



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

Westgate-On Sea Town Council

on 18th February 2019

at

11 Ethelbert Square, Westgate-On-Sea, Kent CT8 8SR

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| Present | Cllrs Nightingale (Chairman), Cornford, Micallef, M Scott | |
| Also, in attendance | Mrs Gill Gray (Town Clerk). | |
| 1644 | To receive apologies for absence Cllr King and Cllr Pennington | |
| 1645 | Declarations of Interest There were none. | |
| 1646 | Minutes It was moved by Cllr Micallef and seconded by Cllr Cornford and RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meeting of 27th November 2018 be signed and approved as a true record of the meeting. | |
| 1647 | Chairman's Announcements The Chairman reported that he was pleased with progress for the Westgate Day and Westgate in Bloom events this year. | |
| 1648 | Public Participation Session There were no requests received by the Clerk for public participation at this meeting. | |
| 1649 | Transport Update a) Cllr Micallef provided an update to the Committee on the works planned for the Station of Westgate; the first phase was underway and totalled £125,000.00 of expenditure. Following the renewal of the franchise it is hoped that phase two will follow and then the third phase will include the replacement of the footbridge by Network Rail. Sandwich Town Council currently subsidises the train station in Sandwich to extend the opening hours of the ticket office, this can be explored to research viability for Westgate. The current position for the train station is advertised at 20 hours per week, with funding this could become full time hours. b) The Town Clerk reported the latest response from Stagecoach on the frequency of late-night buses. It was RESOLVED: that the contact details for | |

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| | <p>the CEO of Stagecoach should be sought by Cllr Micallef with a view to contacting to discuss changes to the bus timetable for Westgate.</p> | |
| 1630 | <p>Events Update Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pancake Races 2019 • The Town Clerk confirmed that the event necessary permissions were all in place, the resources required for the event including stewards arranged; Cllr Nightingale volunteered as a steward. Applications for the races had been received from a few organisations in the community. • It was discussed that Miles and Barr could be approached to provide a team for the races. • Westgate Day and Working Groups • Local businesses were discussed, it was suggested that some were approached about involvement for the celebration day on Sunday 21st July 2019. • The Town Clerk provided an update on the arrangements for Westgate Day celebration day and the anniversary day which involves the local schools. • WW2 75th Anniversary 2020 • The Town Clerk reported that the same organisation for the Beacon Lighting events was involved for the WW2 75th Anniversary; the logo has been shared and further details will follow in due course. The date for the event will be 8-10 May 2020. The Town Clerk to contact the organisation next month for an update. • Cllr Micallef advised that a Remembrance Train had been discussed at a recent meeting with South East and Network Rail; it may be possible to include Westgate as a potential stop for this year. | |
| 1651 | <p>Westgate in Bloom</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Micallef provided an update to the Committee and was pleased to report that following discussions the Bumble Bee Trust have agreed to sponsor the station part of the project. The first Westgate in Bloom meeting was slightly disappointing in the numbers attending with lots of apologies but there was a positive response at the meeting. • The main lead on the Sunken Gardens project in Westbrook has been in contact with the Town Council to share knowledge. | |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Micallef added that other organisations such as the Hedgehog Trust and RSPB are hoped to become involved in the project. • The first donated trees arrive at the end of March 2019 with further trees arriving in November 2019. • Cllr Micallef added that a press release for the media with all the information will be undertaken next week. • The Town Clerk to check that the trees are arriving with sheaths and bamboo sticks for planting. • Cllr Nightingale suggested that the Kent Bee Keepers could attend the Westgate Day event. • Cllr Micallef and the Town Clerk confirmed that any involvement with the Sunken Garden project would be as volunteers outside the Town Council. | |
| 1652 | <p>Proposed Scything Event September 2019</p> <p>The Town Clerk reported that a small community group had contacted and advised that a scything event is proposed to take place to celebrate the 5th Anniversary of the “Town Green” status awarded to land north of Ursuline Drive. The Town Clerk to check on insurances needed and the KCC permission. Following discussions, it was RESOLVED: that the Town Council could work in collaboration with the community group to undertake research and offer support for the event planning process.</p> | |
| 1653 | <p>Events for 2019 Budget</p> <p>The Town Clerk reported on the budget for the next financial year for Events and Tourism; following discussions a meeting should be sought with the Coastal Tourism and Development Manager and it was RESOLVED: that the Punch and Judy Show event would not be planned this year and the budget for this should be added to the budget for the Westgate Day event.</p> | |
| 1654 | <p>Proposals for Westgate Day</p> <p>a) The design proposal originally received had been replaced with a contra proposal; this was discussed and agreed as a workable solution RESOLVED: to be recommended to Cllr Page for consideration and adoption for the event. Cllr Micallef to work on the preliminary PR work with the agreement of Cllr Page.</p> <p>b) The Town Clerk reported that a Town Council stall at the Westgate Day event was important for</p> | |

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| | community engagement purposes. The inclusion of merchandise for sale was discussed; the costings and historical design for any items should be researched. Potential items included postcards, tea cloths and cloth bags. | |
| 1655 | AOB Cllr Micallef suggested that a street party to celebrate Armed Forces Day could be organised for 29 th June 2019; it was agreed that the preliminary enquiries should be carried out by Cllr Cornford and potentially the Silver Band from Birchington could be involved. | |
| 1656 | Next Meeting The next meeting is 26 th March 2019 | |
| 1657 | Meeting Closed at 20.03 pm | |

Signed.....

Date.....26/3/19