

WESTERHAM TOWN COUNCIL

Youth and Community Committee

Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 22nd September 2015 at
7.30pm in Russell House, Market Square, Westerham

Present: Councillors: Mr N Moore (NM) – Chairman
Mr A Bates (AB)
Mrs L Bird (LB)
Mr E Boyle (EB)
Mrs H Marsh (HM)

In attendance: Clerk: Mrs A Howells (AH)
Two representatives from Playplace

Item		Action
1.	<u>Apologies for Absence</u> None	
2.	<u>Declarations of Interest not previously declared</u> None	
3.	<u>Minutes of the Meeting on 15th June 2015</u> The Minutes had been approved at the Council meeting on 13 th July.	
4.	<u>Information items arising from the minutes of the previous meeting not dealt with elsewhere on the agenda</u> None	
5. 5(1)	<u>Youth Projects</u> <u>KCC Youth Worker</u> An email had been received from the KCC Youth Worker who previously covered Westerham confirming that she had moved to another area. KCC Youth Services had undergone a new restructure and the roles of the Youth Workers had changed; they were not detached workers any more their roles were around needs. It was agreed to lobby KCC Cllr Parry regarding the tendering for Commissioned Youth Work.	
5(2)	<u>Westerham Youth Club</u> Two representatives from Playplace attended the meeting and presented a report from the Summer Project which showed that numbers attending had improved and a DVD made during the project was shown prior to the meeting.	

5(3)	<p>Cllrs were impressed with the DVD and discussed transport issues raised by the young people.</p> <p>Following discussion it was agreed to request numbers attending on a regular basis. Cllrs felt recruitment should be ongoing and wanted to see a strategy for recruiting young people and a recruitment plan from Playplace.</p> <p><u>Edenbridge Commissioned Youth Work</u></p> <p>Cllrs Marsh and Bates had attended the Edenbridge Commissioned Youth Work Group meeting on 8th July. This was an interesting meeting and numbers attending Play place sessions were also low.</p>	AH
5(4)	<p><u>West Kent Extra meeting</u></p> <p>Cllr Marsh and Boyle had attended a meeting with West Kent and West Kent Extra to discuss how they operated. This was a very helpful meeting and a cost list was provided on previous delivery activities. Following discussion it was agreed to discuss Youth Provision in Westerham at the November meeting.</p>	AH
6.	<p><u>Youth Strategy/Anti-Social Behaviour</u></p> <p>A 'No Bother' programme had been commissioned by SDC following anti-social behaviour in Westerham. The 'No Bother' is a preventative programme for young people designed to tackle the issues which lead to youth offending and/or exclusion. Only parts of the curriculum were delivered as it was felt that the group were not sufficiently on the fringes of crime for a developmental programme.</p> <p>The report was very interesting and contact had been made with 43 young people. The Youth team felt they had a good knowledge of the various component parts of the local community around the playing fields and what the issues were.</p>	
7.	<p><u>Community Issues</u></p>	
7(1)	<p><u>Community Warden: update</u></p> <p>A report had been received from Steve Grange outlining his activities since the last meeting. Cllrs thanked Steve for his report.</p>	
7(2)	<p><u>Police update</u></p> <p>An email had been received from PCSO Humphreys regarding anti-social behaviour in Westerham and this was circulated.</p>	
7(3)	<p>The Kent Control Strategy was circulated.</p> <p><u>Town Partnership</u></p> <p>Cllr Marsh reported that a meeting had been held on 3rd July to which the business/retailers had been invited. A joint presentation was made to them from WTC and WTP. The 'Proud to do Business in Westerham' was launched at this event. The first meeting of this group was held a couple of weeks ago but attendance was low. An article was placed in the Chronicle stating that Late Night Shopping might have to be cancelled and now more volunteers have come forward and the event will take place on 26th November.</p>	
7(4)	<p><u>Christmas Lights</u></p> <p>Cllr Marsh reported that some work had taken place in July and the contractor would be completing the work on 5th October. Following discussion it was agreed to request F&GP consider that work needed on the cabling across The Green should come out of reserves.</p>	AH
7(5)	<p><u>Eden Valley Tourism Forum</u></p> <p>Information from the Eden Valley Footpaths Group was passed to APFOS.</p>	

7(6)	<u>Edenbridge Warden</u> Information had been received regarding the Edenbridge Warden costs.	
7(7)	<u>Edenbridge Partnership</u> Apologies had been sent for the meeting on 8 th September.	
7(8)	<u>Sevenoaks Health Action Team</u> The Clerk had been unable to attend the meeting on 30 th July but hoped to attend the next meeting on 29 th October.	
7(9)	<u>Fullers Hill Public Toilets</u> Cllr Wesley had written to Mr M Fallon MP requesting support for lifting Business Rates on public toilets; Mr Fallon had responded that he would take the matter up with the Minister responsible at DCLG.	
7(10)	<u>Churchill School</u> Due to interviews the School had had to cancel the School Council visit on 29 th September, another date to be arranged.	
7(11)	<u>Crockham Hill School</u> There was nothing to report.	
7(12)	<u>Sea Cadets/Drill Hall</u> There was nothing to report.	
7(13)	<u>Tourism</u> The racks for the Cyclery had been purchased and the sign was still being discussed.	
8.	<u>Summer Family Fun Sessions and half term update</u> A report had been circulated from Playplace and despite the weather the attendance figures had been good. WTC had received a number of excellent comments regarding the quality of the sessions. A session had been booked for Wednesday 28 th October at Westerham Hall. Following discussion it was agreed to approve the cost of £554 to run this session by Playplace.	AH
9.	<u>Memory Café</u> The Clerk reported that 25 people had attended the Dementia Awareness session in the council chamber on 17 th July and five people volunteered to help at the café. The Clerk reported that the first café would take place on Friday 16 th October and would be called 'Westerham Forget-me-not Café in memory of Margaret Payne'. It was agreed that a banner to this effect would be ordered for use outside the venue. A joint launch event would take place on Wednesday 7 th October at Edenbridge. It had been agreed by the Project Management Group that if volunteers had become a 'Dementia Friend' they could help and then training would take place in January as professional support would be available at each session.	
10.	<u>Terms of Reference</u> Cllr Moore had amended the Terms of Reference and the amendments had been circulated. Following discussion amendments were agreed, to be presented to Council on 12 th October.	AH
11.	<u>Youth Club Contract</u> Following discussion it was agreed this matter would be discussed at the	

	November meeting.	
12.	<u>Consultations</u> KCC Kent and Medway Safeguarding Adults Board – Draft Strategic Plan 2015 – 2018 – Cllr Moore to respond.	NM
13.	<u>Financial Statement to 31st August 2015</u> This had been circulated and there were no queries.	
14.	<u>Correspondence</u> 14.1 Oast to Coast – Summer 2015 was noted. 14.2 SDSAF – Newsletter September 2015 was noted. 14.3 SDC Sevenoaks District Community Safety Partnership 2015 – 2016 was noted.	
15.	<u>Reports from Councillors</u> Cllr Bird reported rubbish all over KGF following football at the weekend. Cllr Boyle and Marsh had attended a meeting to discuss Ghost/Light proposal. Cllr Marsh had attended the West Kent AGM on 10 th September.	
16.	<u>Newsletter and web-site</u> None	
17.	<u>Matters for District and County Councillors</u> None	
18.	<u>Further Matters for Consideration at the next meeting</u> KCC Youth Commissioning Ghost/Light proposal	
19.	<u>Date of next meeting</u> Monday 9 th November 2015	

The meeting was concluded at 9.25pm

Minutes confirmed as a correct record:

Chairman