



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

**Westgate-On Sea Town Council**

**on 25<sup>th</sup> September 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 20	<b>To receive apologies for absence</b> None.	
14 21	<b>Declarations of Interest</b> There were none.	
14 22	<b>Minutes</b> It was moved by Cllr O'Connor and seconded by Cllr M Scott and <b>RESOLVED</b> : that the minutes of the meeting of 24th July 2018 be signed and approved as a true record of the meeting.	
14 23	<b>Chairman's Announcements</b> The Chairman reported that there was a proposed Quiz Night taking place at West Bay Café on behalf of the YouCan Charity on Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> November 2018 at 7pm. It was <b>RESOLVED</b> that individual Councillors would support the event and that raffle tickets could be sold from the Council office and raffle prizes could be stored in the Council office if collected by individual Councillors. The Council office can support the promotion of the event via the website and social media.	ALL
14 24	<b>Public Participation Session</b> There were no requests received by the Clerk for public participation at this meeting.	
14 25	<b>Stagecoach Update</b> The Chairman reported that contact had been made with Stagecoach and that it was disappointing that an adequate response was still awaited; it was agreed that the Town Clerk should chase an explanation for the altering of bus services for the next meeting. The KCC Big Conversation was discussed and it was agreed that the Town Clerk should approach KCC, South Eastern Railway and Stagecoach to request an explanation why	CLERK  CLERK

	<p>the proposals seem to contradict on the following points:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stagecoach approach contradicts KCC intentions</li> <li>• Westgate disregarded and as a result is a transport blackspot</li> <li>• The trains only operate one every hour</li> <li>• The strategy is sold as wanting people to use public transport to free up the roads</li> <li>• The last bus at weekends entering and leaving the Town is too early; is this a winter schedule only</li> </ul>	
1726	<p><b>Events Update Report</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Punch and Judy Shows 2018 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Town Clerk advised that the Punch and Judy Shows evaluation had been completed for the grant received from KCC Member's Scheme.</li> <li>• The face painting was a success and if this was repeated it would be advisable to request a contribution from the public.</li> <li>• A cost comparison with the event for 2017 to be produced for the next meeting.</li> </ul> </li> <li>2. Remembrance Parade <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The flower beds need to be considered before the event takes place; the Town Clerk agreed to discuss this with TDC.</li> <li>• It was suggested that the silhouette could be utilised to act as a barrier during the service at the War Memorial.</li> <li>• It was agreed that Cllr O'Connor and the Town Clerk would approach the local shops to encourage window displays before the Remembrance weekend.</li> <li>• The Town Clerk to approach St James church to ask if they would like to be involved in the ringing of bells to mark the Commemoration event on 11<sup>th</sup> November 2018.</li> </ul> </li> <li>3. WW1 Beacon Event <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Town Clerk advised that the elements of the event were now coming together and that TDC were now requesting the final details.</li> <li>• The residents in the locality will need to be contacted prior to the event.</li> </ul> </li> <li>4. Pancake Races 2019 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It was agreed that the Pancake Races were a traditional event and well received by the whole community.</li> <li>• The bus company and local residents on Station</li> </ul> </li> </ol>	<p>CLERK</p> <p>CLERK</p> <p>CLERK/ CLLR PO</p> <p>CLERK</p> <p>CLERK</p>

	<p>Road will need to be better consulted next year.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The date for the event next year will be 5<sup>th</sup> March 2018.</li> <li>• The Town Clerk confirmed that the event application documentation for the Pancake Races event next year will be submitted to TDC in October.</li> </ul>	<p>CLERK</p> <p>CLERK</p>
1427	<p><b>Westgate Day Event 2019 and Working Group</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The first meeting was now arranged for the Working Group and this would be reported upon at the next Committee meeting.</li> <li>• The Birchington Civic Event was enjoyed by those that attended from the Council and it was suggested that something similar could be incorporated into Westgate Day event or at Christmas.</li> </ul>	
1428	<p><b>Any Other Business</b></p> <p><b>Westgate in Bloom</b> was briefly discussed, and the Town Clerk was informed that a gardener's club met at the Bakehouse on a Monday morning. It was further discussed if the baskets on lampposts could be utilised on Canterbury Road.</p> <p>The provision of a Christmas tree for Lymington Road site was discussed and the colour of the lights used last year were blue; it was agreed that Cllr MS could check with the WWRA if there was any appetite for using red, green and white as an alternative.</p> <p>Cllr Pennington and Cllr O'Connor proposed that each Committee could provide estimated costings for next year's budget; it was therefore <b>RESOLVED</b> that an additional meeting would be required, and the date was agreed as Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2018 at 7pm.</p>	
1429	<p><b>Next Meeting</b></p> <p>The next meeting is 23rd October 2018</p>	
1430	<p><b>Meeting Closed at 20.28 pm</b></p>	

Signed.....

Date.....23.10.18.....

