



**Minutes of the 7<sup>th</sup> Assembly of the Westgate-On Sea Town Meeting**  
**on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2023**  
**at 7pm at the Christ Church, United Reformed Church, Westgate Bay Avenue,**  
**Westgate-on-Sea CT8 8SN**

Present	Cllrs Donaldson (Vice-Chair), Calcutt, King, Scott and Wallin	
Also, in attendance	Mrs Chloe Wheatley (Deputy Town Clerk) and 10 residents	
	<p><b>Chairperson's Welcome</b></p> <p>Cllr Donaldson welcomed everyone. He opened the meeting explaining that due to the elections taking place on 4<sup>th</sup> May 2023 the Town Council and Councillors were in a period of pre-election sensitivity (known as purdah) meaning they were unable to discuss a subject deemed as overtly political or controversial.</p>	
	<p><b>To receive apologies for absence</b></p> <p>Cllrs Cornford (Chair), Green, O'Connor, Parry and Veck</p>	
	<p><b>Minutes</b></p> <p>Cllr Wallin requested a recorded vote as he disagreed with the representation of his involvement at the 6<sup>th</sup> assembly of the Westgate-Town-Council meeting held on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2022.</p> <p>Cllr Donaldson proposed but there was no seconder for the minutes of the 6<sup>th</sup> assembly so they were not agreed as a true and accurate record of the meeting.</p>	
	<p><b>Report from Westgate-on-Sea Town Council</b></p> <p>It has been another busy year for Westgate on Sea Town Council with lots of initiatives, events and projects taking place. The Town Council has held:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ 14 Full Council meetings</li> <li>▪ 10 Events, Tourism and Development Sub-Committee meetings</li> <li>▪ 12 Planning, Highways and Environment Committee meetings</li> <li>▪ 6 The Human Resources Committee meetings</li> <li>▪ 4 The Finance and General Purposes Committee meetings</li> </ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ 1 Local Transport Sub-Committee meeting</li> <li>▪ 2 Allotments Working Group meetings</li> </ul> <p>There had been improvements undertaken at the Recreation Ground on Lymington Road including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Skate Park repairs.</li> <li>▪ Repairs to the floodlights on the multi games court.</li> <li>▪ Refurbishment of the changing rooms, the majority of this work having been undertaken by an employee of the Town Council.</li> <li>▪ Play equipment repairs in the play area.</li> <li>▪ Remedial works to the football pitch.</li> </ul> <p>There were various events delivered including the:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Pancake Races</li> <li>▪ GB Spring Clean Litter Picks</li> <li>▪ Platinum Jubilee Beacon Event and Picnic</li> <li>▪ Youth Hub/Skate Sessions</li> <li>▪ Skate Jam</li> <li>▪ Remembrance Sunday Parade</li> </ul> <p>Additional Christmas lights have also been installed on St Mildreds Road.</p>	
	<p><b>Public Discussion Open Forum</b></p> <p>A resident of Westgate-on-Sea and a representative from the Westgate and Garlinge Action Group Against Housing Development on Farmland asked if the Town Council and Councillors could provide further support with stopping the proposed building of houses on the fields at the back of Westgate.</p> <p>A request was made for more trees to be planted in Westgate.</p> <p>Finally, a request was made to investigate the ownership of the green footbridge connecting Station Road and Westbury Road with a view to appealing for the footbridge to be renovated, in particular the flooring and lighting.</p> <p>Cllr Wallin had a request from a member of the public to ensure the St Georges Cross flag was flown on St Georges Day 2023.</p>	

Signed.....

Dated.....

Chairman of the Council