




**Minutes of the Town Council Extraordinary Meeting of
Westgate on Sea Town Council held in Town Council Office
78 St Mildreds Road, Westgate on Sea CT8 8RF
Held on Tuesday 21st February 2023 at 7pm**

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| Present | Cllr Donaldson (Vice-chair), Cllr Calcutt, Cllr Green, Cllr King, Cllr Veck and Cllr Wallin | |
| Also, in attendance | Mrs Chloe Wheatley (Finance Assistant) and four residents | |
| 3657 | To receive apologies for absence Cllr Cornford, Mrs Gill Gray, Cllr O'Connor, Cllr Parry, Cllr Scott and Cllr Crow-Brown | |
| 3658 | Members' Declarations of Interest None | |
| 3659 | Public Participation Session Two residents requested to speak. Both residents raised their concerns about the negative impact of the reduction for the Bus Service Number 35 had on the residents of Westgate, in particular the elderly and disabled residents who lived at the far end of the Mountfield Estate and relied on the bus service to access the shops. | |
| 3660 | Bus Service Number 35 The Chair opened the agenda item by giving a short summary and update to members on the events which led to the calling of the extraordinary meeting. Cllr Donaldson made it clear Westgate-on-Sea Town Council had not given its support for the reduction in the 35 Bus service timetable. He then highlighted the need to work effectively with both Thanet District Council and Kent County Council for the benefit of Westgate residents and how the extraordinary meeting should focus on solutions for supporting the residents living on the Mountfield Estate who were most affected. After discussion the following actions were AGREED: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Cllr Wallin and Cllr Veck to investigate the availability of the St Saviours School Bus with a view to possibly providing a shuttle service in addition to the 35 Bus service. ▪ Cllr Calcutt to investigate the availability of the United Reformed Church community bus with a view to possibly providing a shuttle service in addition to the 35 Bus service. |  |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Finance Assistant to investigate the ownership of the pathway running from Ursuline Drive to Canterbury Road with a view to potentially improving lighting giving improved access to Canterbury Road and the number 8 Bus service. ▪ Cllr King wanted further investigation into how and why Kent County Council believed Westgate-on-Sea Town Council have given their support for the reduction in the 35 Bus service. Cllr Green who had already been in contact with Kent County Council regarding the matter agreed to work with Cllr King to investigate this further. ▪ Members to consider if a working group is necessary to explore the practical solutions. ▪ To place the matter of the 35 Bus service on the Full Council agenda for 7th March 2023. | |
| 3661 | Meeting Closed at 7.59PM | |

Signed David Daniels

Dated 7/3/2023

Chair of the Council