WESTGATE-ON-SEA TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES

Meeting: Joint Meeting of Full Council and the Planning & Environment Committee

<u>Venue</u>: The Council Chamber, The Town Hall Building, 31 St Mildred's Road, Westgate-on-Sea, CT8 8RE

<u>Time:</u> 7pm.

Date: Monday 19 October 2015.

<u>Present</u>: Cllrs Charlton, Cornford, King (Chairman), Morrish, Pennington, Rickett, Rolfe, Scott.

Town Clerk – Mrs. J. Williams

	ITEM		ACTION
117	CHAIRMAN	Chairman's opening remarks	
118	APOLOGIES	Cllr Ashbee – Margate Charter Trustees Cllr Nightingale - Holiday	
119	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST	There were no declarations	
120	MINUTES	The minutes of the meeting held on 7 September 2015 were approved and signed as a true record. (Minutes 085-099)	
		Proposed: Cllr Charlton Seconded: Cllr Cornford <u>RESOLVED</u>	

AGENDA ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION:

121	COMMUNITY WARDEN	Laura Bungard, Community Warden, gave the meeting a report on activity during September.	
122	PUBLIC RIGHT TO SPEAK	There were no speakers at this meeting	
123	MARGATE CHARTER TRUSTEES	Members expressed concern that the requested valuation of the Margate Charter Trustees assets as at 31 March 2015 has still not been forthcoming and without this information it is impossible for this council to make a decision regarding what is or is not a fair settlement. There appears to be a lack of transparency. It was unanimously agreed that the Margate Charter Trustees be advised that this council accepted the cheque for £50,643.21 as a down payment until such time as we receive the valuation of their assets and that this (or a firm commitment to produce the information) should be received within 14 days, otherwise this council will need to look at further action available to them. The clerk was also requested to check whether the council can make a Freedom of Information request.	Clerk Clerk

		Proposed: Cllr Charlton Seconded: Cllr Rolfe <u>RESOLVED</u>	
124	ALLOTMENTS	Clerk confirmed that the transfer from TDC to this council has been carried out but that the documents have not yet been received.	
		Further discussion deferred to next meeting for clerk to provide information and costings from TDC, Ramsgate Town Council and an independent to enable the council to make an informed decision of the best way forward.	Clerk
125	SPEEDING IN SEA ROAD	The clerk's report and the email sent to Cllr Morrish were noted.	
		After discussion it was agreed to request an automatic count and assessment of directional speeds in Sea Road over a period of 7 days and 24 hours per day, to provide a pattern of traffic and speeding on Sea Road.	Clerk
		It was further agreed that the Planning & Environment committee look at such an assessment being carried out in other key areas in Westgate-on-Sea.	P & E Agenda
		Proposed: Cllr Morrish Seconded: Cllr Cornford <u>RESOLVED</u>	
126	WESTGATE- ON-SEA CHRISTMAS FUN DAY	After discussion it was agreed that a donation of £300 will be made towards the cost of Fun Day and if there is a deficit after the event, the organisers can approach the council to see if they will consider a further donation (providing financial details).	Clerk
		Proposed: Cllr Pennington Seconded: Cllr Rolfe <u>RESOLVED</u>	
		It was also agreed that the Town Council will book a stall at the event to promote the council and give residents an opportunity to meet them and ask questions. Cllr Charlton agreed to draft a suitable flyer for handing out.	Clerk Cllr Charlton
		Proposed: Cllr Charlton Seconded: Cllr Scott <u>RESOLVED</u>	
127	TOWN CLERK'S REPORT	a. The charge from TDC for £7,000 is being credited and the council will only be charged a contribution towards the election costs. Figure agreed is £227.11.	
		 Remembrance Sunday - Clerk to forward final details once they are received. Councillors were asked to attend to represent the council. The event is on 8 November 2015. 	ALL
		 c. The AGM of the Kent Association of Local Councils is being held on Saturday 21 November. Any Councillor interested in attending to let the clerk know by Friday 23 October. 	ALL

		 d. Planning Application F'TH'15/0961 – 8 Westleigh Road: Agreed to delegate the council's response to Cllrs Morrish and Scott, CAAG and the clerk. Cllr Morrish to arrange meeting. Proposed: Cllr King Seconded: Cllr Rickett <u>RESOLVED</u> 	Cllr Morrish
128	PLANNING APPLICATIONS	<u>F/TH/15/0811 – 79 St Mildreds Road</u> This council supports CAAG's comments and feels this application is an improvement on the previously approved plan. Clerk to inform TDC accordingly. Proposed: Cllr Morrish Seconded: Cllr Scott <u>RESOLVED</u>	Clerk
129	PLANNING DECISIONS	Noted that the application in respect of 125 Sea Road was refused by TDC.	
130	LOCAL PLANNING FRAMEWORK WORKING PARTY	Council's Submission to the House of Lords SelectCommittee:Members wish to record their thanks to theWorking Party and Geoff Orton for the work they aredoing.Members unanimously agreed, subject to hisother commitments permitting, that Geoff Orton beinvited to join the council's Planning and Environmentcommittee as a non-voting member. Clerk to makeformal approach.Proposed:ClIr RickettSeconded:ClIr RolfRESOLVEDPopulation and Housing forecast:ClIr Scott introducedher papers giving detailed explanations of how thefigures are calculated.Members discussed the	Clerk
		difference in the ONS and KCC conversions and the suggested way forward.	
		Cllr Scott was thanked for all her hard work on this subject and it was unanimously agreed to delegate authorisation for her to continue to follow this through on behalf of the council.	Clir Scott
		Proposed: Cllr Rolfe Seconded: Cllr Pennington <u>RESOLVED</u>	
131	STAFFING MATTERS	The Public asked to leave the meeting for this item. After lengthy discussion about the suggestion to appoint a cleansing operative it was agreed that a full report with costings for (a) an operative with a barrow and (b) an operative with a vehicle, are to be provided to the next meeting.	Clerk
		Proposed: Cllr Scott Seconded: Cllr Cornford <u>RESOLVED</u>	