



**Minutes of the Virtual Town Council Meeting of
Westgate on Sea Town Council
Held on Tuesday 5th January 2021 at 7pm**

Present	Cllrs Cornford (Chairperson), O'Connor (Vice-chair), Donaldson, Green, Nightingale, Pennington, M Scott, Wallin	
Also, in attendance	Mrs Gill Gray (Town Clerk) and 3 residents	
2 501	To receive apologies for absence Cllr Page, Cllr Dr Scott and Cllr Dawson (KCC)	
2 502	Members' Declarations of Interest There were none.	
2.503	Minutes It was moved by Cllr O'Connor and seconded by Cllr Green and RESOLVED: that the minutes of the Council meeting held on 1st December 2020 be signed and approved as a true record of the meeting. It was RESOLVED: that the minutes of the P,H&E Committee held on 10th November 2020 were received	
2.504	Chairman Report Cllr Cornford reported on the following items: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Town Council magazine is now being distributed • The role of Tree/Biodiversity Warden update 	
2.505	KCC/TDC Councillor Reports Cllr Cornford advised Members that a report will follow from Cllr Dawson. Cllr M Scott reported on the following items: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Covid-19 response by TDC and updates • Manston inland border facility update 	
2 506	Councillor Reports Cllr Wallin reported on the KALC training provided in November with his personal views and a meeting he attended to discuss the future of the Post Office. Cllr Donaldson reported on the newly set up Food Club in Westgate and the need for more volunteers, an update on the research undertaken in relation to the War Memorial Recreation Ground and funding. Cllr Green reported on the recent Emergency Preparedness Plan.	
2 507	Public Participation Session There was one request to speak on the proposed outline planning application for the Gallops. One resident raised	

	<p>a question of the Town Council strategy and response; Members responded to the query. The main concerns for the proposed development and stated issues included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organising joint response to the proposed development • Local Plan Review consultation process queries outstanding • Lack of detail in the proposed development and studies still awaited • Procuring professional advice when required • Seeking support of local MP <p>Members agreed that contact should be maintained with all groups who are actively responding to the proposed development on agricultural land known as the Gallops and neighbouring developments.</p>	
2508	<p>Finance Reports</p> <p>A) Bank Reconciliations 30.11.20</p> <p>B) Payment and Receipt Reports 30.11.20</p> <p>C) Receipts and Payments by Budget Heading 30.11.20</p> <p>D) Annual Budget by Combined Account Code</p> <p>It was moved by Cllr Cornford and seconded by Cllr Wallin and RESOLVED: that the Bank Reconciliations, Payment and Receipt Reports, Receipts and Payments by Budget Heading for 30.11.20 be received.</p> <p>It was RESOLVED: that the Annual Budget by Combined Account Code be received.</p>	
2509	<p>Draft Town Council Budget for 2021/22</p> <p>The finalised draft budget was shared by the Town Clerk with Full Council and Cllr O'Connor gave an overview of the draft figures.</p> <p>It was RESOLVED: that the Draft Town Council Budget was adopted for the financial year 2021/22 and the Town Clerk to submit the Precept request from the Town Council to TDC for £149,475.00 which when divided by the draft Tax Base of 2,482.41 is £60.21 which is the Band D equivalent figure for the year.</p>	
2510	<p>KALC Training for Town Councillors Report</p> <p>Town Clerk invited Members to report on the recent attendance to the virtual Dynamic Councillor training provided by KALC. Four Councillors had feedback, three found the training positive and one Member was dissatisfied.</p>	
2511	<p>2021 KALC Community Awards Scheme</p>	

	<p>Town Clerk reported on the KALC Community Awards Scheme and invited Members to adopt the scheme for 2021.</p> <p>It was moved by Cllr Green and seconded by Cllr O'Connor and RESOLVED: that the Town Council adopted the KALC Community Awards Scheme for 2021 and Members would be invited to submit nominations at the next Full Council meeting.</p>	
2.512	<p>Local Council Award Scheme NALC</p> <p>Town Clerk shared details of the Local Council Award Scheme that is sponsored by NALC. Town Clerk proposed that the levels of the scheme should be explored and reported back to Council in due course. Members were invited to register interest with NALC for the Town Council taking part in the scheme this year.</p> <p>It was moved by Cllr M Scott and seconded by Cllr Donaldson and RESOLVED: that the Town Clerk should register interest with NALC for the Town Council taking part in the scheme this year. Town Clerk to report back to Council on the criteria for the different levels.</p>	
2.513	<p>Next Meeting</p> <p>The next meeting is 2nd February 2021</p>	
2.514	<p>Meeting Closed at 20.15pm</p>	

Signed.....

Dated.....05-01-2021

Chairman of the Council

