




**Minutes of the Town Council Meeting of
Westgate on Sea Town Council held in Town Council
Office, 78 St Mildreds Road, Westgate on Sea CT8 8RF
Held on Tuesday 4th January 2022 at 7pm**

Present	Cllrs O'Connor (Vice-Chair), Donaldson, Nightingale, Dr H Scott, M Scott, Wallin	
Also, in attendance	Mrs Gill Gray (Town Clerk) and one resident	
2 983	To receive apologies for absence Cllr Crow-Brown (KCC), Cllr Donaldson, Cllr Green, Cllr M Scott	
2 984	Members' Declarations of Interest There were none.	
2 985	Minutes It was moved by Cllr Dr H Scott and seconded by Cllr Wallin and RESOLVED: that the minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 7th December 2021 be signed and approved as a true record of the meeting. It was RESOLVED: that the minutes of the PH&E Committee held on 14th December 2021 were received.	
2 986	Town Clerk Report Town Clerk reported on the following items: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Saturday Surgery and Community Clinic • Neighbourhood Plan Consultation update • War Memorial Recreation Ground • New role for Maintenance/Groundsperson • Co-option Vacancies for Town Councillors • Contain Outbreak Management Funding • AGE UK Drop in mornings • Sea Road Abandoned Encampment • Meeting with Action Group • Dates for Events The Community Warden also shared a report which the Town Clerk read, this covered topics:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Examples of support for residents with various issues • Engaged with lots of local groups • Facilitated new set ups in the town for initiatives • Supported events in the community • Worked collaboratively with other agencies to secure positive outcomes • Following a review there will be a swap to another area; this has resulted in the 	

	<p>Community Connector who already works in Westgate as becoming the new Community Warden for the Town.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thanks to all who welcomed and the kindness shared by residents. 	
2987	<p>KCC/TDC Councillor Reports Cllr Wright reported on her recent work in relation to carers support and foodbank information.</p>	
2988	<p>Councillor Reports Cllr O'Connor reported on supporting for the Christmas Fair. Cllr Cornford reported on the JTB meeting and that the proposed Active Travel Scheme between Birchington and Margate was not supported. Cllr Cornford added that the Thanet Area Committee are due to meet on Monday 10.01.22 and there is a proposed Carbon Literacy Course planned for later in the year, more details will be shared in due course.</p>	
2989	<p>Public Participation Session No requests received.</p>	
2990	<p>Finance Reports A) Bank Reconciliations 30.11.21 B) Payment and Receipt Reports 30.11.21 C) Receipts and Payments by Budget Heading 30.11.21 be received D) Annual Budget by Combined Account Code 30.11.2021 E) Budget Forecast Report as at 30.11.2021 It was RESOLVED: that the Bank Reconciliations, Payment and Receipt Reports 30.11.2021; Receipts and Payments by Budget Heading and Annual Budget by Combined Account Code for 30.11.21 and Budget Forecast Report be received.</p>	
2991	<p>Draft Budget for 2022/2023 Town Clerk shared the finalised draft budget for 2022/2023 and invited debate by Members before adoption by Council. The provisional Council Tax Base for 2022/23 is 2,518.29 which is subject to approval by TDC. The proposed Precept request is £161,600.00 subject to the approval of the Council Tax Base. The Band D equivalent figure is £64.17. It was moved by Cllr Wallin and seconded by Cllr Dr H Scott and RESOLVED: that the proposed Precept request of £161,600.00 is sent to TDC and is subject to the approval of the Council Tax Base provisional figure of 2,518.29 being approved by TDC. The Budget is adopted and will be £172,275.00 for 2022/23.</p>	
2992	<p>Draft Neighbourhood Plan Report</p>	

	<p>Town Clerk shared a report from Breakthrough Communications on the digital survey undertaken for the consultation of the draft NP. Members were invited to receive the information and agree the next stage of the process.</p> <p>It was moved by Cllr O'Connor and seconded by Cllr Nightingale and RESOLVED: that the Town Clerk to consult Goldstone Town Planning for professional opinion and create an action plan for progressing to the next stage of the process. Town Clerk to prepare a report for next Full Council.</p>	
2993	<p>Thanet Local Plan Update</p> <p>Town Clerk shared the information relating to a partial update of the Thanet Local Plan engagement process and invited debate from Members. Cllr Cornford advised that there could be a collaborative approach by seeking view from BPC and TAC.</p> <p>It was RESOLVED: that the item is deferred to the next PH&E Committee when the reports, studies and papers can be scrutinised by the Committee and a report prepared for the next Full Council meeting and shared with BPC.</p>	
2994	<p>Co-Option Update and Shortlisting Procedure</p> <p>Town Clerk shared details of the six registers of interest for the two Town Councillor vacancies and invite debate on the proposal to shortlist. Following a short debate it was agreed that no shortlisting would take place and that all six individuals are invited to interview stage. The draft questions to be shared with Members by the Town Clerk and comments welcomed.</p> <p>It was moved by Cllr O'Connor and seconded by Cllr Dr H Scott and RESOLVED: that all six applicants will be interviewed over two evenings. There will be a set of questions agreed with Members and Town Clerk to consult on the proposed questions prior to the next Full Council meeting. The unsuccessful applicants shall be encouraged to engage with the Council particularly as next year the Elections are taking place for a new Town Council.</p>	
2 995	<p>Next Meeting</p> <p>The next meeting is 1st February 2022</p>	
2 996	<p>Meeting Closed at 20.10pm</p>	

Signed.....

Dated...01-02-2022

Chair of the Council

