

WESTGATE PLANS WORKING GROUP

NOTE OF MEETING 8th FEBRUARY 2017

Present Graham Rickett Dave Morrish Geoff Orton

Apologies Hannah Scott Joanna Crawford Craig Solly

1 The focus of this short meeting was to review arrangements for the Neighbourhood Plan launch.

2 **Venue**

GR confirmed that the Pavilion had been booked for 3 hours on the afternoon of Saturday 4th March. He was concerned that the manager's schedule was such that the venue might be lost if a formal request from the Town Council was not issued forthwith. The Clerk apparently required written instruction from the Group and this Note is to be taken as that written instruction. GR will direct the Clerk accordingly and instruct the Clerk to pay the subsequent invoice.

Action : GR/Clerk

The venue should be inspected to determine layout and discuss general issues with the manager. GR to agree a date (suggested 12 noon Thursday next.)

Action : GR

3 **Publicity**

It is understood that some 4,000 flyers have now been delivered though it is unclear whether the cheapest source has been used. Arrangements will be made for delivery to households by 21st February and the residue (approx 300) should be passed to DM by 15th February. GR will take charge of the poster distribution.

Action : GR/DM

4 **Guests**

Sir Roger Gale has accepted and will make the Opening Remarks (following general introduction by DM as 'Master of Ceremonies'). Adopting the 'Margate Format' the Leader of the Council will be invited to outline the District Council's support for neighbourhood planning (invitation at present remains outstanding). If the Leader is unavailable it is presumed his Deputy will substitute (Cllr Fairbrass has attended the Thanet 'Umbrella' meetings as part of her Communities brief.)

The Director of Kent CPRE has been invited and may wish to say a few words.

The Consultant, Angela Koch, will expand on her experiences with neighbourhood planning and what DM has indicated the expectations of the day are)principally to get the community engaged with the neighbourhood and help with 'place making' with an open mind to possibilities. AK's arrangements to be confirmed : she will be asked to come down the previous day to assist principally with framing the 17/18 funding application which opened last week (GO cautioned that an early tender is desirable as previously Locality has been known to exhaust funds half way through the year.)

Action : GO

5 'Pitches'

The following have responded positively :

'Archaeological' : the local society who will be promoting CITiZAN and (it has been suggested) specific Westgate interests (Urn Burial at Ursuline, Mesolithic at St Mildred's)

'Environmental' : Southern Water will send representatives (as at the Thanet Tourism Event)

Thanet Countryside Trust and Dane Valley Woods Project (pop up banner made)

The Woodland Trust is sending material to hand out.

'Heritage'/Social : Margate Civic Society will be represented

Responses awaited/yet to be canvassed : Westgate Heritage Centre, WWRA, CAAG, Thanet Coastal Project/NEKMAR, Thanet CAMRA, Thanet Beekeepers/Drapers Windmill Trust.

The general aim is to impress attendees with the wealth of community opportunity : the basic themes like Caesar's Gaul are divided into 3 : Coast, Heritage Centre, Newbuild suburb. Feedback from the launch will no doubt refine upon the base.

The Group will meet again next Wednesday at 1830hrs. It is anticipated that the main business will comprise the beginnings of formulating a detailed response to the Local Plan consultation.