



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

Westgate-On Sea Town Council

on 27th November 2018

Held in the

**United Reformed Church, 54 Westgate Bay Avenue,
Westgate-On-Sea, Kent CT8 8SN**

Present	Cllrs Nightingale (Chairman), Cornford, Micallef, Pennington, M Scott	
Also, in attendance	Mrs Gill Gray (Town Clerk) and 4 members of the public.	
1.549	To receive apologies for absence None.	
1.550	Declarations of Interest There were none.	
1.551	Minutes It was moved by Cllr Pennington and seconded by Cllr M Scott and RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meeting of 23rd October 2018 be signed and approved as a true record of the meeting.	
1.552	Chairman's Announcements The Chairman reported that he wanted to thank the Town Clerk for all the hard work for the Armistice Day events. The Chairman added that following the letter received from Stagecoach he had carried out further investigation in relation to the current timetable. As previously discussed, the last bus leaving Margate is now 10.15pm to return to Westgate and 9.45pm at weekends. It was agreed to send a response to Stagecoach, the Town Clerk to draft a letter and send once agreed with the Chairman.	
1.553	Public Participation Session There were no requests received by the Clerk for public participation at this meeting.	
1.554	Transport Update The Town Clerk reported that a recent meeting was held with Cllrs Pennington and Micallef present and the Passenger Services Director and Head of Estates from SE Rail had both attended the Council office and undertook an inspection of the train station. The appearance of the station and timetable challenges were discussed at length and it was a positive meeting. There are issues that can be addressed quickly but some will take a bit longer. It	

	<p>was agreed to meet again in the New Year and to include Network Rail who were now engaged as well. The Council has also approached SE Rail to gain support in writing for Westgate in Bloom funding opportunities. Cllr Micallef added that part of the discussion centred on how difficult it was to contact the Station Master and it was agreed that he could attend quarterly Council meetings to hear of any issues and engage with the community by providing updates. Cllr M Scott added that there were occasions when youths gathered at the station and asked if this can be raised at the next meeting and enquire if CCTV could be considered in the future. Cllr Cornford joined the meeting.</p>	
1555	<p>Events Update Report</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Remembrance Parade 2018 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Town Clerk provided a report and thanked Cllr O'Connor, Cllr Cornford and Cllr M Scott who all stood in the cold on the road closures to help to steward the event for the Town. • The Parade event was very organised and was well attended by the community. 2. WW1 Beacon Lighting Event <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Town Clerk provided a report that the Beacon event had been well received and thanked Cllr Pennington for compering the event, huge thanks to Cllr O'Connor, Cllr H Scott, Cllr M Scott and Cllr Cornford for their support, it was a long day and I am sure you would all agree it was worth it. • Thanks to all the Community Groups who were involved and supported the Council, Thanet Big Sing Community Choir, Air Cadets, Westgate on Sea Scout Group and many more who made the event the success that it was. • Cllr Pennington added that he wanted to thank the Town Clerk and Jasmin for their hard work and hoped that this was not just a one-off but that something similar could be replicated next year. • Pancake Races 2019 • The Town Clerk confirmed that the event application documentation for the Pancake Races event next year had now been submitted to TDC, the Event Application Fee is paid, and we are now awaiting feedback from the Event Safety Advisory Group. • WW2 75th Anniversary 2020 • The Town Clerk invited Cllr Scott to give his report; he suggested that it was a good time to 	

	<p>think ahead and to consider plans for the anniversary.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Scott suggested that businesses, residents, Residents Association and Town Council could work in a collaborative approach for this commemoration event. Cllr Micallef added that it was a good idea to plan ahead; Cllr Nightingale queried if a central organisation would be overseeing the arrangements as this year for WW1, the Town Clerk agreed to research this for the next meeting. 	
1556	<p>Westgate in Bloom</p> <p>The Town Clerk reported that South and South East in Bloom are visiting the Council in January 2019 to discuss how the process works for new entrants, we are hopeful that we will have a list of volunteers who are willing to become involved in this initiative. A landscape gardener has been identified who could potentially be available to do some drawings and plans for planting, a meeting is scheduled for January 2019. Thank you to Cllr Micallef for securing bulbs and seeds so far, we also have a funding opportunity meeting this week. The initiative should be officially launched in April 2019. Cllr Pennington advised that several discussions had taken place with estate management companies and that the greater number of people involved the better. Cllr Micallef advised that he was now in receipt of various pledges for bulbs and seeds and he had identified a funding opportunity for between £2000 and £4000. Cllr M Scott mentioned the issue of the Canterbury Road and how this could be incorporated for next year; the Town Clerk agreed to speak to KCC to discuss options for the next meeting which could include removing the plastic tubs and sowing wild reservations. Cllr Nightingale added that local residents who live in flats and have balconies could be approached eventually to become involved.</p>	
1557	<p>Westgate Day Event 2019 and Working Group</p> <p>The Town Clerk reported that lots of ideas have now been discussed for the celebration day event and outline plans should be prepared including site plans by the end of January 2019. A local school has confirmed the use as a venue for the prize giving day, so thanks to King Ethelbert's for that assistance. The schools are now onboard and have the project packs, there will be a further meeting in January 2019 to discuss prizes and projects further.</p> <p>Cllr Micallef enquired if the Twinning of the Town could</p>	

	be explored as an arrangement with a European town, it was agreed that Cllr Micallef should research the process and timeframes and report back to the next meeting.	
1558	Next Meeting The next meeting is 29 th January 2019	
1559	Meeting Closed at 18.59 pm	

Signed.....

Date.....18/2/19