



**Minutes of the Meeting of the
Westgate-On Sea Town Council
on 4th December 2018 at 7.00pm**

The meeting was held at the held at

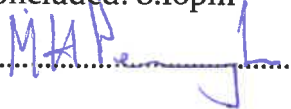
**United Reformed Church, 54, Westgate Bay Avenue,
Westgate-On-Sea, Kent CT8 8SR**

Present	Councillors Pennington (Chairman), Cornford, King, Micallef, Nightingale, O'Connor, Rolfe, H Scott and M Scott	
Also in attendance	Roy Wade (Locum Clerk)	
1568	Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Page and Cllrs Messenger and Bambridge (TDC)	
1569	Minutes a) Extra-ordinary 27th November 2018 - It was moved by Cllr M Scott and seconded by Cllr Cornford that the minutes be approved and signed by the Chairman - AGREED b) F&GP 16th October 2018 - It was moved by Cllr Cornford and seconded by Cllr Rolfe that the minutes be received - AGREED and c) Events & Tourism 23rd October 2018 - It was moved by Cllr Micallef and seconded by Cllr Cornford that the minutes be received - AGREED	
1570	Members' Interests No declarations of interest were made	
1571	Report of the Community Warden The Community Warden was not in attendance and her report was read to Members by the Locum Clerk	
1572	County and District Councillors' Report No Members were in attendance to report.	
1573	Public Right to Speak The Chairman reported that no requests had been received to address Council	
1574	Chairman's Report The Chairman reported on a recent meeting with SE Rail to discuss the railway station and advised that regular meetings were proposed in future. The Chairman stated that the gates to the allotment garden's site had been damaged recently and estimates for the repair works were being sought. The Chairman finished his report with thanking the Christmas Lights Committee for all their hard work in facilitating and organising the	

	Christmas Fayre on Station Road which was again a great success for the town.	
1575	<p>Finance Reports</p> <p>It was moved by Cllr Cornford and seconded by Cllr Micallef that the following reports be received:-</p> <p>(a) Bank Reconciliation for October 2018</p> <p>(b) Finance Report Budget versus Expenditure 31.10.2018 and (c) Forecast Report 31.10.2018</p>	
1576	<p>Planning Applications Council considered the following applications:</p> <p>TH/18/1529 – The Knot Cllrs Bambridge and Messenger be requested to call in this application because inadequate parking has been provided, the observations of the police, residents, CAAG have not been taken into account and the original freehold document required that a hostelry remain on part of the site.</p> <p>TH/18/1472 – Dudley House, Dudley Avenue – Support</p> <p>TH/18/1577 – Birds of a Feather, Cuthbert Road – Support</p> <p>TH/18/1558 – 123, Canterbury Road – Support</p> <p>Determined Applications (Delegated)</p> <p>TH/18/1168 – 8 Cliff Field – Approved</p> <p>TH/18/1193 – Community Centre, 39 Canterbury Road – Approved</p> <p>TH/18/1246 – Unit 1 18-20A Station Road – Approved</p> <p>TH/18/1325 – Tamerisk, 105 Sea Road – Refused</p> <p>TH/18/1339 – Ursuline College Canterbury Road – Approved</p>	
1577	<p>Councillors' Reports</p> <p>Cllr Micallef – 1000 bulbs have been planted including more than 400 in Lymington Road.</p> <p>Cllr Rolfe – The Christmas tree in Lymington Road needs to be re-aligned and the decorative lighting re-hung.</p> <p>Cllr Cornford-expressed the Council's thanks to Mr. & Mrs Taylor and Cllrs Micallef and M Scott for their hard work in making the Christmas Fayre such a success.</p> <p>Cllr M Scott – Asked when the manager of British Rail would attend Council and the Town Clerk to try to arrange for the Manager to attend the January Council meeting. He also asked that details of the Community Warden and PCSO be displayed in the Council's notice board.</p> <p>Cllr King – Advised that the library consultations were proposing cuts of 72 hour per week to the opening hours of Thanet's Libraries of which the cuts to Westgate library would be 10 hours. He stressed the importance of Members commenting on the consultation document to avoid these cuts being made.</p> <p>Cllr O'Connor – endorsed the comments made by Cllr. King and highlighted that libraries play a community use</p>	

	<p>in addition to lending books such as completing applications for social benefits.</p> <p>Cllr Micallef – asked that details of the financial saving be requested from KCC/TDC to allow the Town Council to give consideration to the possibility of funding these savings to allow for the existing opening hours to be retained.</p> <p>Cllr M Scott – asked whether discussions had been held with the library service with a view to the Town Council taking over the management of the second floor of Westgate Library. Cllr King responded that discussions had been held but problems in respect of making it available for disabled people were raised. The Town Clerk to contact Kent Libraries to ascertain the latest position and report to Council thereon.</p> <p>Cllr M Scott – highlighted the need for donations to help fund the Thanet Open Christmas initiative which would provide luncheons on 25/26 and 27 December.</p>	
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Time concluded: 8.16pm

Signed..........

Date.....8.1.19.....

