

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

Held on Tuesday 20th June 2023 at 6.30pm at the Town Council Office, 78 St Mildreds Road, Westgate on Sea CT8 8RF

Present	Cllrs D'Abbro (Chair); Mulinya (Vice Chair); Donaldson; Fenning; King	
Also, in attendance	Mrs Chloe Wheatley (Deputy Town Clerk) and one resident.	
	Apologies for Absence	
	Cllr Scott	
	Member's Interests	
	None	
	Minutes	
	It was moved by Cllr D'Abbro and seconded by Cllr Donaldson and RESOLVED: that the minutes of the E,T&D Committee meeting held on Wednesday 31 st May 2023 were signed and approved as an accurate record of the meeting.	
	Public Participation Session	
	There were no requests from the public to speak.	
	Westgate-on-Sea Photography Project	
	Mareike Gunsche is creating an exhibition featuring portraits of people who live and work in Westgate-on-Sea including the stories behind some of the small independent businesses. Her hopes are to exhibit in Westgate, Thanet and London. Mareike asked the Town Council if they could support her project by helping to source venues for the exhibition and contributing financially towards the cost of printing.	
	ACTIONS: To provide Mareike with the Small Grants Application and paperwork. To add the Photography Project to the next E,T&D Committee Agenda so that Members can discuss costs of printing and possible exhibition venues.	DTC

Town Map 2023	
The Deputy Town Clerk updated Members that the revision of the Town Map was being led by Totally Locally and not Westgate Galleria.	
It was proposed by Cllr D'Abbro and seconded by Cllr Fenning and RESOLVED that: Totally Locally update the design and layout of the map and that the Town Council will fund printing.	
Blue Plaque Walking Tour	
Members discussed the proposal of creating a Blue Plaque walk around Westgate-on-Sea visiting key buildings/historic residents of interest working with the Westgate-on-Sea Heritage Centre.	
It was proposed by Cllr D'Abbro and seconded by Cllr Mulinya and RESOLVED that: E,T&D Committee supported the creation of a walking tour.	
ACTIONS: To confirm with <i>Here Before Us</i> the cost of supplying the Blue Plaque Vinyl's has remained unchanged. To place on the next E,T&D Committee agenda.	DTC
Westgate Skate Skills Sessions	
The Skate Skills session held on Thursday 1 st June 2023 was a great success and very well attended. Quotes from Scorcha Skate School have been requested for providing sessions over the summer holidays.	
It was proposed by Cllr Donaldson and seconded by Cllr Mulinya and RESOLVED that the Town Council provide further free skate skills sessions over the Summer Holidays dependent on costs.	DTC
ACTIONS: To obtain quote from Scorcha Skate School. To place on the next E,T&D Committee agenda.	Dic
Westgate Community Picnic	
Activities were discussed for the Community Picnic.	
ACTIONS: To contact and get quotes for a Face Painter, Punch & Judy / Childrens Entertainer, Football Skills and Skorcha Skate School. To contact the Westgate and Garlinge Action Group Against Housing Development on Farmland to see if they would like to provide refreshments to raise money for their action group. To place the Community Picnic on the next Full Council Agenda.	DTC

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Remembrance Parade 2023	
A request has been made to lay a purple poppy wreath in honour of the animals lost in war at the 2023 Remembrance Parade.	
It was proposed by Cllr D'Abbro and seconded by Cllr Fenning and RESOLVED: the Town Council provide a purple wreath to honour animals lost in war at the 2023 Remembrance Parade.	
ACTIONS: To source and purchase a wreath.	DTC
Future Events 2023-24	
Cllr King requested the item for the Agenda. He wished for the Town Council to hold a specific event which would be unique and only associated with Westgate-on-Sea.	
ACTION: To place on the E,T&D Agenda for September 2023 to discuss event ideas for 2024	DTC
Cllr King also suggested the Town Council could create a permanent plaque/installation of the poem <i>Westgate-on-Sea</i> by Poet Laureate John Betjemen.	
ACTIONS: To research different options of displaying the poem and obtaining quotes. To place on the next E,T&D Committee agenda.	DTC
Generating Income	
Cllr King requested the item for the Agenda. He raised the idea of Westgate Town Council renting out spaces for Beach Huts along the promenade.	
ACTION: To contact Thanet District Council to open discussions about the possibility of offering Beach Huts/having space along the promenade.	Cllr DD
Town Council Magazine	
It was AGREED Cllr D'Abbro would provide a short update for the E,T&D Committee for the magazine to go with Cllr Donaldson's View from the Chair.	
ACTION: To ask the Chair of P,H&E to provide a short update on the Committee.	DTC

Members discussed other ideas such as inviting residents to submit poetry or short stories to include. Competition for artists to create artwork for the front cover. ACTION: To place on the next E,T&D Committee agenda for discussion with a view to doing this for the September/October issue.	DTC
Next Meeting 18 th July 2023	
Meeting closed 7.40pm	