



Minutes of the Meeting of the Full Council of

Westgate on Sea Town Council

on Tuesday 3rd December 2019

Held at 78 St Mildreds Road, Westgate-On-Sea, Kent
CT8 8RF

Present	Cllrs Pennington (Chairperson), Donaldson, Nightingale, O'Connor, Page, H Scott, Wallin	
Also, in attendance	Mrs Gill Gray (Town Clerk), 7 members of the public	
	Chairperson's Welcome The Chairperson opened the meeting and followed with the usual "housekeeping" instructions.	
2046	To receive apologies for absence Cllr Cornford, Cllr M Scott, Laura Bungard and Cllr Bambridge (TDC)	
2047	Members' Declarations of Interest There were none.	
2048	Minutes It was proposed by Cllr Page and seconded by Cllr Donaldson and RESOLVED : that the minutes of the Council meeting held on 5 th November 2019 be signed and approved as a true record of the meeting. It was proposed by Cllr Wallin and seconded by Cllr Page that the minutes of the P, H & E Committee 22 nd October 2019 were received	
2049	County and District Councillor Reports There were none.	
2050	Report of the Community Warden There was a report available from the Warden which the Town Clerk read in her absence. The report covered topics such as vulnerable resident visits, trading standards intelligence reports, gas lighting, potholes, blocked drains and neighbourhood dispute visits.	
2051	Chairperson's Report Cllr Pennington reported that the Remembrance Sunday event was a success and thanked all those involved including the churches, volunteers who steward and Paint the Town Poppy Red organisers. Cllr Pennington gave an update on the position for Westgate Pavilion and the progress with the legal process. Cllr Pennington added that he had attended the KALC AGM and discussed several of the motions that were debated.	
2052	Councillor's Reports Cllr H Scott reported on the recent Tree Planting Day	

	<p>including the Training Day the week before. Thanked the Councillors for support, over 70 people attended and 25 trees were planted. Cllr H Scott added that a press release will be issued to highlight the initiative.</p> <p>Cllr Nightingale reported that he continues to collect the recycling from Westgate Library and Chartfield School. The collections will increase to twice a week for the library due to demand. The Chartfield School have been approached with details of the Small Grants Scheme as they currently do not have recycling boxes inside the school. Cllr Nightingale added that he attended the latest Deaf Group meeting and was pleased that a representative from KCC attended to offer help and advice to the community.</p> <p>Cllr Wallin reported on his recent attendance to the Thanet Community Land Trust meeting which is a group who want to identify affordable housing for purchase and rent in Thanet. Cllr H Scott expressed interest in attending the next meeting. Cllr Pennington reiterated the need for written reports when attending meetings to inform all Members of the information and share details.</p>	
2053	<p>Public Participation Session</p> <p>There was one request received by the Town Clerk for public participation at this meeting. There was an update from a local resident in relation to new projects planned to include a Scarecrow Festival (involved the local schools), Nativity Scene and invited involvement for next year. Also, to continue Paint the Town Poppy Red project and encourage intergenerational work.</p>	
2054	<p>Finance Reports</p> <p>The Town Clerk presented Members with the Bank Reconciliations for 31st October 2019; Payments and Receipts Report for October 2019; Receipts and Payments Report by Budget Heading to 31st October 2019.</p> <p>A, B and C It was moved by Cllr Page and seconded by Cllr Donaldson and RESOLVED: that the Finance Reports were received.</p>	
2055	<p>Proposed Budget 2020/21</p> <p>Cllr M Scott joined the meeting at 7.38pm.</p> <p>Cllr O'Connor reported that the proposed budget for 2020/21 which she had worked on with the Town Clerk was recommended for adoption by the F & GP Committee meeting. After debate and full explanations by Cllr O'Connor, including the fact that the Tax Base figure is not known at present from TDC:- it was moved by Cllr Donaldson and seconded by Cllr Page and RESOLVED: that the proposed and recommended budget for 2020/21 was adopted and the Town Clerk</p>	

	to communicate the decision to TDC and advise if the Council Tax Base figure once known will result in a rounding up or down required in the New Year.	
2056	Policy Review A) Town Clerk circulated the signature sheet and Members signed to agree the Privacy Policy adopted on 5 th November 2019 was read and understood.	
2057	Speedwatch The Thanet Speedwatch Co-ordinator attended the meeting to answer queries that Members had for the proposal to provide £360.00 per annum for the service and repair of the SID. It was moved by Cllr Page and seconded by Cllr Wallin and RESOLVED: that the Thanet Speedwatch scheme is paid £360.00 per annum to provide annual service and repair if required for the Speed Indicating Device for Westgate.	
2058	Westgate Day Update Members each reported on the specific tasks they were undertaking towards the event preparation. Cllr Pennington – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Confirmed that Thanet Big Sing Choir is booked for the event • Stage to remain in the same space as this year as discussed with Swan to avoid clash of music. Cllr Donaldson – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Funding and Lottery bid ongoing • Working on Summer Kitchen project and Fit and Fed activities which funding is available for and could be used for part of Westgate Day Cllr Wallin – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No work on obtaining prizes to date as too early to start before the event Cllr Nightingale – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approaching Morris Men and a Ukulele Band. Cllr M Scott – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marketing plans and contacts ready for promotion • Will contact the Christmas Lights Switch On Committee for guidance on this. Cllr Cornford – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commenced work on engaging volunteers for stewards and marshals for the event Cllr O'Connor – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Has secured community stalls for the day • Has approached Ponies that were present on Christmas Lights Switch On event who are 	

	<p>interested to attend on Westgate Day</p> <p>Cllr Page –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Initial meeting with schools, homes postponed, rescheduled for December. <p>Cllr H Scott –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will be contacting Stagecoach and highlighted need for signage on the bus to promote • Bus stops need to be identified and a map prepared in advance. <p>It was agreed that the Westgate Day reports should be an item on the Agenda each month.</p>	
2059	<p>Lymington Recreation Ground Fees Update</p> <p>Town Clerk reported that the latest communication from TDC was that there was a suggestion to compromise on the legal fees of TDC proposed for the Community Asset Transfer for the two shelters and the Lymington Recreation Ground; Town Clerk to report on any further communications.</p>	
2060	<p>Feedback from Millwood Designer Homes Community Exhibition and Preparation for Extra Ordinary Council Meeting 10.12.19 with Millwood Designer Homes</p> <p>Cllr H Scott reported that following the Community Exhibition that was held at St Augustines on 7th November the feedback received from the community was not very positive. There were more questions that had arisen, and it is hoped that some of these can be addressed when the Extra Ordinary Meeting takes place on 10th December. Of concern is the impact on travelling on the road network which is already under pressure.</p>	
2061	<p>Local Plan Neighbourhood Plan Updates</p> <p>Cllr H Scott reported on a letter sent to TDC (to query the process used to consult on the draft Local Plan and in relation to proposed Neighbourhood Plan for Westgate). Also letters prospective North Thanet candidates for the General Election to request position on the use of agricultural land for housing development. There were three responses received which were communicated at the meeting.</p>	
2062	<p>Next Meeting</p> <p>The next meeting is 10th December 2019</p>	
2063	<p>Meeting Closed at 20.54pm</p>	

Signed.....

Chairperson of the Council

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