

## Westgate-on-Sea Town Council Minutes of Extra-Ordinary Meeting

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

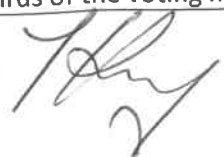
Time: 7 pm

Date: Monday 9 May 2016

Present: Cllrs Charlton, Cornford, Morrish, Nightingale, Pennington, and Rickett

Also present: Jill Frankland, Town Clerk and three members of the public.

	Item		Action
283	Chairman's Welcome	In the absence of Cllr King (Chair), Cllr Pennington (Vice-chairman) opened the meeting and gave the usual 'housekeeping' instructions.	
284	Apologies for Absence	Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Ashbee, King, Rolfe and Scott.	
285	Members' Interest	No declarations of interest were made.	
286	Public Right to Speak	<p>Although there was no specific item inviting the member of the public to speak, the Chairman used his discretion to invite Mr P Matthews, who had written to the Chair and had given notice, to speak to the Council.</p> <p>Mr Matthew suggested that inclusion of AOB may prevent future re-occurrence of the incident and disruption at the meeting held on 4 April 2016.</p> <p>Chairman: the general rule for Councils was not to include any 'opened ended' items on the agenda and that matters should be forwarded to the Town Clerk for inclusion on the agenda in order that everyone knows what is to be discussed.</p> <p>Cllr Cornford: During the councillors' induction Clive Powell of KLAC suggested that any other information should be forwarded to the next meeting.</p> <p>Cllr Morrish: agreed with Cllr Cornford however, it was noted that some other parish council agendas have items raised by the public for discussion that cannot be voted upon.</p> <p>Cllr Charlton: suggested that the public can raise items with any councillor for the councillor to bring to a meeting.</p> <p>Cllr Morrish: for information, as well as full Council there are four other committees: Finance and General Purpose; Planning, Highways and Environment; HR; and Events and Tourism.</p> <p>Chairman: We take on board your comments and value members of the public attending our meetings. We will look at options available and consider a way forward.</p> <p>Recommended: as an item for the next Council meeting.</p>	JF
287	Freeman of Westgate-on-Sea	The Chair explained that we are required to hold a special meeting to pass a resolution conferring the title of Honorary Freeman Of Westgate-on-Sea on Dr Dawn Crouch. The resolution must be passed by not less than two-thirds of the voting members.	





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		<p>The particular grounds that Dr Dawn Crouch qualifies are as a person of distinction and, in the opinion of the authority, has rendered eminent services to Westgate-on-Sea Town for nearly 30 years. In 1999 she was awarded a PhD by University of Kent. She has undertaken a large number of public services including:</p> <p>1988-2000 Foundation Governor, representing the Diocese of Canterbury for St Saviour's C of E Junior School          1988-2004 Member of St Saviour's Parochial Church Council          1988-2004 represented St Saviour's on Thanet Deanery Synod          1993-2004 and 2007-2010 Churchwarden of St Saviour's Church          2004-2012 Chairman of the Friends of St Saviour's          1995-1999 Postgraduate research on history of Westgate-on-Sea          2005 Started the Westgate-on-Sea Heritage Centre          2008 Westgate-on-Sea Heritage Centre put on an official footing – opened by Roger Gale, MP          2012 Handed over the administration of the Westgate-on-Sea Heritage Centre to Committee          2012 to date 'Consultant Historian' for the Westgate-on-Sea Heritage Centre          2013-2014 'Expert witness' at the Public Inquiry for securing the 'town green' north of Ursuline Drive.</p> <p>Throughout this time Dr Crouch's contributions have been voluntary and she has given 'above and beyond' for this town, in light of this I would <b>propose that Dr Dawn Crouch is conferred an Honorary Freeman of Westgate-on-Sea.</b></p> <p><b>Proposed: Cllr Cornford, seconded: Cllr Rickett. Vote: unanimous</b></p> <p>Cllr Cornford: Expenses are generally around £1,000, however, the following items have been donated:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Professional framed scroll on parchment paper.</li> <li>2. Refreshments.</li> <li>3. Church bells to be rung after the ceremony.</li> </ol> <p>Leaving the expense of a photographer to be paid by the Town Council. Cllr Cornford informed the meeting that she has approached a photographer suggesting a black and white photograph in a frame. The cost is anticipated to be around £150 depended on final choice.</p> <p>The Ceremony will be by invitation only as the Council Chambers have limited accommodation. The ceremony will be held on Saturday 25 June 2016.</p> <p>It is hoped that the invitations will be sent out this week.</p> <p>Cllr Rickett asked who is being invited</p>	
			<p>JC</p> <p>JF</p>



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	<p>Cllr Cornford replied friends, members of the Heritage Centre and Roger Gale, MP and the press. The meeting was informed that Dr Crouch had an input into attendees.</p> <p>Cllr Rickett stated he would approach Jodie Nesling of the Thanet Gazette. Thanet Extra to be approached by Town Clerk.</p> <p>The Chairman thanked everyone for attending.</p>	GR JF
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There being on other business the meeting closed at 7.40pm

