

## WESTERHAM TOWN COUNCIL

### Youth and Community Committee

Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2017 at 7.30pm in  
Russell House, Market Square, Westerham

Present: Councillors: Mr E Boyle (EB) – Chairman  
Mr A Bates (AB)  
Mr M Craig (MC)  
Mr A Jowett (AJ)

In attendance: Clerk: Mrs A Howells (AH)  
Cllr N Proudfoot  
Five members of the public

Item		Action
1.	<b><u>Apologies for Absence</u></b> Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Marsh – maternity leave.	
2.	<b><u>Declarations of Interest not previously declared</u></b> None	
3.	<b><u>Minutes of the Meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> February 2017</u></b> The Minutes had been approved at the Council meeting on 20 <sup>th</sup> March.	
4.	<b><u>Information items arising from the minutes of the previous meeting not dealt with elsewhere on the agenda</u></b> None	
5. 5(1)	<b><u>Youth Projects</u></b> <b><u>Youth Provision 2017/18</u></b> Cllr Boyle reported that he and the Clerk had met with Playplace to discuss different options to replace the defunct youth club previously held in the pavilion. The new Youth Club at Churchill School was working very well with good attendance and excellent feedback from the School and parents. Playplace had sent a proposal which had been circulated, this detailed a continued 38 week programme for the Youth Club at the School at a cost of £7,208 plus room hire and a 25 week spring and summer programme targeting those unlikely to participate in uniformed, sports or organised club activities at a cost of £6,465. Following discussion it was agreed to go ahead with both of the options.	AH

5(2)	<p><b><u>Westerham Youth Club</u></b> The Youth sessions were going really well with great feedback from the young people, parents and the School and following consultation with the School were due to be extended to one hour sessions.</p>	
5(3)	<p><b><u>KCC Youth Commissioned Work</u></b> There was nothing to report.</p>	
5(4)	<p><b><u>Sevenoaks District Youth Advisory Group (YAG)</u></b> There was nothing to report.</p>	
5(5)	<p><b><u>IPAG Meeting</u></b> Cllr Bates reported that he had attended the IPAG meeting on 5th April at the SDC offices. He reported that Sevenoaks District was due to lose 4 of the current sixteen PCSO's and their workload had increased to include School visits. Westerham had the highest number of ASB youths in the District.</p>	
5(6)	<p><b><u>Outreach Work</u></b> The further sessions of agreed outreach work were due to take place shortly.</p>	
5(7)	<p><b><u>Anti-social behaviour</u></b> Members of the public had attended the meeting to complain about anti-social behaviour in Westerham that had taken place recently and been reported to the Police. A lengthy discussion took place outlining the public's concerns. Cllr Boyle concluded by stating the Committee realized the impact this behaviour was having by their attendance at the meeting. He outlined the meetings that WTC had undertaken with the Police and some of the meeting outcomes. He also informed the residents about the outreach work that WTC had commissioned in an attempt to target this difficult to reach group. Outcomes –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• WTC to request Police presence at the next Y&amp;C meeting</li> <li>• WTC to request the SDC CSU meet with West Kent and Moat Housing to discuss the issues</li> <li>• Residents to attend the next Y&amp;C meeting</li> <li>• Emphasis on reporting all incidents to 101</li> </ul>	
6.	<p><b><u>Community Issues</u></b></p>	
6(1)	<p><b><u>Community Warden: update</u></b> An update had been received from Steve Grange outlining his activities since the last meeting.</p>	
6(2)	<p><b><u>Police: update</u></b> PCSO Darling had sent a report outlining the Proactive action evening last Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April that saw him and 5 other PCSO's and Special Constables all on patrol in Westerham throughout the evening. This positively resulted in a small group of young persons who were anti-police being encountered and identified.</p>	
6(3)	<p><b><u>Town Partnership</u></b> Cllr Boyle reported that there had not been any WTP meetings.</p>	
6(4)	<p><b><u>Christmas Lights</u></b> Cllr Boyle reported that a meeting with the contractor was imminent.</p>	
6(5)	<p><b><u>Eden Valley Tourism Forum</u></b> There was nothing to report.</p>	
6(6)	<p><b><u>Edenbridge Partnership</u></b> The minutes from the meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> March were held by the Clerk.</p>	

6(7)	Apologies to be sent for the next meeting on 6 <sup>th</sup> June. <b><u>Sevenoaks Health Action Team</u></b> Apologies be sent for the meeting on 27 <sup>th</sup> April as the Clerk was unable to attend.	AH
6(8)	<b><u>Fullers Hill Public Toilets</u></b> The water leak had been fixed and the toilets re-opened but there had been minor issues with blocked toilets. Following the Council meeting SDC Cllr Esler had raised the issue of the transfer with SDC and they had agreed to the toilets being transferred on a freehold basis. The transfer would be dealt with by F&GP.	AH
6(9)	<b><u>Churchill School</u></b> The Clerk reported that the School were keen to visit the Council chamber and a date in May was being proposed. The School were keen to engage in the project with the Forget –not-Café and this would involve pupils from Year 6 visiting the Café in June/July to interview Café attendees about Westerham old and new. They would also be learning interview techniques.	AH
6(10)	<b><u>Crockham Hill School</u></b> The Clerk had emailed the School and was awaiting a response regarding meeting with the School Council.	AH
6(11)	<b><u>Valance School</u></b> The Clerk had emailed the School and was awaiting a response regarding meeting with the School Council.	
6(12)	<b><u>Sea Cadets/Drill Hall</u></b> Three Sea Cadets had attended the Commonwealth ceremony on 13 <sup>th</sup> March.	
6(13)	<b><u>Tourism</u></b> The Clerk had attended the SDC Visitor Economy Study to help shape the District's tourism economy.	
6(14)	<b><u>Forget-me-not Café</u></b> The Clerk reported attendance was still excellent and the project outlined in item 6(9) would be taking place.	
7.	<b><u>Financial Statement to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017</u></b> The financial information was circulated together with rollover. There were no queries.	
8.	<b><u>Family Fun sessions – February</u></b> A report had been circulated from Playplace regarding the February half term family fun session. Attendance was lower than usual but all comments received from parents/carers were very positive. Following discussion Cllrs felt the sessions were still worth running.	
9.	<b><u>Summer Family Fun sessions</u></b> The Clerk reported that the summer sessions would take place on 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 10 <sup>th</sup> , 17 <sup>th</sup> and 24 <sup>th</sup> August. The Magic person had been booked for 3 <sup>rd</sup> August, IMAGO were attending on 10 <sup>th</sup> August and African Drumming on 17 <sup>th</sup> August. A face painter would be booked for 24 <sup>th</sup> August. This was approved.	
10.	<b><u>Senior Citizen provision</u></b> A list of weekly and monthly events for senior citizens had been circulated	

	which had been put together by the Community Warden. Cllrs were pleased to see the number of events taking place.	
11.	<p><b><u>Fire Hydrant Inspections</u></b></p> <p>The Clerk had attended a presentation at Sevenoaks Fire Station regarding fire hydrant inspections. There were a large number of hydrants in Westerham, too many for Cllrs to inspect. However an awareness campaign could be undertaken highlighting the importance of reporting issues such as damaged/missing hydrant posts or indicators, dangerous or cracked covers, visible leaks, illegal use of hydrants and parking on hydrants.</p> <p>The Clerk would also like to try and involve the Scouts and cubs with this awareness campaign. This was approved.</p>	AH
12.	<p><b><u>Consultations</u></b></p> <p>None</p>	
13.	<p><b><u>Correspondence</u></b></p> <p>13.1 A letter had been received from the Darent River Preservation Society (DRIPS), following discussion it was agreed that Cllr Bates be nominated as the River Warden for the Westerham section of the Darent river. An annual contribution of £20 was also agreed, to be paid from the Contingency budget.</p> <p>13.2 Cllr Boyle had circulated his draft Annual Y&amp;C Report, following discussion Cllr Boyle to incorporate amendments.</p>	AB/AH EB
14.	<p><b><u>Reports from Councillors</u></b></p> <p>Cllr Bates reported he had attended Drainage meetings discussing water management.</p>	
15.	<p><b><u>TN16 and web-site</u></b></p> <p>None</p>	
16.	<p><b><u>Matters for District and County Councillors</u></b></p> <p>None</p>	
17.	<p><b><u>Further Matters for Consideration at the next meeting</u></b></p> <p>None</p>	
18.	<p><b><u>Date of next meeting</u></b></p> <p>Monday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2017</p>	

The meeting was concluded at 9.30 pm

Minutes confirmed as a correct record:

Chairman