

WESTERHAM TOWN COUNCIL
Youth and Community Committee
Minutes of the Meeting held virtually on
Monday 28th September 2020 at 7 pm

Present: Councillors: Mr E Boyle (EB) – Chairman
Mrs D Coen (DC)
Dr J Lord (JL)
Mr B Holt (BH)

Town Clerk: Mrs A Howells (AH)

Item		Action
1.	<p>This meeting was held virtually using Zoom due to Covid 19. No members of the public had requested to join the meeting.</p> <p><u>Apologies for Absence</u> None</p>	
2.	<p><u>Declarations of Interest not previously declared</u> None</p>	
3.	<p><u>Minutes of the Meeting on 22nd June 2020</u> Had been approved at the Council meeting on 6th July.</p>	
4.	<p><u>Information items arising from the minutes of the previous meeting not dealt with elsewhere on the agenda</u> Westerham Library – The Clerk had submitted the bid to SDC regarding Community Right to Bid.</p>	AH
5.	<p><u>Emerging from Lockdown – rebuilding our economy</u> In early July, a survey had been distributed to all retailers and residents in the High Street from Verralls Corner to Quebec Square and on social media and using Survey Monkey. The survey asked questions regarding restricting speed, one-way system around The Green and how The Green is used, response by 31st July. The response was excellent with overwhelming support for restricting the speed through the town centre and a one-way system around The Green. These schemes were put forward to KCC in the hope that KCC would use funding from Government grants but Westerham had not been successful in obtaining funding. However KCC were now willing to support both schemes but WTC would need to pay for them. Following discussion it was agreed that</p>	

	the Committee fully supported both schemes and for WTC to fund them. The Committee agreed to fund the schemes with £5,000 from the Youth Provision budget which was not going to be used due to Covid.	
6.	<p><u>Virtual meeting with local businesses</u></p> <p>Cllr Boyle and the Clerk were suggesting having a virtual meeting with the retailers/hospitality/estate agents, (everything in the High Street) to discuss Late Night Shopping and setting up a business forum. Following discussion it was agreed Cllr Boyle and the Clerk would arrange a date and send out the invitations as soon as possible.</p>	EB/AH
7. 7(1)	<p><u>Youth Projects</u></p> <p><u>Youth Provision</u></p> <p>WTC Youth Provision Contractor reported that they could not re-start the Youth Bus due to lack of socially distancing space. However they could undertake low level detached youth work if required.</p> <p>Churchill School had informed WTC that they did not want to re-start the Youth Club before Christmas.</p> <p>Following discussion it was agreed to instruct the Contractor to undertake three sessions of low-level detached youth work in October, particularly during half term due to the increase in anti-social behaviour in Westerham and the continued use of nitrous oxide. The results would then be reviewed by the Committee however it was agreed not to continue this in the bad weather.</p>	AH
7(2)	<p><u>Free Food Friday</u></p> <p>Following discussion it was agreed that this could not take place at this time.</p>	
7(3)	<p><u>Anti-social behaviour</u></p> <p>The Clerk reported that there had been a week in August of increased anti-social behaviour in Westerham with a group of young people breaking windows and climbing on roofs all over Westerham, this included here at Russell House and the Public Toilets. All incidents had been reported to the Police together with photos and video from WTC portable CCTV.</p>	
8. 8(1)	<p><u>Community Issues</u></p> <p><u>Community Warden</u></p> <p>There was no report from the Community Warden as he was off work due to an operation, the Committee wished him well.</p>	AH
8(2)	<p><u>Police: update</u></p> <p>A number of emails and reports had been circulated to the Committee including details of Police Nights of Action.</p>	
8(3)	<p><u>IPAG representative</u></p> <p>Cllr Holt volunteered to become the WTC representative on the IPAG following the resignation of Cllr Bates. The Clerk to inform the IPAG.</p>	
8(4)	<p><u>Christmas Lights and Late Night Shopping</u></p> <p>Following discussion it was agreed that Late Nigh Shopping could not take place this year due to Covid. However the virtual meeting would be asking retailers for ideas on what could take its place.</p> <p>WTC would still be putting up the Christmas lights and tree and this was all in hand.</p>	

<p>8(5)</p> <p>8(6)</p> <p>8(7)</p> <p>8(8)</p>	<p>Westerham Society had stated that they would still give a grant of £500 to pay for the Christ tree, erecting and dismantling it. St Mary's Heritage Trust had emailed stating that the Christmas Tree festival could not take place this year. However they were hoping to organise an alternate version in which local businesses would participate in a different way. Following discussion it was agreed to support the Trust as much as possible.</p> <p><u>Sea Cadets</u> The Clerk had circulated a report from the Sea Cadets. Cllr Ogden had sent a Congratulatory letter.</p> <p><u>Forget-me-not Cafes</u> The Clerk reported that due to Covid the Forget-me-not Café were holding a virtual Café monthly and this was proving popular with those able to attend.</p> <p><u>Chamber of Commerce</u> The Sevenoaks Chamber of Commerce was now holding virtual meetings regularly which WTC were entitled to attend. The AGM was being held on 22nd October.</p> <p><u>Flooding</u> The Clerk had sent details of Flood Warden training to Cllrs Holt and Thompson. Cllr Thompson hoped to attend; however Cllr Holt was unable to make the date so had contacted the Kent Resilience Forum for future dates. The Clerk to advertise the training on Facebook.</p>	<p>AH</p> <p>BH AH</p>
<p>9.</p>	<p><u>Financial Statement to 31st May 2020</u> A statement up to 31st August had been circulated. Cllrs requested up to date accounts which included the new budget for Free Food Friday and the rollovers from last year.</p>	
<p>10.</p> <p>10(1)</p> <p>10(2)</p>	<p><u>Consultations</u></p> <p><u>Policing and Road Safety</u> – The Clerk had circulated the consultation from the Kent Police & Crime Commissioner and requested Cllrs to respond by 30th September.</p> <p><u>KCC – Residential and Nursing Care Survey</u> Cllr Coen agreed to review the survey and respond on behalf of WTC if appropriate. All Cllrs to be sent the survey and comments to be sent to Cllr Coen.</p>	<p>Cllrs</p>
<p>11.</p>	<p><u>Correspondence</u> 11.1 Emails had been received from SDC and KCC regarding track and trace.</p>	
<p>12.</p>	<p><u>Reports from Councillors</u> None.</p>	
<p>13.</p>	<p><u>TN16 and website</u> None</p>	
<p>14.</p>	<p><u>Matters for District and County Councillors</u> None</p>	

15.	<u>Further Matters for Consideration at the next meeting</u> None	
16.	<u>Date of next meeting</u> Monday 9th November 2020	

The meeting was concluded at 8.25 pm

Minutes confirmed as a correct record:

Chairman