



**Minutes of the Virtual Town Council Meeting of
Westgate on Sea Town Council
Held on Tuesday 3rd November 2020 at 7pm**

Present	Cllrs Cornford (Chairperson), O'Connor (Vice-chair), Donaldson, Green, Nightingale, Page, Pennington, Dr H Scott, M Scott, Wallin	
Also, in attendance	Mrs Gill Gray (Town Clerk), Cllr Dawson (KCC) and 1 resident	
24 14	To receive apologies for absence None	
24 15	Members' Declarations of Interest There were none.	
24 16	Minutes It was proposed by Cllr Page and seconded by Cllr O'Connor and RESOLVED: that the minutes of the Council meeting held on 6th October 2020 be signed and approved as a true record of the meeting. It was proposed by Cllr Pennington and seconded by Cllr Wallin and RESOLVED: that the minutes of the P,H&E Committee held on 14.07 & 08.09.20 were received It was proposed by Cllr Pennington and seconded by Cllr Wallin and RESOLVED: that the minutes of the F&GP Committee held on 21.07.20 were received.	
24 17	Chairman's Report Cllr Cornford reported on the following items:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The installation of the Poppy project again for 2020 • The arrangements for the Remembrance Sunday this year following guidance from central government • KALC update on membership position 	
24 18	KCC/TDC Councillor Reports Cllr Dawson from KCC reported on the following items:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update on the progress with the proposed puffin crossing outside Ursuline College on Canterbury Road and the role of Town Councillors in local projects • Update on the library services across Thanet and explanation why Westgate is to remain closed for the winter • Christmas Lights funding progress for Westgate 	
24 19	Councillor Reports	

	<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 his recent visit to Changing Minds, the Lodge and his contribution and support for the school meals initiative. Cllr M Scott added that another Speedwatch session had been undertaken and he had volunteered for the recent bulb planting on Sea Road.</p> <p>Cllr Pennington reported that he had been engaged with the local shops and reminded everyone how important it was to shop local.</p> <p>Cllr Donaldson reported that he had facilitated a recent business forum meeting, rallied support for an appeal on behalf of a young person in Thanet who has a debilitating condition. Cllr Donaldson added that he had recently attended a couple of meetings in relation to the proposed Community Garden at St Saviours and Our Kitchen working in collaboration and the Thanet Community Land Trust meeting.</p> <p>Cllr Dr H Scott reported on the proposed tree maintenance for November for the Community Green and her recent attendance at the Net Zero Conference.</p> <p>Cllr Wallin reported on recent research undertaken in relation to the Post Office and his voluntary help in the current national restrictions.</p> <p>Cllr Green reported on the recent additional tasks undertaken by KFRS which includes, meals on wheels support, prescription collections, ambulance driver support and regular community safety checks.</p>	
24 20	<p>Public Participation Session There were no requests.</p>	
24 21	<p>Finance Reports</p> <p>A) Bank Reconciliations 31.09.20 B) Payment and Receipt Reports 31.09.20 C) Receipts and Payments by Budget Heading 31.09.20 D) Annual Budget by Combined Account Code</p> <p>It was proposed by Cllr Page and seconded by Cllr Pennington and RESOLVED: that the Bank Reconciliations, Payment and Receipt Reports, Receipts and Payments by Budget Heading for 31.09.20 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 22	<p>Membership of Planning, Highways & Environment Committee</p>	

	<p>Town Clerk has received a request from Cllr Donaldson to join the P,H&E Committee.</p> <p>It was proposed by Cllr O'Connor and seconded by Cllr Dr H Scott and RESOLVED: that Cllr Donaldson joins the P,H&E Committee.</p>	
24 23	<p>Appointment of Legal Representative Update for Proposed Community Asset Transfers</p> <p>Town Clerk gave an update to Members and shared a report that included three quotations for the services of a solicitor to progress the proposed Community Asset Transfers of two shelters and the War Memorial Recreation Ground. Following debate:-</p> <p>It was proposed by Cllr Donaldson and seconded by Cllr Wallin and RESOLVED: that Boys and Maughan were appointed as the solicitors to represent the Town Council and progress the proposed Community Asset Transfers for two shelters on Sea Road and the War Memorial Recreation Ground; to also include any relevant searches necessary. 1 Member abstained.</p>	
24 24	<p>Photocopier Lease Review</p> <p>This item was withdrawn.</p>	
24 25	<p>KALC AGM 28th November 2020</p> <p>It was proposed by Cllr Wallin and seconded by Cllr O'Connor and RESOLVED: that Cllr Cornford and Cllr Pennington should attend the KALC AGM to represent the Town Council.</p>	
24 26	<p>Highway Improvement Plans Update</p> <p>Town Clerk provided an update to Members following debate on the P,H&E Committee in March a shortlist of HIPs was proposed for the Town. Town Clerk has consulted briefly with KCC and reiterated that consultation will be required with residents before any commitment of funds for any of the outlined projects. Town Clerk to approach Sustrans to explore advice on strategy for cycling and pedestrians in the Town. Following debate:-</p> <p>It was proposed by Cllr O'Connor and seconded by Cllr Donaldson and RESOLVED: that the draft shortlist of four HIP projects and one addition of Minster Road with the stipulation that the funding source should be Section 106 money and KCC funded was adopted by Council and Town Clerk to share with KCC.</p> <p>It was proposed by Cllr Pennington and seconded by Cllr Page and RESOLVED: that the sum of £1,800.00 would be included in the draft budget report for 2021/22 for the purposes of undertaking traffic</p>	

	<p>surveys on any identified HIP projects before they are progressed for consultation.</p> <p>2 Members were against.</p>	
24 27	<p>Saturday Community Surgeries</p> <p>Cllr M Scott proposed that the Saturday Community Surgeries are reinstated and occur once a month at the Town Council office. Due to the current national restrictions this will not be possible at this precise time. Following debate:-</p> <p>It was proposed by Cllr Donaldson and seconded by Cllr Page and RESOLVED: that national and local restrictions permitting the Saturday Community Surgeries would recommence on the third Saturday of each month from January 2021 at the Town Council office. The invitation extended to TDC Cllrs, KCC Cllrs and local MP.</p>	
24 28	<p>Next Meeting</p> <p>The next meeting is 1st December 2020</p>	
24 29	<p>Meeting Closed at 20.48pm</p>	

Signed.....

Dated.....*1st December 2020*

Chairman of the Council