

**WESTERHAM TOWN COUNCIL**  
**Youth and Community Committee**  
Minutes of the Meeting held virtually on  
Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2021 at 7 pm

Present: Councillors: Mr E Boyle (EB) – Chairman  
Mrs D Coen (DC)  
Mr C Elsdon-Wortley (CEW)  
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><b><u>Apologies for Absence</u></b> None</p>	
2.	<p><b><u>Declarations of Interest not previously declared</u></b> None</p>	
3.	<p><b><u>Minutes of the Meeting on 8th February 2021</u></b> Had been approved at the Council meeting on 15<sup>th</sup> March.</p>	
4.	<p><b><u>Information items arising from the minutes of the previous meeting not dealt with elsewhere on the agenda</u></b> The mobile CCTV camera had been relocated on the advice of the Police.</p>	
5. 5(1)	<p><b><u>Youth Projects</u></b> <b><u>Anti-Social behaviour</u></b> Information from the Police had been circulated regarding off road bikes being used in Westerham. Police attended with a drone and located and obtained details of all of the riders and the owners of the vehicles used to transport them. The Clerk had also reported to the Police noisy bikes being driven through Crockham Hill.</p>	
5(2)	<p><b><u>Commissioned Youth Work</u></b> A report from WKHA has been circulated regarding detached youth work for the period 1<sup>st</sup> January to 31<sup>st</sup> March. Following discussion, it was agreed that the Clerk would request that one or two Cllrs join on one of the</p>	

<p>5(3)</p> <p>5(4)</p> <p>5(5))</p>	<p>Outreach sessions in order to better understand the work being carried out.</p> <p><b><u>Youth Mentoring</u></b> Cllr Coen reported that disappointingly there had been no response nor even acknowledgement to the emails she had sent out. Following discussion, it was agreed that Cllr Coen would concentrate on one school and report back. It was also felt it may be better to concentrate this project around sixth form students.</p> <p><b><u>Laptop for school's project</u></b> Cllr Coen reported that she had delivered five pieces of IT equipment from Crockham Hill residents to Churchill School on 24<sup>th</sup> March and this had been very gratefully received. Another CH resident would be making a donation to the School for IT equipment.</p> <p><b><u>Grant for Youth Activities</u></b> The donors of the grant had agreed that £1000 of the grant could be put towards the skatepark project. It was agreed to discuss ideas for using the grant with WTC Youth provider and discuss at the next meeting.</p>	<p>AH/EB/BH</p> <p>AH/Cllrs</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><b><u>Community Issues</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Community Warden</u></b> A report from the KCC Community Warden had been circulated. The Warden to be thanked for his continuing efforts.</p> <p><b><u>Police</u></b> A Police newsletter had been circulated together with additional information sent out regarding anti-social behaviour. Following discussion, it was agreed to send an email thanking PC Harrison for all her work on the ASB issues.</p> <p><b><u>IPAG (Independent Police Advisory Group)</u></b> Cllr Holt reported that he was pleased to see a more visible police presence in Westerham and would be reporting this back to the next IPAG. The IPAG were keeping him informed of different groups that he could attend such as the Kent Fraud Alert System and the Prevent Roundtable. He would attend such meetings to see if there was any value for Westerham.</p> <p><b><u>Rural Market Towns</u></b> Cllr Holt reported that he had attended two meetings, the Transport session in particular had been very interesting. He would continue to attend the meetings and report back.</p> <p><b><u>Sea Cadets</u></b> Cllr Holt reported that he had attended a couple of the zoom training sessions and been very impressed. He would be attending face to face sessions as soon as possible and would be inviting the Sea Cadets to take part in the Crockham Hill fete.</p>	<p>AH</p> <p>AH</p> <p>BH</p>
<p>7.</p>	<p><b><u>Financial Statement to 31st March 2021</u></b> The end of year financial statement and rollovers had been circulated. It was noted that budgets had been depleted and used to fund other Council projects as there had been a Youth Services underspend as no clubs and events had taken place due to Covid.</p>	

8.	<p><b><u>Reopening activities</u></b></p> <p>Discussion was held on reopening of clubs in Westerham, the Committee felt that the Autumn was looking likely at this moment although this could change very quickly. A meeting would be held, in the next couple of weeks, with WTC Youth Provider to discuss youth provision starting again in Westerham; Cllrs Boyle, Coen and Holt to attend. It was hoped that the Summer Family Fun Days could go ahead with possible restrictions on numbers.</p> <p>A brief discussion was held on how WTC could help businesses, particularly those that may be struggling. Cllr Elsdon-Wortley suggested some sort of health check could be used to help businesses see where they could improve their marketing. Cllr Elsdon-Wortley and the Clerk to explore further. The Clerk would also investigate a business register that had been recommended by the Chamber of Commerce.</p> <p>WTC would be hosting and sponsoring the return of the Westerham Chamber of Commerce on 12<sup>th</sup> May as a virtual event. Cllrs Boyle and Holt to speak at the event.</p>	EB/DC/BH  CE-W/AH  EB/BH
9.	<p><b><u>Community Thank you events</u></b></p> <p>Discussion was held on when such events could take place. The Committee felt a thank you event could take place in the Autumn with an outdoor event in the Spring.</p>	
10.	<p><b><u>Correspondence</u></b></p> <p>10(1) Cllr Ogden had sent a report from her attendance at the Citizens Advice virtual meeting on 19<sup>th</sup> April. Details of the number of Westerham and Crockham Hill residents who had contacted CA via its phone lines was circulated. The numbers were considerable.</p> <p>10(2) An email had been received from Crossroads Care Kent, a Kent wide charity which provides care and support for anyone living with the challenges of caring. Following discussion, it was agreed that the Clerk would sign up for the newsletters and circulate on receipt.</p>	AH
11.	<p><b><u>Reports from Councillors</u></b></p> <p>Cllr Coen was delivering community meals in Crockham Hill until 2<sup>nd</sup> May.</p>	
12.	<p><b><u>TN16 and website</u></b></p> <p>None</p>	
13.	<p><b><u>Matters for District and County Councillors</u></b></p> <p>None</p>	
14.	<p><b><u>Further Matters for Consideration at the next meeting</u></b></p> <p>None</p>	
16.	<p><b><u>Date of next meeting</u></b></p> <p>Monday – 28<sup>th</sup> June – to be confirmed</p>	

The meeting was concluded at 8.25 pm

Minutes confirmed as a correct record:

Chairman