

WESTERHAM TOWN COUNCIL

Youth and Community Committee

Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 4th April 2022
at 7 pm in Russell House, Market Square, Westerham

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

Town Clerk: Mrs A Howells (AH)

Item		Action
1.	<u>Apologies for Absence</u> Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Davies and Lord – illness.	
2.	<u>Declarations of Interest not previously declared</u> None	
3.	<u>Minutes of the Meeting on 14th February 2022</u> Were approved at the Council meeting on 21 st March.	
4.	<u>Information items arising from the minutes of the previous meeting not dealt with elsewhere on the agenda</u> None.	
5. 5(1) 5(2 &3) 5(4) 5(5)	<u>Youth Projects</u> <u>Anti-Social behaviour</u> The Clerk reported there had been minor rubbish around Russell House but no more nitrous oxide canisters. There had been a few issues with quad bikes on the field adjacent to KGF and Beggars Lane. <u>Youth Bus and Free Food Friday</u> Cllr Coen reported that the Contractor was hoping the Youth Bus would be up and running after Easter. Following discussion it was agreed that Free Food Friday would take place once a month with helpers on a rota. Advertising the event was crucial. Details of the start date were awaited. <u>WKHA Commissioned Youth Work</u> A report from West Kent had been circulated regarding the Detached Youth sessions and the School Young Adventurers Club. The Clerk to arrange a visit to both the Boxing and Young Adventurers with a view to discussing funding. <u>Boxing sessions</u> The Boxing Sessions were still well attended, Cllrs wished to visit a session.	AH

5(6)	<p><u>Grant for Youth Activities</u> Following discussion it was agreed to discuss funding ideas with the donors. Cllrs Coen and Davies were meeting with the two primary schools to discuss targeted sessions for Year 6 and if as a result funding would be required.</p>	DC/JD
6.	<p><u>Loneliness/Befriending Project</u> The Clerk reported that the Committee had been awarded a grant of £2,000 for the project from the KCC Members Grant. £1 100 would need to be transferred from the tourist budget to give a total budget of £3,100. Cllr Coen had met with the Coordinator of the Tandridge Befriending Scheme to understand how they operated. Their annual costs were £20,000 and they had 173 friendships in progress under a referral scheme. They only operate in Tandridge but would accept befrienders from outside the area. This was clearly beyond what the Committee could provide. Following discussion it was agreed to set up a once a monthly drop in event in Crockham Hill at the Village Hall as a trial. Cllr Coen, with the help of Cllr Davies, to start by finding volunteers to help once a month. Funding for DBS checks, rent, travel and refreshments was included in the grant. The date to be determined by attendees and volunteers' availability.</p>	DC/JD
7.	<p><u>KALC Health and Well-Being Conference</u> The virtual Conference had been held on 22nd March and Cllrs Coen and Holt had presented on WTC activities. KALC had sent a thank you and congratulatory email. The Clerk attended a Clerks meeting on 31st March and the feedback was that the presentation had been well received. Information had been requested from parishes attending the Conference regarding the Design a Light and the Youth Bus. Thanks to Cllrs Coen and Holt.</p>	
8. 8(1) 8(2) 8(3) 8(4) 8(5) 8(6)	<p><u>Community Issues</u> <u>Community Warden</u> Steve, the KCC Community Warden had now retired and WTC were pushing for a replacement. As yet KCC had not started recruitment.</p> <p><u>Police</u> The following information had been circulated: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Police Parish Monthly updates – February <p>The issues of quad bikes being ridden in various streets was being investigated by the PCSO.</p> <p><u>IPAG (Independent Police Advisory Group)</u> Cllr Holt had recruited a resident onto the IPAG and he would be attending his first meeting shortly.</p> <p><u>Rural Market Towns</u> Cllr Holt reported that he had attended a meeting on 28th March which had been worthwhile. He had requested the minutes of the meeting.</p> <p><u>Sea Cadets</u> Cllr Holt reported that the Westerham Sea Cadets would be performing at the Crockham Hill fete as well as having a stall.</p> <p><u>Chamber of Commerce – Westerham</u> Cllr Holt and the Clerk had attended the Chamber of Commerce meeting</p>	

8(7)	<p>on Wednesday 16th March at The Crown Building. It was the first face to face meeting for Westerham since Covid and was very interesting. There was a presentation from the Financial Company who hosted and some useful network connections were made. The next meeting was on 18th May at the Kings Arms.</p> <p><u>Forget-Me-Not Café</u></p> <p>The Clerk reported that there was a good attendance at the last café, still down on pre covid numbers. There was a boxing session which was very well received and a talk from Kent Fire and Rescue. There would be no meeting in April due to the Bank Holiday.</p>	
8(8)	<p><u>Friday Lunch Club</u></p> <p>There had been two clubs so far and numbers were increasing; over 40 at the last session which was much enjoyed by all. A big thank you to all the volunteers without whom the Lunch Club would not be possible.</p>	
9.	<p><u>Retailers and Business Upskilling Grant</u></p> <p>Cllr Boyle reported that he had received excellent feedback from those who had attended the sessions. This had been a real success story and had raised WTC profile with the retailers/community groups.</p>	
10.	<p><u>Recoup/Refill</u></p> <p>Cllr Holt reported that he was still awaiting information from the last Recoup meeting.</p> <p>Cllr Coen and the Clerk had visited all the cafes recently and everyone visited was willing to have a sticker in their window regarding refilling water bottles if WTC signed up to the scheme. The Clerk had now received the Memorandum of Understanding and it was agreed to sign up to the Refill Scheme.</p>	AH
11.	<p><u>ECO Policy Action Plan</u></p> <p>The Y&C Action Plan had been circulated and the Committee were pleased to note the progress. The bird and insect box sessions to be added. The Clerk was also investigating a bat talk.</p>	AH
12.	<p><u>Summer/Half Term Family Fun sessions</u></p> <p>The Clerk reported that the February half term session had been very well attended with over 130 young people attending over the three hour session at Westerham Hall.</p> <p>The four summer sessions were booked in with additional activities to be booked.</p> <p>Two Easter sessions were booked in April - 7th April- Making bird and insect boxes on KGF 14th April – Magician and bouncy castle in Westerham Hall</p>	
13.	<p><u>Correspondence</u></p> <p>None.</p>	
14.	<p><u>Reports from Councillors</u></p> <p>Cllr Coen had contacted the Head Teacher of Churchill School regrading Ukraine refugees and she had been very helpful in facilitating contact</p>	

	among Ukraine families in the area. Cllr Coen reported fly tipping, the Clerk to report.	
15.	<u>TN16 and website</u> Crockham Hill fete, WTC stall, meet your Cllrs.	
16.	<u>Matters for District and County Councillors</u> None	
17.	<u>Further Matters for Consideration at the next meeting</u> None.	
18.	<u>Date of next meeting</u> Monday 27 th June 2022	

The meeting was concluded at 8.30 pm

Minutes confirmed as a correct record:

Chairman