



**Minutes of the Meeting of the Full Council of  
Westgate-On Sea Town Council**

on 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2017

Held at

**Town Hall Buildings, 31 St Mildred's Road, Westgate-On-Sea, Kent CT8 8RE**

Present	Cllr King (Chairman), Cllr Cornford; Cllr Rolfe, Cllr Morrish, Cllr Page, Cllr Pennington; Cllr Rickett,	
Also in attendance	Miss Julie Pilbeam (Town Clerk), 12 residents, Cllr Partington and Cllr Bambridge (Thanet District Council) Andy Brown and Paula Nicol (Westgate Youth Project)	
696	<b>To receive apologies for absence</b> Apologies were received from Cllrs Nightingale, Scott and Stewart with reasons for absence. It was <b>RESOLVED</b> that apologies be accepted.	
697	<b>Declarations of Interest</b> There were none.	
698	<b>Minutes</b> An amendment to councillors questions was agreed. The wording 'election campaign' was changed to 'neighbourhood plan meeting' It was <b>RESOLVED</b> that the minutes of the meeting of 6 <sup>th</sup> March 2017 be signed and approved as a true record of the meeting.	
699	<b>Chairman's announcements</b> The chairman explained the usual housekeeping rules.	
700	<b>Public Participation Session</b> A member of the public spoke of local concerns for the extension to licensing hours at the Carlton Cinema and showed the Council several letters of objection from nearby residents. It was agreed to add this item to the Planning, Highways and Environment Committee agenda for discussion. A representative spoke on behalf of the Westgate Youth Project and explained that due to the lack of funding this important resource for the young people of Westgate had to close.	
701	<b>Motions:</b> <b>From Cllr King: In order that the pending closure of Westgate Youth Project is prevented I propose that Westgate-on-Sea Town Council draw down £4000 from its reserves to be used to assist Westgate Youth</b>	





	<p><b>Project with its operating costs for a period of six months from April 2017. During this six month period the Westgate Youth Project will be expected to apply for charitable status and obtain a grant for the future sustainability of the project.</b></p> <p>Councillors spoke in support of the motion and it was <b>RESOLVED</b> unanimously to accept the motion.</p>	
702	<p><b>Reports from Councillors</b></p> <p>Cllr Cornford reported that she had attended a memorial service for Geoff Shawcase at Christchurch Hall.</p>	
703	<p><b>Town Clerk's Report</b></p> <p>The town clerk reported the following:</p> <p>(a) Asset Disposal – it was noted that Thanet District Council are due to update the Council on what assets will be available for the town council to take ownership.</p> <p>(b) Annual Town Meeting</p> <p>It was noted that The Annual Town Meeting is commencing at 7pm on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2017 in the community centre, Lymington Road. There will be refreshments and a light buffet provided. Banners advertising the event are being displayed around the town.</p> <p>(c) Newsletter</p> <p>It was <b>RESOLVED</b> that:</p> <p>Production of the newsletter to be delegated to the Town Clerk</p> <p>The Chair and Vice Chair of the Council to approve the publication prior to print and delivery</p> <p>The attached advertising rates to be applied for businesses with a 20% discount for local not-for-profit organisations and groups.</p> <p>The Annual Report document and Neighbourhood Plan Survey are included in the 1<sup>st</sup> Edition Newsletter delivery</p> <p>It was noted that the on Westgate Bay Avenue – line painting has taken place to prevent parking close to the crossing.</p> <p>And that the Town Clerk is working with Kent Highways on plans for the installation of new 'Welcome To' signs which incorporate warnings regarding mobile phone use whilst driving. Drafts will be presented to the Planning Highways and Environment Committee in due course.</p>	
704	<p><b>Reports from District Councillors</b></p> <p>Cllr Carol Partington reported on the following:</p> <p>Dreamland has had a further £10m investment taking the total to £25m and is due to open on 26<sup>th</sup> May 2017.</p>	

	<p>A new beauty salon 'Revitalise' has moved from Margate to Station Road Westgate and will be offering discounts for locals.</p> <p>A new beach bar called 'Millies' opposite Pav's café is due to open soon.</p> <p>The news regarding the change of use for Manston Airport is due in the next few weeks.</p> <p>The plans for a 'super council' are now on hold due to Shepway and Dover pulling out.</p> <p>An objection letter has been received for the licensing variation at Carlton Cinema and this will now go before the committee for decision.</p> <p>The Thanet Oasis domestic abuse charity is holding its annual event at the Broadstairs Pavilion on 23<sup>rd</sup> June and the Community Centre is holding its St George's Day quiz on 22<sup>nd</sup> April. More information is available from Cllr Partington.</p>	
705	<p><b>Chairman's Report</b></p> <p>The chairman reported that the Town Council had taken on two part time cleansing operatives and they were undergoing training. The chairman also reported that their first jobs were to make the storage hut at St Mildred's Baysafe and secure and to work on the Beach Shelter renovation projects.</p>	
706	<p><b>Report from Community Warden</b></p> <p>It was noted that Laura had returned to work and a report will follow at the next meeting,</p>	
707	<p><b>Representatives on Outside Bodies</b></p> <p>It was noted that St Michael's Care Home on Wednesday April 5<sup>th</sup> councillors are invited to an Easter party.</p> <p>Cllr Rolfe reported that he had been unable to attend youCAN due to family commitments and Cllr Pennington confirmed that the organiser had been unwell and a date is being arranged for an official visit.</p>	
708	<p><b>Local Plan</b></p> <p>It was reported that the final response had been submitted to Thanet District Council. Cllr Morrish had attended a meeting with representatives from local parishes and Sir Roger Gale MP. Other parishes had suggested they may join Westgate-on-Sea Town Council in sharing the cost for legal assistance to fight the plans.</p>	
709	<p><b>Coastal Community Team</b></p> <p>Cllr Pennington was thanked for his extensive work on the Economic Plan and the Coastal Community Team. It was <b>RESOLVED</b> to accept the economic plan for Westgate.</p>	





710	<b>Council Policies</b> It was <b>RESOLVED</b> to approve the Staff Handbook	
711	<b>Minutes of Committees</b> The following minutes from committees held since the last Full Council meeting were noted: Events and Tourism Committee – 13 <sup>th</sup> March 2017 Finance and General Purposes Committee – 13 <sup>th</sup> March 2017 Planning, Highways and Environment Committee – 20 <sup>th</sup> March 2017	
712	<b>Correspondence</b> (a) Update of the East Kent Merger from Thanet District Council – noted.	
713	<b>Questions from Councillors</b> Cllr Cornford asked what the Kent County Council tree maintenance policy was. It was agreed for the Clerk to investigate and report back to the Planning, Highways and Environment Committee.	<b>Clerk</b>
	<b>Meeting Closed at 8.02pm</b>	

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Cllr Tom King  
Chairman

Date