



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

Held at the Westgate-on-Sea Town Council Office

78 St Mildreds Road, Westgate-on-Sea CT8 8RF

on Wednesday 6th November 2024 at 6.30pm

Present

Cllr Thomason (Chair of the Events, Tourism and Development Committee)

Cllr Wallin (Chairman of the Town Council)

Cllr King

Cllr Fenning

Cllr Scott

Ms Nabila Yakub – Interim Town Clerk

Ms Ana Jagelo – Administration Officer

2 x Members of the Public

ETD/24/25 Welcome and Apologies for Absence

The Chair welcomed all attendees and noted the apologies received from Cllr Donaldson.

ETD/24/26 Members' Interests

None.

ETD/24/27 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 25th September 2024 were received and approved as an accurate record.

ETD/24/28 Public Participation Session

Sarah Gibbon from Westgate Galleria raised a query about decorating the High Street in preparation for Remembrance Sunday, which was noted to be covered later in the agenda.

ETD/24/29 Update on Remembrance Sunday

Cllr Wallin reported that the flag has been tested and will be raised on Saturday and taken down on Tuesday. The Interim Town Clerk added that quite a few decorations have been put up at the memorial ground, with more to be added around the town. The Administration Officer Ana Jagelo then provided an update on the arrangements for Remembrance Sunday. She confirmed that everything was ready and that the road closures and first aid provisions had

been approved. She noted that few volunteers were still needed to assist as stewards on the day.

ETD/24/30 Christmas Plans

The Chair updated the Committee regarding the Christmas Lights Switch-on, saying that all preparations would be completed in time for the Late-Night Shopping. The Chair also reported that discussions were ongoing with shopkeepers regarding Christmas lights outside their businesses. The procurement of up-lighters for the trees was also discussed and concerns regarding electricity supply acknowledged.

The Chair outlined the difficulties encountered in securing the Christmas tree this year, including issues with the supplier, Young's Nurseries, and the requirement for street works permission from Kent County Council. Efforts by the Interim Town Clerk were ongoing to resolve these matters.

ETD/24/31 Pancake Races

The Chair was nominated to support the office in relation to the Pancake Races. Cllr King also volunteered to help. Engagement with local schools, businesses and community groups was discussed to generate interest and participation.

Cllr Scott suggested involving the Westgate Fire Station in future events to enhance community engagement.

ETD/24/32 Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday, 29 January 2025 at 6pm.

The meeting closed at 6.30pm.

Signed: Cheryl King

Date: 05/02/2024