

## WESTERHAM TOWN COUNCIL

### Youth and Community Committee

Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 12th November 2018 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)

Town Clerk: Mrs A Howells (AH)

Item		Action
1.	<b><u>Apologies for Absence</u></b> Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Marsh – personal commitment.	
2.	<b><u>Declarations of Interest not previously declared</u></b> None	
3.	<b><u>Minutes of the Meeting on 17<sup>th</sup> September 2018</u></b> The Minutes had been approved at the Council meeting on 8 <sup>th</sup> October.	
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 2018/19</u></b> Playplace reported that they had delivered one session of outreach. This included a tour of the area covering King George's Playing Fields. They did not locate any young people on that occasion. Due to staff sickness and half term there had not been any additional sessions. However the team have confirmed they intend to recommence next Tuesday (After the art group). Further funding had been secured for the Orange Bus and it was hoped to have this on the road by December end. This would be a more 'visual point' to direct young people too and with a regular agreed location would enable them to promote the opportunity.	
5(2)	<b><u>Westerham Youth Club</u></b> A report from Playplace had been circulated. Following discussion regarding the numbers attending it was agreed to request that Playplace carry out a	

5(3)	<p>recruitment drive which could include an assembly.</p> <p><b><u>Anti-social behaviour</u></b></p> <p>The Clerk reported that there had been a number of incidents of bins being set on fire on King George's Playing Field as well as a picnic bench. The Police had been informed. The PCSO's were undertaking visits to the playing field and no new incidents had taken place.</p> <p>The Police were also following up on the incident in Russell House garden where paving slabs were broken.</p>	AH
<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>6(8)</p> <p>6(9)</p> <p>6(10)</p> <p>6(11)</p> <p>6(12)</p> <p>6(13)</p>	<p><b><u>Community Issues</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Community Warden: update</u></b></p> <p>A report from the Community Warden had been circulated; the Community Warden was thanked for his continuing good work.</p> <p><b><u>Police: update</u></b></p> <p>A report had been circulated from PCSO Hardy. Following discussion it was agreed to request PCSO Harwood come along to the next Y&amp;C meeting to meet the Committee.</p> <p><b><u>IPAG (Independent Police Advisory Group) Meeting</u></b></p> <p>Cllr Bates reported that he had attended the IPAG meeting on 27<sup>th</sup> September. He reported that domestic abuse incidents had increased in Sevenoaks but this might be due to the high profile campaign the Police were currently running regarding reporting domestic abuse. 1860 calls had been recorded, a 23% increase. There had been a 4% increase in reported incidents overall but this was the second lowest crime figures in Kent.</p> <p><b><u>Town Partnership</u></b></p> <p>Cllr Bates had attended the WTP AGM on 19<sup>th</sup> September. Membership of the Steering Group was not raised at the meeting.</p> <p><b><u>Christmas Lights</u></b></p> <p>Cllr Boyle reported that the lights would be put up shortly; the date was awaited from the contractor. The Christmas Lights Switch on event was being organised by the office staff with a mini market in the Kings Arms this year.</p> <p><b><u>Eden Valley Tourism Forum</u></b></p> <p>Nothing to report.</p> <p><b><u>Edenbridge Partnership</u></b></p> <p>Nothing to report.</p> <p><b><u>Sevenoaks Health Action Team</u></b></p> <p>Nothing to report.</p> <p><b><u>Churchill School</u></b></p> <p>The Clerk reported that she had attended an initial meeting with the new Head Teacher and a further meeting was to be arranged with Cllr Boyle.</p> <p><b><u>Crockham Hill School</u></b></p> <p>Cllr Marsh was liaising with the School regarding Parliament Week. She was also liaising with the Group Scout Leader to lead similar sessions with the scouts.</p> <p><b><u>Valence School</u></b></p> <p>There was nothing to report.</p> <p><b><u>Sea Cadets/Drill Hall</u></b></p> <p>The Sea Cadets band would be playing at the Christmas Lights Switch on event.</p> <p><b><u>Tourism</u></b></p> <p>Following the closure of the Cyclery the Clerk was attempting to recover the</p>	<p>AH</p> <p>AH</p> <p>AH</p> <p>HM</p>

6(14)	<p>tourism stands and sign.</p> <p><b><u>Forget-me-not Café</u></b> The Clerk had taken three of the regular volunteers to the Kent Dementia Awards in Maidstone. WTC had sponsored a table and the Clerk circulated the programme which mentioned WTC. KALC had also put a two page article in their quarterly newsletter regarding the dementia work undertaken by WTC.</p>	AH
6(15)	<p><b><u>Friday Lunch Club</u></b> There are over 60 residents on the list and attendance was excellent. The Clerk had organised a trip for Club attendees to a garden centre on 14<sup>th</sup> November,</p>	
6(16)	<p><b><u>Flood Management</u></b> Cllr Bates reported that he attended the DRIPS AGM on 25<sup>th</sup> October and he was now on the Committee. Cllr Bates reported that the Long Pond AGM was on 28<sup>th</sup> November and he and Cllr Boyle would be attending.</p>	
6(17)	<p><b><u>Chamber of Commerce</u></b> The Clerk reported that there had been a good attendance at the WTC hosted CoC on 26<sup>th</sup> September. Cllrs Jowett and Boyle to attend the next event on 28<sup>th</sup> November at the Hever Hotel.</p>	EB/AJ
7.	<p><b><u>Financial Statement to 31<sup>st</sup> October 2018</u></b> The financial information was circulated. There were no queries.</p>	
8.	<p><b><u>Draft budget 2019/20</u></b> A draft budget was circulated and following discussion it was agreed to present a budget of £32,550, an increase of £500 which was the cost of moving the portable CCTV.</p>	
9.	<p><b><u>Summer Family Fun sessions</u></b> A report from Playplace regarding the Summer Family fun sessions had been circulated. The attendance at the first session was excellent but the numbers at the other sessions were less due to bad weather. However Cllrs felt the session were very worthwhile. Following discussion Cllrs requested a breakdown of ages for next year's event. Playplace had sent the following report regarding the October half term family fun session – This was a very busy session with 94 attendees on this occasion (33 of these are adults). The team delivered inflatables fun, and were visited by a new Reptile Zoo provider. The team offered 2 tables for each of the following activities of Crafts, Clay Board games in addition. These were all very busy activities. A number of new families attended this time having attended the summer project and there were a large number of families that had been attending over a long period of time.</p>	AH
10.	<p><b><u>Consultations</u></b> None.</p>	
11.	<p><b><u>Correspondence</u></b> None</p>	
12.	<p><b><u>Reports from Councillors</u></b> Cllr Bates reported he had attended the WSA meeting on 29<sup>th</sup> October.</p>	

13.	<b><u>TN16 and web-site</u></b> None	
14.	<b><u>Matters for District and County Councillors</u></b> None	
15.	<b><u>Further Matters for Consideration at the next meeting</u></b> None	
16	<b><u>Date of next meeting</u></b> Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> February 2019	

The meeting was concluded at 9.00 pm

Minutes confirmed as a correct record:

Chairman