

## WESTERHAM TOWN COUNCIL

### Youth and Community Committee

Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2023  
at 7 pm in Russell House, Market Square, Westerham

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

Town Clerk: Mrs A Howells (AH)

Item		Action
1.	<b><u>Apologies for Absence</u></b> None.	
2.	<b><u>Declarations of Interest not previously declared</u></b> None	
3.	<b><u>Minutes of the Meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> November 2022</u></b> The minutes of the meeting on 14 <sup>th</sup> November 2022 were approved at the Council meeting on 5 <sup>th</sup> December.	
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>Anti-Social behaviour</u></b> The Clerk reported that there has been a number of ASB issues in Westerham. There had also been some thefts from retail/hostelry outlets. The incidents had been reported to the Police and the SDC CSU. Similar problems had been reported in Edenbridge. The Committee discussed renewing the WTC CCTV on KGF, following the advice from the Police and agreed that this should be pursued as part of the KGF Re-development Project. The Committee was prepared to contribute to the cost if end of year budget allowed.	
5(2)	<b><u>Youth Provision</u></b> Cllr Coen reported that the Boxing was booked until the end of July and feedback was very good. Cllr Holt to visit a session to discuss providing a trophy or something similar. Street dance was taking place until Mid-March but as number had not	BH

<p>5(3)</p> <p>5(4)</p> <p>5(5)</p>	<p>improved this was not a sustainable venture. Cllr Coen and the Clerk would arrange a meeting with the Head of Churchill School to discuss a number of issues including bird/insect boxes and end of term silent disco.</p> <p><b><u>WKHA Commissioned Youth Work</u></b> The Clerk had circulated the latest report. Cllr Coen reported that a meeting had taken place with WKHA on 6<sup>th</sup> December which was very useful. It was agreed to hold at least two such meetings a year. WKHA stated:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• that they saw good results in areas with a static base for young people to attend; this was not currently possible in Westerham.</li> <li>• they saw value in Youth Forums so this was an area to explore.</li> <li>• a "Gaming Bus" was suggested, costings to be sent to WTC. These had not been received, the Clerk to chase.</li> </ul> <p>WKHA had been asked to visit the areas where the latest ASB had been taking place as part of their detached youth work.</p> <p><b><u>Boxing sessions</u></b> The Boxing sessions for the younger age group continued to be well attended.</p> <p><b><u>Grant for Youth/Elderly activities</u></b> Funds from the grant were still available to benefit the young, the elderly and those in need in the community. As this was a donation there was not under year end pressure to spend it.</p>	<p>DC/AH</p> <p>AH</p>
<p>6.</p> <p>6(1)</p> <p>6(2)</p> <p>6(3)</p>	<p><b><u>Community Engagement Projects</u></b> <b><u>Crockham Hill – Coffee, cake and chat</u></b> Cllrs Davies and Coen reported that the sessions were still going well with 21 attendees at the last monthly session. Sessions had been running since June 2022 and the number of new faces were increasing each month. As Cllr Davies was not standing for re-election the model for the sessions would need to change. Following discussion it was agreed that this could be a joint venture/partnership working with the WI if they were in agreement. WTC had budgeted for hall hire and refreshments for next financial year.</p> <p><b><u>Crockham Hill Community Tea</u></b> Cllr Coen reported that the Community Tea was planned for 31<sup>st</sup> March. This would be an invitation only event only as food would need to be ordered. Two quotes for food had been received, following discussion it was agreed to accept the lower quote which could deal with any dietary requirements. The CH Village Hall Harris room had been booked. Invitations would be agreed by</p> <p>Cllrs Coen and Davies.</p> <p><b><u>Westerham Project</u></b> Cllr Coen reported that instead of New Year Gift/food boxes the Food bank had asked for a donation so that they could purchase items not usually donated. A donation of £400 had been made and a thank you received. Eight boxes had been made up for Crockham Hill residents and delivered by Cllr Coen and Davies. All boxes were very gratefully received. A thank you letter and phone call had been received.</p>	<p>DC/JD</p>

	A meeting was still outstanding with Age UK, the Clerk to chase.	AH
7.	<b><u>Community Issues</u></b>	
7(1)	<b><u>Community Warden</u></b> No further update.	
7(2)	<b><u>Police</u></b> The following information had been circulated: - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Police Parish Monthly updates – January</li> <li>• Regular updates from My Community Voice</li> </ul>	
7(3)	<b><u>IPAG (Independent Police Advisory Group)</u></b> Cllr Holt reported that the next meeting would take place in March/April.	
7(4)	<b><u>Rural Market Towns</u></b> Cllr Holt reported that he was due to attend the Rural Connectivity Seminar this week. The Clerk reported she had attended the Officer Steering Group on 17 <sup>th</sup> February. Feedback was being sought on what were on the list of Council's Youth and Elderly issues.	
7(5)	<b><u>Sea Cadets</u></b> Cllr Coen reported that a meeting had been held with the Sea Cadets on 14 <sup>th</sup> December. This was a follow up from their attendance at the last Committee meeting. The Unit was short of adult volunteers and the Clerk agreed to contact SDC for information. Details of Imago had been passed to the Sea Cadets following the meeting. An offer was made to put an advert for volunteers into TN16 and the wording was still awaited.	
7(6)	<b><u>Chamber of Commerce – Westerham</u></b> The Clerk had attended the meeting on 8 <sup>th</sup> February at Westerham Brewery. Westerham meetings for the rest of the year had been arranged.	
7(7)	<b><u>Fullers Hill Public toilet</u></b> The Clerk reported that the inside lock had broken and the toilet had been closed for a week. This had been repaired and the toilet was now open.	
7(8)	<b><u>Christmas Lights and light design competition</u></b> Cllr Boyle reported that excellent feedback had been received for the lights and the light design competition. A quote to replace the gutter lights of £2,500 had been received from the Christmas Lights Contractor. Following discussion it was agreed to roll this amount over to the next financial year and book a date in September for the work to take place. A wash up meeting with the Contractor was due to take place. The electrics on The Green were not working properly and a quote was being sought for this work.	
7(9)	<b><u>Warm Spaces</u></b> Warm spaces were being offered in St Mary's Church and the Congregational Church. Both were seeing a significant number of people.	
7(10)	<b><u>Dog Fouling/Dog attacks</u></b> The clerk reported that there had been a recent serious dog attack on other dogs in KGF and an email had been received from a resident regarding a recent dog attack on a footpath. The resident had requested WTC run an awareness campaign for dog owners. Following discussion it was agreed that Cllr Coen and the Clerk would discuss this further outside of the meeting. Dog fouling was also an issue in residential streets, particularly Madan Road. It was agreed that chalk spray would be purchased and used with the	EB/AH



13.	<p><b><u>Reports from Councillors</u></b></p> <p>Cllr Boyle reported he had attended a meeting with WTP regarding the Coronation event.</p> <p>Cllr Coen reported that she had checked the CH defibrillators on 31<sup>st</sup> January; all fine.</p> <p>Cllr Coen reported that the fly tip was still on CH Common, the Clerk reported it was the responsibility of the landowner who had been informed. Cllr Coen would be attending a NALC webinar on Social Isolation on 22<sup>nd</sup> February.</p> <p>Cllr Coen gave feedback from an Edenbridge resident who had been helped by Citizens Advice.</p> <p>Input into the Annual Report on Y&amp;C's achievements and unfinished business was needed. Cllr Coen to circulate a first draft to the committee for their comment.</p>	
14.	<p><b><u>TN16, Crockham Hill Newsletter and website</u></b></p> <p>Dog fouling</p> <p>Dog awareness campaign</p> <p>New wording for the Y&amp;C Committee was agreed.</p>	
15.	<p><b><u>Matters for District and County Councillors</u></b></p> <p>None</p>	
16.	<p><b><u>Further Matters for Consideration at the next meeting</u></b></p> <p>Future youth projects</p>	
17.	<p><b><u>Date of next meeting</u></b></p> <p>Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2023</p> <p>Cllr Davies gave her apologies.</p> <p>The Committee thanked Cllr Davies for her work during her time in post.</p>	

The meeting was concluded at 9 pm

Minutes confirmed as a correct record:

Chairman