



**Minutes of the Virtual Town Council Meeting of
Westgate on Sea Town Council
Held on Tuesday 1st December 2020 at 7pm**

Present	Cllrs Cornford (Chairperson), O'Connor (Vice-chair), Donaldson, Nightingale, Page, Pennington, Dr H Scott, M Scott, Wallin	
Also, in attendance	Mrs Gill Gray (Town Clerk), Cllr Dawson (KCC), Cllr Bambridge (TDC) and 6 residents	
24 68	To receive apologies for absence Cllr Green Cllr Cornford advised that Item 12 would now follow after Item 7.	
24 69	Members' Declarations of Interest There were none.	
24 70	Minutes It was proposed by Cllr Pennington and seconded by Cllr Nightingale and RESOLVED: that the minutes of the Council meeting held on 3rd November 2020 be signed and approved as a true record of the meeting. It was proposed by Cllr O'Connor and seconded by Cllr Page and RESOLVED: that the minutes of the P,H&E Committee held on 13.10.20 were received It was proposed by Cllr O'Connor and seconded by Cllr Page and RESOLVED: that the minutes of the F&GP Committee held on 15.09.20 were received. It was proposed by Cllr O'Connor and seconded by Cllr Page and RESOLVED: that the minutes of the HR Committee held on 28.07.20 were received.	
24 71	Town Clerk Report Town Clerk reported on the following items: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Various training undertaken and securing Principal Membership of SLCC • KALC Net Zero and Environment Brief meeting • Enrolment as a Covid Champion • KCC Plan Bee Virtual Summit • KCC Parish Seminar • Delivering Affordable Rural Housing event facilitated by Action with Communities in Rural Kent • Update on next issue of Town Council magazine • Update on the recruitment of the volunteer Tree/Biodiversity Warden role • Defibrillator funding and raffle for the Community Centre 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sad news that Dr Dawn Crouch passed away on 7.11.20 	
24 72	<p>KCC/TDC Councillor Reports</p> <p>Cllr Dawson from KCC reported on the following items:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transition arrangements for freight traffic at Manston • Section 106 agreements and new developments – conversations already taking place at BPC <p>Cllr Bambridge from TDC reported on the following items:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outline planning application for the Gallops • The use of Manston as temporary inland border facility 	
24 73	<p>Councillor Reports</p> <p>Cllr Nightingale reported on the Covid related support that he has been offering to residents and volunteering for the Lodge.</p> <p>Cllr M Scott reported on issues for Tier 3 in Thanet including fuel poverty and support for small businesses. Cllr M Scott advised that help is available from TDC and this is being shared on the website and social media.</p> <p>Cllr Donaldson reported on his recent attendance to a PCC meeting to discuss food poverty. A community kitchen has now been facilitated at the Grenville Lodge and is a collaboration of St Saviours church, Our Kitchen and Changing Minds Kent CIC.</p> <p>Cllr Pennington reported on his recent attendance to the KALC AGM and he has joined the Margate Independent Foodbank CIC as a Director. Cllr Pennington added that the Business Forum has recently met and the Business Support Officer from TDC had attended the meeting.</p> <p>Cllr Dr H Scott reported on the recent activities with the newly planted trees.</p>	
24 74	<p>Public Participation Session</p> <p>There was one request to speak on the proposed outline planning application for the Gallops. One resident raised concerns at the proposed development and stated issues including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The footpath around the fields and how this will be impacted/moved if the proposed development is granted permission • The ecology of the area and how this will be detrimentally impacted if the large development is to go ahead, since the reduction in pesticides there is increased wildlife activity since 2019 	
24 75	<p>Outline Planning Application for Gallops – OL/TH/20/1400 – Land south of Westgate and Garlinge</p>	

	<p>Cllr Dr H Scott gave an overview of the outline planning application and explained that it was a strategic site and included in the Local Plan. Town Clerk shared a report obtained from professional advice provided by Goldstone Town Planning. Following debate there were various concerns raised by Members and two resolutions were voted upon.</p> <p>It was RESOLVED: that the Town Council objects to the outline planning application OL/TH/20/1400 for land south of Westgate and Garlinge</p> <p>It was RESOLVED: that Cllr Dr H Scott to finalise the comments following the input from Members and the resident; Town Clerk to communicate to TDC Planning Team by 8th December 2020.</p>	
24 76	<p>Finance Reports</p> <p>A) Bank Reconciliations 31.10.20 B) Payment and Receipt Reports 31.10.20 C) Receipts and Payments by Budget Heading 31.10.20 D) Annual Budget by Combined Account Code</p> <p>It was RESOLVED: that the Bank Reconciliations, Payment and Receipt Reports, Receipts and Payments by Budget Heading for 31.10.20 be received.</p> <p>It was proposed by Cllr Page and seconded by Cllr Pennington and RESOLVED: that the Annual Budget by Combined Account Code be received.</p>	
24 77	<p>Membership of Finance & General Purposes Committee</p> <p>Town Clerk invites nominations for the F & GP Committee.</p> <p>It was proposed by Cllr Donaldson and seconded by Cllr O'Connor and RESOLVED: that Cllr Nightingale joins the F&GP Committee.</p>	
24 78	<p>Policy Review</p> <p>Following recommendation from the HR Committee the following draft policies were proposed for adoption:</p> <p>(a) Councillor's Email Policy It was RESOLVED: that the Councillor's Email Policy was adopted. 1 Member was against and 1 Member abstained.</p> <p>(b) Privacy Policy It was RESOLVED: that the Privacy Policy was adopted. 1 Member abstained.</p>	
24 79	<p>Draft Town Council Budget for 2021/22</p> <p>Cllr O'Connor reported on the draft budget she had prepared with the Town Clerk for 2021/22. There were two draft precept requests; the Draft 2 figure was prudent and recommended by the F & GP Committee. The</p>	

	<p>finalised draft budget is to be shared with Full Council at the 5th January Full Council meeting following the update from TDC on the provisional Council Tax Base figure for WoSTC for 2021/22.</p> <p>It was RESOLVED: that the Draft 2 figure with an uplift of 4.23% and £5,972.00 increase on the Precept figure for last year will be the draft figures used to work on the finalised proposed draft budget for 2021/22 to be presented at Full Council on 5th January 2021 for decision. 1 Member was against and 1 Member abstained.</p>	
24 80	<p>Request for meeting from Millwood Designer Homes/Gillings Planning</p> <p>Members debated how to progress communication with Millwood Designer Homes and Gillings Planning following the outline planning application for land south of Westgate and Garlinge. It was decided that a meeting was not required at this time and to wait until the outcome of the outline planning application was known from TDC.</p>	
24 81	<p>Christmas Lights for the Town</p> <p>Town Clerk shared a report with Members that outlined a proposal for Christmas Lights on lamp columns on St Mildreds Road, Cuthbert Road and Cambourne Avenue; these will be subject to necessary permissions and the lights being available. A local business has pledged to support the initiative and as the Town Council has funds still available in the Events budget and has Small Grants funding available it was proposed that the cost to install the lights could be met by the Town Council.</p> <p>It was RESOLVED: that the Town Council should meet the costs of the partial purchase and installation of the proposed lights which is estimated to be £2,500.00; this includes the necessary permissions from KCC.</p>	
24 82	<p>Next Meeting</p> <p>The next meeting is 5th January 2021</p>	
24 83	<p>Meeting Closed at 20.58pm</p>	

Signed 

Dated 05-01-2021.

Chairman of the Council