



**Minutes of the Meeting of the Events, Tourism and Development Sub-Committee of
Westgate-On Sea Town Council**

Held on Wednesday 11th January 2023 at 4.00pm

at Town Council Office, 78 St Mildreds Road, Westgate on Sea CT8 8RF

Present	Cllr Donaldson (Vice Chair), Cllr Cornford and Cllr O'Connor	
Also, in attendance	Chloe Wheatley - Finance Assistant Club President and Club Chairman for Westgate United Services Club	
3588	To receive apologies for absence Cllr C. Calcutt	
3589	Declaration of interests None	
3590	Minutes It was proposed by Cllr Cornford and seconded by Cllr O'Connor and RESOLVED: that the minutes of the Events, Tourism and Development Sub-Committee held on 4th December 2023 be signed and approved as a true record of the meeting.	
3591	Chairs Update It was AGREED that going forward the Events, Tourism and Developments Sub-Committee will be held on a Monday due to the Chair's work commitments.	
3592	Pancake Races 2023 Members reviewed the event poster, discussed the prize options, decorations and the possibility of serving refreshments on the day. It was AGREED to purchase medals for 1 st place runners and provide all participants with a participation certificate. It was AGREED to purchase ribbon and balloons to decorate the event area. The colours purple and white were chosen so any leftover decorations could be used for celebrating the Coronation of King Charles III. ACTIONS: <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Finance Assistant to amend poster to clearly show the change in event location.	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To purchase prizes for the day and decorations for the event. 	
3593	<p>B24 Memorial Members discussed the reopening ceremony for the renovated B24 memorial.</p> <p>It was AGREED to hold a ceremony on Thursday 27th April 2023.</p> <p>ACTIONS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Finance Assistant to contact the Heritage Centre and Westgate United Services Club to discuss the potential of working in collaboration on the event. To contact Cllr Michael Tomlinson who was involved in the original opening ceremony. 	
3594	<p>Coronation of King Charles III The Sub-Committee discussed other possible ideas to celebrate the Coronation of King Charles III in addition to holding competitions.</p> <p>ACTIONS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Finance Assistant to research what other Town Councils are planning and to put the item back on the agenda for the next meeting. 	
3595	<p>Open Art Market in Westgate Finance Assistant had contacted the Westgate Arts and Crafts group which meet each Tuesday and hold an Art Exhibition every summer.</p> <p>The exhibition artwork is created by those who attend the craft group and although work was for sale it was not an art market.</p> <p>Cllr Bertie Braidwood sent a report in updating members he had been in contact with the Director of the Neighbourhoods Team at TDC and was waiting for information back on costings etc</p>	
3596	<p>Town Council Magazine The next issue of the Town Council Magazine was due out in late January 2023. After discussion with the Publishers and taking into consideration the upcoming pre-election period (purdah) for the elections due in May 2023 the publication date of the next magazine will now be early March 2023.</p>	
3597	<p>FEASTival The Town Council had been contacted by Zoom Events who run the FEASTival Event. Regretfully, they have no plans to host in Westgate in 2023 due to lack of trader support. Instead of focussing on several small events they be hosing one Isle of Thanet event which will be in Margate. FEASTival was planned to coincide with Westgate Day and members went on to discuss how to mark Westgate day.</p> <p>It was AGREED to move the planned Community Picnic to 22nd July 2023.</p>	

3598	<p>Reinstallation of the Memorial Plaque at Lymington Road Recreation Ground</p> <p>Finance Assistant to check with Thanet District Council Planning to ensure no further permissions were required before reinstalling the Memorial Plaque.</p>	
3599	<p>Public Participation Session</p> <p>Representatives from the Westgate United Services Club came to the Events, Tourism and Developments Sub-Committee to discuss the November 2022 Remembrance event following a letter sent to the Town Council on 24.11.2022.</p> <p>The Westgate United Service Club wished the Town Council to review the order of the procession from St Saviours Church to the War Memorial on Remembrance Sunday 2023. They believed representatives from the Westgate United Services Club should come before members of the Town Council in the procession.</p> <p>They were also concerned veterans had been omitted from the procession list.</p> <p>The Finance Assistant confirmed a response had been sent on 05.12.2022 addressing their concerns. An apology was made for any offence caused and recognition was given to the long-standing service the Westgate United Service Club has provided to serving military, veterans and residents of Westgate. The Town Council had contacted the Royal British Legion who confirmed the procession order used in 2022 fell in line with their guidance. The procession order had been sent to all participants prior to Remembrance Sunday 2022 and amendments had made after receiving feedback from participants. The Town Council would also ensure veterans were clearly listed on the procession list.</p> <p>For Remembrance Day 2023 it was AGREED to hold a physical meeting to give everyone an opportunity to look at the procession order before it was finalised and sent out. Further contact details were taken to ensure the Club President of the Westgate United Services Club was included in future correspondence.</p>	
3600	<p>Next Meeting</p> <p>Monday 6th February 2023</p>	

