Committee to draft the Terms of Reference.</p> <p>It was proposed by Cllr H Scott and seconded by Cllr O'Connor and RESOLVED: Phase one to be pursued and that a Working Group should be formed that involves people with the skills, expertise and experience and include up to five Town Councillors; Terms of Reference to be draft by the F & GP Committee.</p>	
2095	<p>Thanet Local Plan Main Modifications Consultation</p> <p>Following debate, it was proposed by Cllr O'Connor and seconded by Cllr Cornford and RESOLVED: that Cllr H Scott should prepare a response on behalf of the Council to the TDC Main Modifications Consultation by Monday 27th January.</p>	
2096	<p>LCR (Official Magazine of NALC) Winter Survey</p> <p>Cllr Pennington invited Members to debate the first question of the LCR Winter Survey – What would you like the new Government to do for local councils? It was agreed that Cllr Pennington would draft a letter to send</p>	

	to KALC to explore if the problems with social care can be debated at a future KALC committee meeting. It was RESOLVED: that Cllr Pennington would draft a response following the points raised which the Town Clerk would upload to the survey platform.	
2097	River Oak Strategic Partners Airspace Design Principles Consultation Following debate, the proposed Design Principles for the Manston airport site provided by Riveroak Strategic Partners were numbered in priority order by Members. It was RESOLVED: that the additional comments for the survey should be provided by the Planning Committee to the Town Clerk who should respond to the survey by Friday 17th January.	
2098	Next Meeting The next meeting is 4th February 2020	
2099	Meeting Closed at 20.44pm	

Signed..........
Chairperson of the Council

Dated.....4/2/2020.....

