



Minutes of the Meeting of the Events and Tourism
Committee of

Westgate-On Sea Town Council

on 11th July 2017

Held at

Town Hall Buildings, 31 St Mildred's Road, Westgate-On-
Sea, Kent CT8 8RE

Present	Cllr Nightingale (Chairman), Cllr Cornford, Cllr King, Cllr Page, Cllr Pennington	
Also in attendance	Miss Julie Pilbeam (Town Clerk), 2 members of the public	
828	To receive apologies for absence There were none.	
829	Declarations of Interest There were none.	
830	Minutes It was RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of 15 th May 2017 be signed and approved as a true record of the meeting.	
831	Chairman's Announcements Cllr Nightingale welcomed Mr Matthew Scott and Jacqui from Young's Nursery. Cllr Nightingale also discussed that the seaweed at St Mildred's Bay is getting progressively worse with a strong smell. Cllr King entered the meeting at 6.35pm It was RESOLVED that the Clerk write to local farmers to investigate the possibility of disposing of seaweed as fertiliser.	Clerk
832	Public Participation Session There were none.	
833	Punch and Judy Show It was reported that the event administration is complete and advertising banners will be displayed at the end of July. The Council are seeking volunteer stewards for the three days to assist with crowd safety. The safety of the road crossing at Sea Road was discussed and it was agreed that the gaps in the hedge should be kept clear of parked cars. It was RESOLVED that the town clerk write to the Kent County Councillors to request funding to paint 'dog bones' at the crossing gaps on Sea Road at St Mildred's Bay.	Clerk

834	<p>Remembrance Day</p> <p>It was reported that the road closure application had been submitted. The introduction of a band was discussed and it was agreed that if St Saviours are unable to provide an alternative to the priest provided the Priest from Christ Church is approached to facilitate the band.</p>	Clerk
835	<p>Pancake Races 2018</p> <p>The event notification forms were reported as submitted to Thanet District Council. Angelo's Delicatessen have agreed to provide the pancakes. The Town Council will be required to supply the frying pans.</p> <p>Cllr King reported that the trophies are at the Residents Association and could be resurrected for next year's races. The Clerk will investigate the location of the trophies.</p>	Clerk
836	<p>Music By The Sea</p> <p>It was agreed that the proposal of a music festival is not suitable for the council at present however the committee agreed for the Coastal Community Team to make some enquiries with the schools to organise a smaller event..</p>	Cllr Pennington
837	<p>WW1 Beacons of Light 11th November 2018</p> <p>It was agreed to refer the purchase of a temporary beacon to the Finance and General Purposes Committee of £360.</p>	Clerk
838	<p>Flag Pole</p> <p>The Clerk is investigating obtaining a flag pole.</p>	Clerk
839	<p>Christmas Lights 2017</p> <p>It was reported that quotes were being obtained for uplighters for the trees in St Mildred's Road, street lamps in Lymington Road and a Christmas tree and accompanying lights on the community green.</p>	Clerk
840	<p>Annual Westgate Day</p> <p>It was agreed to set the date for Westgate Day as 18th June and the celebration day takes place on the Sunday before. It was agreed to set up a framework for the day e.g. food, music, activities before the council introduce the schools and groups.</p> <p>It was agreed to organise a working party to bring the ideas back to the Committee to report into the Events and Tourism Committee.</p>	Clerk
841	<p>Public Transport Links to Westgate-on-Sea</p> <p>It was reported that the council's submission to the Southeastern public consultation have been</p>	

	acknowledged The Station Manager is keen to work with the Council to improve the appearance of the station area. A meeting is being arranged and the possibility of negotiating a cleaning contract and planting and maintaining the railway banks.	
842	Tourist Information Centre The Clerk reported that Westgate-on-Sea Town Council can host a tourist information site in the town and the Clerk is investigating options with 'Visit England'.	
843	Putting Green The Clerk is investigating a children's play area on the putting green, designs and costings will be submitted to the committee for consideration.	
844	Britain in Bloom Youngs Nurseries were asked to put into place a fully costed project plan and the Town Clerk will investigate sponsorship. The Town Clerk was asked to approach TDC regarding using the troughs on Canterbury Road.	Clerk
845	Open Top Bus The Clerk has written to StageCoach to extend the route to Westgate for the future. It was agreed for the Clerk to write to comment that the council is pleased that the route has been extended a little further this season.	
846	Isle Magazine The Clerk reported back that options for publications are being explored.	Clerk
847	Tourist Signage The Clerk reported that the 'Welcome to Westgate' Signs were awaiting Cllr Gregory's confirmation of funding. Brown tourist signs are also being investigated for costs. It was agreed for the Clerk to investigate the tourist information boards in West Bay and St Mildred's should state Westgate. It was reported that the information board at top of steps by the West Bay café is in disrepair. It was agreed for the Clerk to write to the owner of the board to request they improve it.	Clerk Clerk Clerk
848	Historical Information Boards It was agreed to partnership with the Heritage Society and to delegate the authority to the Clerk to prepare the project plan and costings.	Clerk
849	Louis Wain Commemoration	

	It was agreed to investigate with the Louis Wain society what is possible. ..	Clerk
850	It was RESOLVED to extend the meeting by another 15 minutes to allow the discussion to continue	
851	Hark, I hear the bells of Westgate It was noted that the poem by John Betjeman is important to Westgate and it was agreed that the Clerk investigate with the John Betjeman society about what could be done to promote it in the town..	Clerk
852	Coastal Community Team Cllr Pennington reported that the funding is not yet available however a contact at TDC has been forthcoming.	
853	Questions from Councillors There were none.	
854	Next Meeting The next meeting is 12 th September 2017	Clerk
855	Meeting Closed at 20.33pm	

Signed.....

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