



**Minutes of the Meeting of the Events and Tourism  
Committee of**

**Westgate-On Sea Town Council**

**on 23rd October 2018**


**Held at**

**Town Council Offices, 11 Ethelbert Square, Westgate-  
On-Sea, Kent CT8 8SR**

Present	Cllrs Nightingale (Chairman), Cornford, O'Connor, Pennington, M Scott	
Also, in attendance	Mrs Gill Gray (Town Clerk)	
14 95	<b>To receive apologies for absence</b> None.	
14 96	<b>Declarations of Interest</b> There were none.	
14 97	<b>Minutes</b> <b>It was moved by Cllr Pennington and seconded by Cllr M Scott and RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meeting of 25th September 2018 be signed and approved as a true record of the meeting.</b>	
14 98	<b>Chairman's Announcements</b> The Chairman reported that there had been a response received from Stagecoach and South Eastern Railway in relation to the queries that the Committee raised last month. It was proposed that the Chairman would work with the Town Clerk to provide a response to Stagecoach and challenge the statements provided by the company. The Chairman advised that the Unveiling and Dedication of a Memorial organised by the Westgate-on-Sea Heritage Centre was taking place on Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November at 2pm at the Lymington Road Recreation Ground, Westgate-on-Sea, all Members had received an invitation.	
14 99	<b>Public Participation Session</b> There were no requests received by the Clerk for public participation at this meeting.	
1500	<b>Transport Update</b> The Chairman reported that this item had been covered under Chairman's Announcements earlier. It was reported to the Town Clerk that a large sign and a hole by a lamppost were two items of concern and should be checked, the Town Clerk agreed to investigate. The Town Clerk advised that no response had been received from Kent County Council in relation to the Big	

	Conversation consultation or the queries sent in relation to the transport provision for the town.	
1501	<p><b>Events Update Report</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Remembrance Parade 2018 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Town Clerk provided an update to Members and confirmed that the signage for the road closures was all arranged including sand bags.</li> <li>• The Chairman reported that he was aware that RBL were making bunting available and he agreed to investigate the availability and stated that this could be used for future events in the town.</li> </ul> </li> <li>2. WW1 Beacon Lighting Event <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Town Clerk advised that final preparations were now underway and there would be a familiarity briefing for all volunteer stewards a week before the event.</li> <li>• Cllr M Scott offered to assist with the provision of the recording of the Last Post for the Lighting of the Beacon; the Town Clerk to work with Cllr M Scott to achieve this element of the event.</li> </ul> </li> <li>3. Pancake Races 2019 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Town Clerk confirmed that the event application documentation for the Pancake Races event next year was currently being reviewed and will be submitted to TDC in October.</li> </ul> </li> </ol>	
1502	<p><b>Westgate in Bloom</b></p> <p>The Town Clerk reported on research and how this proposal could work practically for the town. It was agreed that the schools, community groups and residents could all be involved and could work in parallel with the Westgate Day event preparation. It was essential to include provision for this in the Budget for next year. The Chairman provided an example of where a Growers Guild could be approached to work in collaboration and provide sponsorship by providing bulbs/seeds for school children.</p>	
1503	<p><b>Westgate Day Event 2019 and Working Group</b></p> <p>Cllr Page provided an update to the Committee Members for the progress to date with the Westgate Day event and the Working Group discussions. The main topics were:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Schools meeting update, including categories for projects</li> <li>• Formal documentation required</li> <li>• Fund raising for the Event</li> <li>• Attracting additional membership for the Working Group as the plans are expanded</li> </ul> <p>Cllr Pennington suggested that a list of local residents</p>	

	who knew of the history of the Town could be compiled to approach to share their knowledge and expertise.	
1.504	<b>Budget Discussion for 2019/20</b> The draft budget table was discussed and debated, and it was <b>RESOLVED: That the Events and Tourism provision was important for the town and that therefore the figure of £7,500.00 was proposed and recommended to F &amp; GP Committee for the Budget for next year for consideration at the meeting on 20<sup>th</sup> November 2018.</b>	
1.505	<b>Next Meeting</b> The next meeting is 27th November 2018	
1.506	<b>Meeting Closed at 20.06 pm</b>	

Signed.....

Date.....27/11/18.

