

WESTGATE-ON-SEA TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES

Meeting: Full Council

Venue: The Council Chamber, Town Hall Buildings, 31 St Mildred's Road, Westgate-on-Sea, CT8 8RE

Time: 7pm.

Date: Monday 7 December 2015.

Present: Cllrs Ashbee, Charlton, Cornford, King (Chairman), Morrish, Nightingale, Pennington, Rickett, Rolfe, Scott.

Town Clerk – Mrs. J. Williams

	ITEM		ACTION
155	CHAIRMAN	Chairman's opening remarks	
156	APOLOGIES	None	
157	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST	None	
158	MINUTES	Minutes of the Council meeting held on 2 November 2015 were approved and signed as a true record. (Minutes 132-154) Proposed: Cllr Rolfe Seconded: Cllr Rickett <u>RESOLVED</u>	
159	COMMUNITY WARDEN	Laura Bungard, Community Warden, gave the meeting a report on activity during November.	
160	PUBLIC RIGHT TO SPEAK	Malcolm Bailey in respect of 8 Westleigh Road. Mr. Bailey handed in a petition with 121 signatures.	
161	8 WESTLEIGH ROAD	The meeting reconvened and members discussed the public's concerns about how this planning application had been dealt with. After discussion it was agreed: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Cllr Ashbee to meet with Mr. Bailey and other residents at the end of this meeting to discuss approach to Thanet District Council. ii. Clerk to write to Thanet District Council expressing this council's concern that due process has not been followed. iii. The meeting also agreed that for clarity and the smooth running of this council all representations from and/or on behalf of the council must be sent through the Town Clerk. Proposed: Cllr Ashbee Seconded: Cllr Rickett <u>RESOLVED</u>	Cllr Ashbee
162	FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Finance Regulations unanimously approved Proposed: Cllr Ashbee Seconded: Cllr Cornford <u>RESOLVED</u>	

		<p>ii. Risk Assessment unanimously approved</p> <p>Proposed: Cllr Ashbee Seconded: Cllr Rolfe <u>RESOLVED</u></p> <p>iii. Finance Risk Assessment unanimously approved</p> <p>Proposed: Cllr Nightingale Seconded: Cllr Ashbee <u>RESOLVED</u></p>	
163	COMMONWEALTH FLAG DAY	<p>Defer to a future meeting</p> <p>Proposed: Cllr Rickett Seconded: Cllr Pennington <u>RESOLVED</u></p>	
164	KALC COMMUNITY AWARDS SCHEME	<p>After discussion scheme adopted. Clerk to action</p> <p>Proposed: Cllr Scott Seconded: Cllr Cornford <u>RESOLVED</u> with one abstention</p>	Clerk
165	WESTGATE-ON-SEA TOWN CENTRE AND POLICE PRESENCE	<p>During discussions the following points were made:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PCSO covers both Birchington and Westgate • We don't currently have a police patrol • There are currently an unusual number of burglaries • Neighbourhood Engagement Meetings are taking place. Cllr Ashbee to obtain details of the meeting. <p>It was proposed that the council invite a Police Officer to attend a future meeting to discuss our concerns. Clerk to write to the Task Force.</p> <p>Proposed: Cllr Scott Seconded: Cllr Charlton <u>RESOLVED</u></p>	<p>Cllr Ashbee</p> <p>Clerk</p>
166	REPORT on KCC PARISH SEMINAR	<p>Members received Cllr Cornford's report. Cllr Cornford drew attention to the Parish Caretaker Scheme.</p>	
167	REPORT ON KALC AGM	<p>Members received and discussed the joint report from Cllr Cornford and Cllr Morrish who attended the AGM on the council's behalf.</p> <p>Members discussed the possible provision of defibrillators in Westgate-on-Sea and where these might be sited. It was agreed to consider this when preparing the budget.</p>	Clerk
168	GRANT APPLICATION	<p>Westgate-on-Sea Lighting & Improvement application for £400 approved.</p> <p>Proposed: Cllr Rickett Seconded: Cllr Nightingale <u>RESOLVED</u></p>	

169	STRATEGIC PLAN	<p>After discussion agreed the clerk will produce a Headline Strategic Plan based on the aims as discussed and amended. The Headline Plan will then be supported by an action plan as to how these aims are to be met.</p> <p>Proposed: Cllr Rickett Seconded: Cllr Scott <u>RESOLVED</u></p>	Clerk
170	TOWN CLERK'S REPORT	<p><u>Canopies in Station Road.</u> Cllr Pennington reported on his meeting with TDC Heritage Officer and CAAG. Members discussed the advantages and disadvantages of the different funding available. Clerk to email TDC Estates Department to clarify ownership of the canopies and Legal issues if the council wish to go ahead with obtaining an improvement grant.</p> <p><u>Chair/Clerk's meeting with TDC:</u> Proposed that the items discussed be included as agenda items at the next full council meeting.</p> <p>Proposed: Cllr Morrish Seconded: Cllr Charlton <u>RESOLVED</u></p> <p><u>SLCC Regional Road Show</u> – Clerk to organise</p> <p><u>The following items to be agenda items for next meeting:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Infrastructure Levy Review • Review of Local Council Tax Support Scheme • Kent Fire & Rescue consultation. 	Clerk Clerk
171	CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS	<p>The public were excluded for the following items of business under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 (s extended by s.100 of the Local Government Act 1972), on the grounds that the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.</p> <p>For the purpose of transparency, the decisions following discussions are reported below.</p> <p><u>Margate Charter Trustees:</u> The council have now received copies of the audited accounts and are considering their position.</p> <p>Proposed: Cllr Rickett Seconded: Cllr Nightingale <u>RESOLVED</u></p> <p><u>Town Clerk Vacancy:</u> After discussion members agreed to advertise for a Town Clerk immediately. Interviews to be held on 11 January 2016.</p> <p>Proposed: Cllr Rickett Seconded: Cllr Ashbee <u>RESOLVED</u></p>	

Next Meeting: 7pm Monday 4 January 2016.