



Minutes of the Meeting of the Full Council of

Westgate-On Sea Town Council

on Tuesday 3rd April 2018

Held at

**United Reform Church, 54 Westgate Bay Avenue,
Westgate-On-Sea, Kent CT8 8SN**

Present	Cllrs King (Chairman), Cornford, Nightingale, O'Connor, Page, Pennington, Rolfe, H Scott, M Scott, Stewart	
Also in attendance	Mrs Gill Gray (Town Clerk), 3 members of the public	
	Chairman's Welcome The Chairman opened the meeting and gave the usual "housekeeping" instructions.	
	To receive apologies for absence Cllr Bambridge, Laura Bungard, Cllr Partington and Cllr Searle sent their apologies.	
	Minutes It was moved by Cllr Rolfe and seconded by Cllr H Scott and RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meeting of 6th March 2018 be signed and approved as a true record of the meeting.	
	Members' Declarations of Interest There were none.	
	County and Thanet District Councillors' Reports There were none.	
	Report of the Community Warden The Community Warden sent her apologies and explained that there was no report as she had been on leave.	
	Public Participation Session There were no requests received by the Clerk for public participation at this meeting.	
	Thanet Speedwatch Cllr Searle sent his apologies and has advised that he can attend a future meeting that is mutually convenient.	
	Planning Applications FH/TH/18/0271 – 3 Marilyn Court, 73 Sea Road, Westgate-on-Sea Council gave consideration to the planning application for the installation of replacement windows together with partial infill of original window openings; there were no comments or objections raised by the Council.	

F/TH/18/0161 – Flat 2, 58 Westgate Bay Avenue, Westgate-on-Sea

Council gave consideration to the planning application for the erection of external staircase and porch to rear elevation following removal of existing; there were no comments or objections raised by the Council.

TPO/TH/18/0328 – 4 Tidewell Mews, Westgate-on-Sea

Council gave consideration to the proposed fell of one tree and the re-pollard of another tree. It was queried why a tree was proposed to be felled and Members wanted to object strongly against this. It was further discussed and felt that as the trees were there before the Mews were built it was not a proposal they could support. The Chairman explained the planning history of the site to Members and advised that originally there had been 12 trees on this site and now only 3 remained. It was added that the trees provide an eco-benefit as well as being aesthetically pleasing.

It was moved by Councillor Stewart that this application to fell one tree should not be supported by the Council and seconded by Councillor Page

RESOLVED: Town Clerk to send comments to TDC Planning Department and raise objection to the felling of T1 and confirm not supported by the Council due to not being environmentally friendly, destroying perfectly healthy tree and seen as for cosmetic reasons only.

TPO/TH/18/0329 – 76A Westgate Bay Avenue, Westgate-on-Sea

Council gave consideration to the proposed fell of one tree. The same discussions took place as per the previous TPO application.

It was moved by Councillor Cornford that this application to fell one tree should not be supported by the Council and seconded by Councillor Stewart

RESOLVED: Town Clerk to send comments to TDC Planning Department and raise objection to the felling of T1 and confirm not supported by the Council due to not being environmentally friendly, destroying perfectly healthy tree and seen as for cosmetic reasons only.

TCA/TH/18/0426 – 5 The Boulevard, Westgate-

	<p>on-Sea Council gave consideration to the proposed fell of one tree. Similar discussions took place as per the two previous TPO applications.</p> <p>It was moved by Councillor Stewart and seconded by Councillor O'Connor RESOLVED: Town Clerk to send comments to TDC Planning Department and raise objection to the felling of one tree and confirm not supported by the Council due to not being environmentally friendly, destroying perfectly healthy tree and seen as for cosmetic reasons only. F/TH/18/0015 – 38 St Mildred's Road, Westgate-on-Sea Council gave consideration to the planning application for the change of use and conversion of upper floors from 2No flats to 3No 2-bed flats 1No 1-bed flat together with insertion of rooflights and change of use of part ground floor to provide refuse and cycle storage together with alterations to fenestration. RESOLVED: Town Clerk to send comments to TDC Planning Department to register concerns in relation to lack of parking and potential overdevelopment of the site but that no objection will be raised.</p>	
	<p>Chairman's Report The Chairman read a news report from KALC on the investment by Local Councils to safeguard local services.</p>	
	<p>Meeting Dates 2018/19 It was moved by Cllr Stewart seconded by Cllr Rolfe and RESOLVED: That the meeting dates for 2018/19 be received.</p>	
	<p>Minutes of the Human Resources Committee It was moved by Cllr Cornford seconded by Cllr Pennington and RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Human Resources Committee held on 13th March 2018 be received.</p>	
	<p>Minutes of the Finance and General Purposes Committee It was moved by Cllr Rolfe seconded by Cllr O'Connor and</p>	

	<p>RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held on 20th March 2018 be received.</p>	
	<p>Completion of the Limited Assurance Review for the Year Ended 31 March 2017 It was moved by Cllr Page seconded by Cllr Pennington and</p> <p>RESOLVED: That the External Auditor Report and Certificate for the Council for year ended 31st March 2017 be received.</p>	
	<p>Neighbourhood Plan Councillor Hannah Scott presented the minutes of the Steering Group held on the 14th March 2018 and these were noted by Members. Councillor Hannah Scott provided an update and advised that the assistance of Mr Frost with the Neighbourhood Plan was invaluable. A meeting had taken place that involved TDC as well which was useful to all parties and the intention to work together has now been formally agreed. Councillor Hannah Scott explained that the future allocations for housing were now not clear as the Local Plan was not adopted and there is a new calculation mechanism being introduced that could impact on the sites ST1 and ST2. Councillor Hannah Scott advised that an initial meeting with the developer Millwood Homes had provided a positive start to what it is hoped will be a beneficial relationship in relation to the Master Plan exercise. There is the potential that the Steering Group can influence the development and request certain preferences in relation to the character of the homes, the affordable sales and rentals are made available for local residents, there are properties suitable for retirees looking to down size their home and the eco credentials for any builds to ensure sustainability.</p>	
	<p>Additional Member Required for Human Resources Committee</p> <p>RESOLVED: That Cllr O'Connor would become a Member of the Human Resources Committee</p>	
	<p>Councillor's Reports and Matter raised by Cllr M Scott Potholes – Cllr M Scott discussed the issues of potholes in Westgate following the recent bad weather. The Town Clerk had provided Members with a copy of a letter from KCC Member Cllr Whiting advising that the road</p>	

	<p>network repairs are already underway. Cllr M Scott advised that he will be carrying out reports via the online fault reporting tool personally and wanted to raise awareness of this useful facility.</p> <p>Website – Cllrs Cornford and Page recently undertook a Town Councillors Saturday Surgery and were advised by two residents that the current Council website is not as user friendly as it could be and there were problems with access to certain pages. It was suggested that the News items could be used for more current issues and that the absence of a search facility does cause problems.</p> <p>Canopies – Cllr Pennington advised that he was obtaining quotations for repairs of the elevations for the canopies in the Town.</p> <p>Broadstairs Town Team Plastics Meeting – Cllr Cornford advised that she had attending the meeting where the issue with discarded plastics was discussed; there were lots of ideas/initiatives considered and there were resources needed to help educate and implement suggestions now.</p>	
	<p>The Chairman requested that Council agree to exclude Press and Public from the remainder of the meeting and the Council then convened in closed session for Item 18: at this point of the meeting the current Town Clerk left the room for Item 18 and this was minuted by Mr Roy Wade – Locum Town Clerk.</p>	
	<p>Next Meeting The next meeting is 1st May 2018</p>	
	<p>Meeting Closed at 20.35pm</p>	

Signed.....
Chairman of the Council

Dated.....1 May 2018

