



**Minutes of the Virtual Town Council Meeting of
Westgate on Sea Town Council
Held on Tuesday 6th October 2020 at 7pm**

Present	Cllrs Cornford (Chairperson), Donaldson, Nightingale, M Scott, Wallin	
Also, in attendance	Mrs Gill Gray (Town Clerk) and 2 residents	
2386	To receive apologies for absence Cllr O'Connor, Cllr Green, Cllr Page, Cllr Pennington, Cllr Dr H Scott, Cllr Bambridge (TDC) and Cllr Dawson (KCC).	
2387	Members' Declarations of Interest There were none. Cllr Cornford advised Item 7 would be moved to Item 4.	
2388	Minutes It was proposed by Cllr Wallin and seconded by Cllr Donaldson and RESOLVED: that the minutes of the Council meeting held on 1st September 2020 be signed and approved as a true record of the meeting.	
2389	Public Participation Session There was one request to speak by a resident in relation to the repairs being currently undertaken on the shelter next to Finbars Restaurant on Sea Road. Members were provided an update following the WIB funds being utilised to fund the ground works required. The resident further explained that negotiations are ongoing with TDC in relation to the remedial works for the slope and to explore the possibility of a sympathetic footpath across the green to give more stable access in the event of inclement weather. The resident was thanked by Members for his hard work on this project for the Town.	
2390	Town Clerk Report Town Clerk updated Members on the following items: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Speedwatch • Town Council magazine • Defib installation on Sea Road • New noticeboard for the office • Flagpole on Sea Road • Picnic tables and benches on Lymington green • Seven additional litter bins now installed • Great Britain September Clean Up • Weeding and planting at train station on Platform 1 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recent meeting with Westgate Heritage Centre to discuss proposed small event to mark 150th anniversary of opening of train station in Westgate • KALC Clerks conference • SLCC Clerks conference scheduled for w/c 12.10.20 • Installation of poppies on 01.11.20 	
2391	<p>KCC/TDC Councillor Reports</p> <p>Cllr Cornford read a report provided by Cllr Dawson from KCC, the following items were covered:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update on the pedestrian crossing consultation for the proposed Canterbury Road crossing by Ursuline College • Active Travel Scheme – one-way trial removal from Station Road • KCC funding for Christmas lights for Westgate 	
2392	<p>Councillor's Report</p> <p>Cllr Donaldson reported on recent discussions with Margate Town Deal and the proposals from Westgate for a share of the funds. Cllr Donaldson added that he has also recently had meetings with the URC to help progress funding and visited Our Kitchen in Margate to volunteer. Cllr M Scott reported on his recent involvement with consulting traders during the trial one-way scheme on Station Road and added that he will be volunteering again this year for the Thanet Open Christmas initiative, he will share further details in due course.</p> <p>Cllr Nightingale reported on his recent experience during lockdown and how he had found reward from assisting residents in the community. Cllr Nightingale added that he was exploring making the assistance more regular and had been in discussions with Age UK and TDC.</p> <p>Cllr Cornford reported on the recent KALC Executive Committee that Cllr Pennington had attended and input in discussions concerning the draft reserves policy for KALC.</p>	
2393	<p>Finance Reports</p> <p>A) Bank Reconciliations 31.08.20</p> <p>B) Payment and Receipt Reports 31.08.20</p> <p>C) Receipts and Payments by Budget Heading 31.08.20</p> <p>D) Annual Budget by Combined Account Code</p> <p>It was proposed by Cllr Donaldson and seconded by Cllr M Scott and RESOLVED: that the Bank Reconciliations, Payment and Receipt Reports, Receipts and Payments by Budget Heading for 31.08.20 be received.</p> <p>It was proposed by Cllr Donaldson and seconded by Cllr M Scott and RESOLVED: that the Annual Budget by Combined Account Code be received.</p>	

2394	<p>Container for Town Council Storage Town Clerk provided Members with a report and three quotations for a storage container to be sited near to the Community Centre on Lymington Road. It was proposed by Cllr Wallin and seconded by Cllr Donaldson and RESOLVED: that the Town Council will purchase a 20ft sized used container from Trade Container Services including delivery to Westgate for £1,690.00 to be sited in the car park next to the Community Centre on Lymington Road to be used for the purposes of storage.</p>	
2395	<p>AGAR for Westgate on Sea Town Council Annual Review Update Town Clerk shared the external auditor report and certificate with Members and advised that the conclusion of the annual review has now taken place with the Notice of Conclusion of Audit made public on the noticeboard and on the Town Council website.</p>	
2396	<p>Membership of F&GP Committee and PH&E Committee Cllr Pennington has requested to join the PH&E Committee and step down from F&GP Committee It was proposed by Cllr Donaldson and seconded by Cllr Nightingale and RESOLVED: that Cllr Pennington will join the PH&E Committee</p>	
2397	<p>Environment Agency Investment Readiness Fund 2021 Town Clerk shared details of the proposed EA Investment Readiness Fund 2021 and advised that there will be consultation in due course on the fund design.</p>	
2398	<p>Thanet Local Plan Review Town Clerk shared details of a request for comments from TDC; comments to be submitted to TDC by Town Clerk.</p>	
2399	<p>Government Consultations on Reforming the Planning System It was RESOLVED: that this item was deferred to the PH&E Committee on 13.10.20</p>	
2400	<p>Next Meeting The next meeting is 3rd November 2020</p>	
2401	<p>Meeting Closed at 20.04pm</p>	

Signed.....

Dated.....03-11-2020

Chairperson of the Council

