

Westgate-on-Sea Town Council Minutes

Venue: The Council Chamber, Town Hall Buildings, 31 St Mildred's Road, Westgate-on-Sea

Time: 7 pm

Date: Monday 12 September 2016

Present: Cllrs Charlton, Cornford, King, Nightingale, Pennington, and Rickett.

Also present: Jill Frankland (Town Clerk) and six members of the public

	Item		Action
402	Town Clerk's Welcome	The Town Clerk welcomed those present and gave the usual 'housekeeping' notices. It was noted that no-one intended to record the meeting.	
403	Election of Chair and Vice-Chair	Resolved: Election of Chair: Cllr Nightingale. Proposed: Cllr Cornford, seconded: Cllr Rickett. Agreed. Resolved: Election of Vice-Chairman: Cllr Cornford Proposed: Cllr Charlton, seconded: Cllr Pennington. Agreed.	
404	Apologies for Absence	Apologies for absence were received from Emily Greenaway, TDC.	
405	Members' Interest	No declarations of interest were made.	
406	Public Right to Speak	No requests to speak were received.	
407	Historic Information Boards	Emily Greenaway, TDC to be invited to the next meeting. Anne Short, Heritage Centre provided a number of suggestions to be included, Anne Short to forward to TC.	JF AS
408	Support Criteria and Application Process	Resolved: To adopt the Support Criteria and Application Process as drafted by the TC Proposed; Cllr Rickett, seconded: Cllr Charlton. Agreed It was noted that currently there is no budget – TC to include in next year's budget.	JF JF
409	Working Parties	Resolved: Each event would have a Councillor to be a liaison and, if WoSTC are organising an event there would be a working party. Agreed.	
410	Christmas Lights	Resolved: To provide £1,000 financial support to the Christmas Lights Committee. TC to liaise with Jeannette Bell regarding necessary paperwork. Proposed: Cllr Charlton, seconded: Cllr Cornford. Unanimously agreed.	JF
411	Film Promotion of WoS	Resolved: To have promotional videos for the website and to invite Glen Cardno to the next Website Working Party meeting. Proposed: Cllr Rickett, seconded: Cllr Charlton. Agreed.	
412	Maritime Volunteer Service	Unfortunately Carole Miller was unable to make the meeting, therefore the matter is deferred until the next meeting.	
413	Pancake Day	Resolved: TC to contact Chairman of Residents Association and liaise with them on what support they require to put the event on. Proposed: Cllr Cornford, seconded: Cllr Pennington. Agreed	JF
414	Punch and Judy Shows	Resolved: TC to clarify with TDC for a decision at the next meeting 1. The need for a permit 2. Cost of providing permit Proposed: Cllr Charlton, seconded: Cllr Pennington. Five agreed, one against.	JF

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415	Remembrance Event	Resolved: that WoSTC pay up to £50 for printing, if necessary. Cllr Charlton to confirm. Proposed: Cllr Pennington, seconded: Cllr Cornford. Agreed. The Christmas Lighting Committee agreed to lend the Remembrance Day Committee road closure signs.	RC/JF RC
416	Children's Fair	This matter was deferred until the next meeting when more information would be available.	
417	Food Festival	This matter was deferred until the next meeting when more information would be available.	
418	Hop Festival	This matter was deferred until the next meeting when more information would be available.	
419	Feedback from The Freeman Ceremony	The Town Clerk circulated press cuttings and informed the meeting that feedback received had been very positive. Cllr Cornford thanked Cllr Pennington for his excellent master of ceremonies. Cllr Pennington thanked Cllr Cornford for her hard work in arranging the event and for the Civic Society's support and wording for the ceremony.	
420	Feedback from Community Groups Contact	The Town Clerk confirmed that she had contacted the local groups informing them of the Committee's aims. Two positive responses have been received: The Lighting Committee and Rev. George Kalu, Christchurch URC.	
421	Other Events	It was suggested that potential events should be considered on a calendar basis – to fill gaps. No new events were agreed. It was agreed that this item should appear on all future agendas.	JF
422	Westgate-on-Sea as a Tourist Destination	Suggestions included <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Put film on DVD and send to BBC and local news and radio, with regular updates 2. The need for a strategy identifying marketing segments. It was also noted that there was a lack of accommodation, and therefore, it was suggested one day events in the short-term. 3. Use of Thanet Ambassadors, course available, information can be found in the Isle magazine. Could also put on the website. 4. Improved train links would be an advantage. Resolved: TC to contact Train Service asking for increased number of trains to stop at WoS, as people are unlikely to change trains at Margate and return to WoS. Proposed: Cllr Nightingale, seconded: Cllr Cornford. This item to be on all future agendas.	JF JF
423	Co-opted Members	It was agreed that people should only be co-opted to the Committee if they were able to provide generic support and advice. This item to be on all future agendas.	JF
424	Town Clerk Vacancy	The TC confirmed that the position of Town Clerk will be advertised on the KALC website.	JF

The next meeting of the Committee will be held on 14 November 2016 commencing at 7pm.

The Meeting closed at 8.50 pm.