



Minutes of the Meeting of the Full Council of

Westgate-On Sea Town Council

on 6th March 2017

Held at

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

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| Present | Cllr King (Chairman), Cllr Cornford; Cllr Rolfe, Cllr Nightingale, Cllr Morrish, Cllr Page, Cllr Pennington; Cllr Rickett, Cllr Scott, Cllr Stewart | |
| Also in attendance | Miss Julie Pilbeam (Town Clerk), 12 residents, Cllr Partington and Cllr Bambridge (Thanet District Council) | |
| | To receive apologies for absence There were none. Cllr Scott entered the meeting at 19.02pm | |
| | Declarations of Interest Cllr Cornford declared an interest in item concerning the disabled access in the chamber. | |
| | Minutes It was RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of 6 th February 2017 be signed and approved as a true record of the meeting. Cllr Cornford entered the meeting at 19.04pm | |
| | Chairman's announcements The chairman reported that Laura Bungard was not present due to a death in the family. | |
| | Public Participation Session A representative spoke on behalf of the charity YouCAN, a charity that supports young people aged between 10 and 30 whose life has been affected by cancer. The charity own a property in Victoria Mews in Station Road that families can use as a respite. Councillors were invited to the launch in April. | |
| | Chairman's Report Cllr King reported that there was no further news of the Sustainability Transformation Plan. It was noted that there is limited information available on the plan for GP 'super surgeries' in Thanet. Cllr King proposed that the council ask for a meeting with Dr Tony Martin to find out more information on the proposed changes. It was noted that the Thanet Health Reference Group meet regularly and details can be found in the GP surgery. | |

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| | <p>It was agreed to invite Dr Martin to an internal meeting to discuss the proposed changes.</p> <p>Cllr King welcomed the new councillors Stewart and Page to the council.</p> <p>Cllr King also reported that the Neighbourhood Plan meeting on Saturday 4th March was very successful and the response was excellent.</p> <p>Congratulations and thanks were noted to those that organised the meeting.</p> | <p>Clerk</p> |
| | <p>Town Clerk's Report</p> <p>The town clerk reported the following:</p> <p>(a) Beach Shelters – it was noted that the Clerk had begun investigations into how the refurbishing of the shelters</p> <p>(b) Asset Disposal – it was noted that the Clerk had attended a meeting with Thanet District Council to review the assets owned and what the town council could take on.</p> <p>(c) Annual Town Meeting</p> <p>It was agreed to change the meeting to April 27th. If possible and the Clerk to proceed with organisation.</p> <p>Cllr Morrish reported that he had attended a KALC meeting where the East Kent Merger was discussed by Cllr Chris Wells, leader of Thanet District Council. Devolution was also discussed and a working paper has been produced by Ian Davison.</p> <p>Clerk to circulate devolution of services to council members</p> <p>Cllr Pennington reported that the Coastal Community Team will hold its first meeting on Tuesday 7th March at 7pm, report to follow at Finance and General Purposes Committee.</p> <p>Cllr Nightingale reported that he had checked that the station had a deep clean and sadly the station is unmanned over the weekend. Needs to be some cleaning contract at weekends. Cllr Nightingale agreed to pursue this. It was noted by Cllr Pennington that the schools should be reminded that they should not drop their snacks and drinks litter.</p> | <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> |
| | <p>Appointments to Committees</p> <p>It was agreed for Cllr Stewart to be appointed to the Finance and General Purposes Committee and Cllr Page to be appointed to the Planning, Highways and Environment Committee and the Events and Tourism Committee.</p> | |

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| | <p>Reports from District Councillors Cllr Sam Bambridge addressed the meeting and explained that the Local Plan consultation finishes on Friday 17th March. It was reported that the District Councillors are meeting an aviation company to campaign to reopen Manston A reminder of the fly tipping fines introduced by Thanet District Council was given and notice that Dreamland is soon due to reopen . Councillors were asked to query the parking charges. It was confirmed that there will be installation of double yellow lines in Dent-De-Lion and Westgate Bay Avenue Bay. Diary date was given of Saturday 22nd April – quiz to raise money for Community Centre</p> | |
| | <p>Report from Community Warden Laura Bungard was unable to attend the meeting.</p> | |
| | <p>Representatives on Outside Bodies Cllr Nightingale reported that he had spent an excellent afternoon at St Michael’s care home and observed that the home is undergoing a ‘revamp’ and they are looking for a closer connection to the community. Cllr Nightingale also reported that he had attended a tea party with residents of the home with dementia last week and expressed how great it was talking to people. The home have asked that the town council represent and take part in their future fund raising events. It was agreed to approve Cllr Rolfe to be the outside body representative for YouCAN..</p> | |
| | <p>Minutes of Committees The following minutes from committees held since the last Full Council meeting were noted: (a) Human Resources Committee 17th February 2017 (b) Planning Highways and Environment Committee 23rd February 2017 (c) Finance and General Purposes Committee 22nd February 2017</p> | |
| | <p>Decisions approved from Planning, Highways and Environment Committee 20th February 2017 (a) To formally approve the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group Terms of Reference P15 paragraph 5.1 Make it clear of not delegate powers to formulate policy of the council. (b) To formally approve the Neighbourhood Plan Service Level Agreement with Thanet District Council</p> | |

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| | <p>(c) To formally approve the delegated powers to Cllr Morrish, Cllr Scott, and the town clerk to complete the Local Plan response on behalf of the town council.</p> <p>It was agreed to publish the town councils response to the local plan on the website.</p> <p>(d) To formally approve joining the Kent County Council Voluntary Scheme.</p> <p>ALL APPROVED</p> | |
| | <p>To approve the following policies of the Council</p> <p>It was agreed for the policies of the Council to be adopted:.</p> <p>(a) Press and Media Policy</p> <p>(b) Hire of Equipment Policy and hire agreement</p> <p>(c) Audio and Video Recording Policy Amendments –to remove requirement for PAT testing</p> <p>(d) Council’s Publication Scheme</p> | |
| | <p>Request for Grant Funding</p> <p>It was approved to grant £219 to Christ Church United Reform Church to purchase a baby changing unit for the mother and toddler group.</p> <p>Cllr Morrish left the meeting at 8.30pm</p> | |
| | <p>Correspondence</p> <p>(a) Details of the East Kent Merger from Thanet District Council – noted.</p> <p>(b) Correspondence from resident concerning disabled access to Town Hall Buildings – it was noted that the Council have raised the issues with the landlord and that it is investigating holding meetings in the community centre to allow disabled access.</p> <p>(c) Notification of meeting with Sir Roger Gale MP at Birchington Parish Council – Cllr Morrish will attend on behalf of the town council.</p> <p>(d) Community support from UK Power Networks in the event of a power cut –noted.</p> | |
| | <p>Questions from Councillors</p> <p>Cllr Page reported that during the election campaign several residents from Lymington Road had approached her about getting involved with volunteer groups to clean up dog fouling in the town.</p> <p>Coastal volunteers and other local groups were discussed.</p> <p>Cllr Page reported that an individual had been seen measuring the highway in Wellesley Road.</p> | |

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| | It was agreed for the consideration of enforcing dog fouling measures to be added to the Planning Highways and Environment Committee agenda. | |
| | Meeting Closed at 8.46pm | |

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Cllr Tom King
Chairman

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