Westgate-on-Sea Town Council

Minutes of the meeting held at 6pm, Wednesday 20th January 2016 in the Council Chamber, Town Hall Buildings, 31 St. Mildred's Road, Westgate-on-Sea.

Present: Councillors King (Chairman), Charlton, Cornford, Nightingale, Pennington, Rickett, Rolfe and Scott.

Also present: Roy Wade (Interim Town Council)

CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME

The Chairman opened the meeting and gave the usual "housekeeping" instructions.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were submitted by Councillors Ms.Ashbee, Morrish and Ms. Williams (Town Clerk).

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made.

MINUTES

It was moved by Cllr. Rickett and seconded by Cllr. Pennington that the minutes of the meeting held on 4th January 2016 be approved and signed by the Chairman.

BUDGET/PRECEPT REQUIREMENT FOR 2016/17

Council considered the draft budget/precept requirement for the year 2016/17 and the Interim Town Clerk tabled amended proposals (Options 1 & 2) which reduced the impact of the proposed increases set out in the proposals tabled.

The Chairman set out his vision in respect of the future of Westgate-on-Sea and measures he would like to put in place to make the town and even more attractive place to live.

There followed a detail discussion on the main thrust of the budget details relating to the introduction and method of funding revised cleansing arrangements within Westgate-on-Sea and had regard to the recent survey and analysis of the survey "War on Rubbish.

RESOLVED: That (A) the draft budgets (Options 1 & 2) be deferred,

(B) Thanet District Council be asked to confirm the last date on which the Town Council's precept requirement may be considered, (C) that a further meeting be held to consider the precept once the advice of TDC is received; and (D) Members of the Council to submit alternative budget proposals to the Interim Town Clerk for consideration at the appropriate meeting.

EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC: RESOLVED: That the press and public be excluded for the remainder of the meeting in view of the need to discuss staffing and confidential matters.

TOWN CLERK

RESOLVED: That the position of Town Clerk and Responsible Finance Officer be re-advertised.

CHAIRMAN 3 FEB. 16

Time concluded: 8.25pm.

Westgate -on- Sea Town Council
Annual Budget - By Cost Centre 2016/2017

			LAST YEAR 2015/2016		CURRENT YEAR 2016/2017	
			Budget	Actual (as at 12.1.16)	Budget	Actual
200	RECEIPTS	Precept	67,087.25	67,087.25	66,780.00	0.00
		MCT (Precept)	20,643.21	20,643.21	0.00	0.00
		MCT (Asset Div)	30,000.00	30,000.00	30,000.00	0.00
		Bank various	0.00	13.31	0.00	0.00
		VAT	0.00	0.00	1,000.00	0.00
		Sundries	0.00	0.00	1,500.00	0.00
			117,730.46	117,743.77	99,280.00	0.00
300	EXPENDITURE					
305		Banking/charges	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.00
307		VAT	0.00	1,114.99	1,000.00	0.00
309		Petty cash	0.00	100.00	200.00	0.00
310		Staffing/pension (clerical)	15,000.00	12,229.87	28,500.00	0.00
315		Staffing/pension (manual ops)	0.00	0.00	34,530.00	0.00
320		Office Expense inc stationary	5,000.00	3,337.80	1,000.00	0.00
325		Rent & Rates	7,000.00	2,943.61	5,500.00	0.00
330		Audit Fee	0.00	0.00	800.00	0.00
335		Subs & Memberships	0.00	1,781.01	2,000.00	0.00
340		Insurance	1,000.00	286.20	1,000.00	0.00
345		Public notices & advertising	5,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	0.00
350		Cllr & Off Training	0.00	456.42	1,200.00	0.00
351		Cllr & Off Parking/Travel	0.00	71.30	150.00	0.00
360		IT inc. Website	0.00	200.00	500.00	0.00
362		Tel/Broadband	0.00	0.00	600.00	0.00
365		Office Equipment	0.00	665.86	500.00	0.00
366		Office Furniture	0.00	916.67	500.00	0.00
370		Cllr Allowances/Exp	2,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	0.00
368		Operators Equip (lease/buy)	0.00	0.00	1,000.00	0.00
375		S137 Expenditure (grants)	0.00	400.00	500.00	0.00
390		Sundries	0.00	18.50	200.00	0.00
377		Parks/Open spaces	0.00	0.00	2,500.00	0.00
378		Grant Schemes	10,000.00	0.00	5,000.00	0.00
399		Contingency/Resv	0.00	0.00	10,000.00	0.00
			45,000.00	24,522.23	99,280.00	0.00