

WESTERHAM TOWN COUNCIL

Youth and Community Committee

Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 17th September 2018 at 7.30pm in Russell House, Market Square, Westerham

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

Item		Action
1.	<p><u>Apologies for Absence</u> Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Craig – business commitment and Cllr Marsh – personal commitment.</p>	
2.	<p><u>Declarations of Interest not previously declared</u> None</p>	
3.	<p><u>Minutes of the Meeting on 2nd July 2018</u> The Minutes had been approved at the Council meeting on 9th July.</p>	
4.	<p><u>Information items arising from the minutes of the previous meeting not dealt with elsewhere on the agenda</u> None</p>	
5. 5(1)	<p><u>Youth Projects</u> <u>Youth Provision 2018/19</u> Playplace reported that funding was still being secured for the 'bus project'. However in the meantime a proposal had been received from Playplace regarding a 12 week detached project to explore the area and engage with young people. This would:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Map the area and explore identified 'Hot Spots' • Where possible meet and engage with young people • Agree with young people what local need exists • Agree with young people activities that they would like • Work with Play Place to deliver a longer term programme when the bus or splitter were available for street engagement (and dependant on feedback from young people) • Report to Play Place and Westerham on their findings and any identified issues in the community • Attend an agreed Youth and Community Committee 	

<p>5(2)</p> <p>5(3)</p> <p>5(4)</p>	<p>Following discussion it was agreed to go ahead with this project between September and December at a total cost of £3,333, this included the Youth Club costs for this period.</p> <p><u>Westerham Youth Club</u></p> <p>A report from Playplace had been circulated. It was noted that the funding for the Youth Club obtained by Playplace ran out in September so WTC will then commence paying for the Youth Club.</p> <p><u>KCC Youth Commissioned Work</u></p> <p>Nothing to report.</p> <p><u>Anti-social behaviour</u></p> <p>There had been minor issues such as rubbish but nothing major until last week when one of the benches in the garden was upended breaking four paving slabs. This has been reported to the Police and the culprits were on WTC CCTV. The footage was being passed to the Police.</p>	<p>AH</p>
<p>6.</p> <p>6(1)</p> <p>6(2)</p> <p>6(3)</p> <p>6(4)</p> <p>6(5)</p> <p>6(6)</p> <p>6(7)</p>	<p><u>Community Issues</u></p> <p><u>Community Warden: update</u></p> <p>A report from the Community Warden had been circulated; the Community Warden was thanked for his continuing good work.</p> <p><u>Police: update</u></p> <p>PCSO Ellie Collins was leaving next week to take up a position in the Police. The Clerk had sent her WTC's best wishes. Her replacement will be PCSO Sue Harwood who was an experienced PCSO.</p> <p><u>IPAG (Independent Police Advisory Group) Meeting</u></p> <p>Cllr Bates reported that the next IPAG meeting was planned for October and the IPAG would be continuing.</p> <p><u>Town Partnership</u></p> <p>The WTP AGM was being held on 19th September at 6pm at the Congregational Hall. A meeting was held on 10th September with AW, the Clerk and two members of WTP. Notes of the meeting would be on the Council Agenda. Following discussion it was agreed that Cllr Bates would attend and propose WTC as a member of the Steering Committee with any Cllr to attend.</p> <p><u>Christmas Lights</u></p> <p>Cllr Boyle reported that he had attended an initial meeting with the Kings Arms Manager. The Clerk would follow this up as soon as possible. Cllr Boyle had been to Paddockhurst Estate at Turners Hill and chosen the Christmas Tree. A flyer had been delivered to all shops and the following have responded that they would be willing to open. Larretts, The Courtyard, Chocs on The Green, Manuka Shoes, Steamer Trading, Sue Ryder, Costa Coffee, Hospice, Kate's Collection, Apothecary, Ibbett Moseley, Wood & Stone Floors and Orvis. None of the shops wished to help organise stalls. Following discussion it was agreed not to have the usual stalls but to use Lee Sherwood for fairground rides in the area outside Nisa.</p> <p>The Christmas Lights contractor had sent quotes and following discussion it was agreed that Cllr Boyle and the Clerk would finalise costings and organise letters to traders seeking donations.</p> <p><u>Eden Valley Tourism Forum</u></p> <p>Nothing to report.</p> <p><u>Edenbridge Partnership</u></p> <p>Cllr Jowett reported he had been unable to attend the meeting on 04/09/18.</p>	<p>AB</p>

6(8)	<u>Sevenoaks Health Action Team</u> The next meeting was on 27 th September, the Clerk was unable to attend.	
6(9)	<u>Churchill School</u> Cllr Jowett reported that the session on UK Parliament Week in Churchill School had been very successful. The Clerk had put a photo of the three Cllrs and the press release on WTC Facebook. The Scouts would also like to do something similar in Parliament Week in November, Cllr Marsh to liaise with the Clerk.	HM/AH
6(10)	<u>Crockham Hill School</u> Crockham Hill School had also indicated that they would like to run similar sessions to Churchill School. Cllr Marsh to liaise with the School.	HM
6(11)	<u>Valence School</u> The Clerk had reported that the verges have been cut back further, this would be monitored.	
6(12)	<u>Sea Cadets/Drill Hall</u> Cllr Wesley attended the Westerham Royal Naval Parade on Thursday 12 th July for the units biannual Royal Naval Parade and Inspection which was an opportunity for the unit to show case its achievements over the last year and provide an insight into the Sea Cadet Corps. The Sea Cadets had stated that currently only one Cadet came from Westerham and they were keen to encourage more. The Committee suggested offering sailing lessons and talks at both primary schools and agreed to advertise the Sea Cadets wherever possible.	
6(13)	<u>Tourism</u> The Clerk had been attending the SDC Visitor Economic Forums which have been very interesting and informative but nothing specific for Westerham at this time.	
6(14)	<u>Forget-me-not Café</u> The Cafes were very well attended as always with a variety of talks and presentations. On 23 rd August the Clerk organised a cream tea event with entertainment, primarily aimed at Café attendees but not limited to and this was very successful. There was good attendance and numbers had to be limited. There have been have a lot of very positive comments and everyone really enjoyed the event.	
6(15)	<u>Friday Lunch Club</u> There are over 60 residents on the list and attendance was excellent. The trip to Whitstable was a big success and they would like to visit a garden centre in November.	
6(16)	<u>Flood Management</u> Cllr Bates reported that there was another Community Resilience Workshop in Tonbridge if anyone wanted to attend. He had attended the SERT meeting on 18 th September at Dartford and reported that Chris Gardner was the new contact at the NWKent Countryside Partnership. The next meeting would be discussing – What is going to happen to the Darenth?	
6(17)	<u>Chamber of Commerce</u> Cllr Jowett reported that there had been a good turnout at the July meeting. WTC were hosting the next event on 26 th September.	
7.	<u>Financial Statement to 31st August 2018</u> The financial information was circulated. There were no queries.	
8.	<u>Summer Family Fun sessions</u> The attendance had been excellent when the weather was good but people	

	<p>still attended in the bad weather. National Trust had a presence each week and this went down well.</p> <p>A comment on Facebook thanked WTC for putting on these events.</p> <p>A report from Playplace to follow for the next meeting.</p>	AH
9.	<p><u>Fullers Hill public toilets</u></p> <p>The Fullers Hill public toilets were officially opened by Cllrs Wesley, Jowett, Boyle, Ogden, Holman and a member of the public. A press release had been sent to County Border news and Edenbridge Chronicle and was posted on WTC Facebook. WTC had received many positive comments; two residents sent a card congratulating WTC.</p> <p>Sadly we recently had an incident where the cleaner was required immediately to undertake a clean-up but are hoping this will not be repeated.</p>	
10.	<p><u>PACT (Partners and Communities Together) meeting</u></p> <p>Cllrs Wesley, Bates and Boyle had met with the Housing Associations in conjunction with SDC at Sevenoaks and a representative from West Kent Housing was making a presentation to Council on 8th October.</p> <p>The Action Plan and notes from the meeting on 11th September had been circulated. Cllr Bates and the Clerk had attended. Cllr Bates reported that the PACT Committee felt that residents were reporting incidents to the New Westerham Watch Facebook page and not consequently reporting to the Police or Housing Associations. Moat were willing to help the administrators of the FB page to try and resolve this issue.</p>	AB
11.	<p><u>Libraries Week – 8th – 13th October</u></p> <p>The Clerk would like WTC to work in partnership with the library and put on some musical sessions on Tuesday 9th and Saturday 13th October, following discussion this was agreed. The Clerk to organise.</p>	AH
12.	<p><u>Consultations</u></p> <p>None.</p>	
13.	<p><u>Correspondence</u></p> <p>None</p>	
13.	<p><u>Reports from Councillors</u></p> <p>Cllr Bates had attended a Community Speedwatch session.</p> <p>Cllr Jowett had met with a member of the Darent Valley path project at KGF.</p>	
14.	<p><u>TN16 and web-site</u></p> <p>None</p>	
15.	<p><u>Matters for District and County Councillors</u></p> <p>None</p>	
16.	<p><u>Further Matters for Consideration at the next meeting</u></p> <p>None</p>	
17.	<p><u>Date of next meeting</u></p>	

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The meeting was concluded at 8.30 pm

Minutes confirmed as a correct record:

Chairman