

WESTERHAM TOWN COUNCIL

Youth and Community Committee

Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 17th April 2023
at 7 pm in Russell House, Market Square, Westerham

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

Town Clerk: Mrs A Howells (AH)

Item		Action
1.	<u>Apologies for Absence</u> Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Davies - holiday.	
2.	<u>Declarations of Interest not previously declared</u> None	
3.	<u>Minutes of the Meeting on 20th February 2023</u> The minutes of the meeting on 20 th February 2023 were approved at the Council meeting on 20 th March.	
4.	<u>Information items arising from the minutes of the previous meeting not dealt with elsewhere on the agenda</u> 5.2 A meeting still needed to be arranged with the Head Teacher of Churchill School to discuss Eco issues and end of term event. 6.3 The meeting with Age UK was still outstanding. The Clerk was waiting for a call back. 7.4 The Clerk had responded to Rural Market Towns by completing their survey on youth and elderly issues. 12.4 Defibrillators - Laura Trott MP had replied that she was going to discuss with the family of the resident who died how much they wanted to be involved in bringing about change regarding rural defibrillators and call handling.	DC AH
5. 5(1)	<u>Youth Projects</u> <u>Anti-Social behaviour</u> The Clerk had circulated the Government ASB Plan to the Committee. Following discussion regarding Westerham and Crockham Hill issues it was agreed to focus on: - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drugs and county lines Cllr Coen reported that an open meeting had been arranged in CH Village	

<p>5(2)</p> <p>5(3)</p> <p>5(4)</p> <p>5(5)</p> <p>5(6)</p>	<p>Hall on 17th May on Drugs & County Lines. It was agreed that Cllrs Coen, Boyle and Lord would attend if elected.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fly tipping and vandalism <p>Following discussion it was agreed to publish an article on how to report fly tipping to SDC in TN16. This article had already been published in the CH Village newsletter.</p> <p><u>WKHA Commissioned Youth Work</u></p> <p>The Clerk had circulated the latest report. The Committee were concerned to read that the young people were 'highly dubious' of the youth workers. Following discussion it was agreed to discuss with WKHA regarding publishing an article in TN16 about who the youth workers were, what they do and how they engage.</p> <p>The Clerk to find out how WKHA deal with drug related issues.</p> <p><u>Boxing sessions</u></p> <p>The Boxing sessions for the younger age group continued to be well attended and it was hoped to increase attendance. This would have no impact on costs to WTC. Cllr Holt to visit the boxing and establish the age of attendees and whether teen boxing was something the Committee should explore. Cllr Coen was investigating the cost of teen boxing at a local gym. Cllr Coen would produce a feedback form for use at the end of term boxing sessions.</p> <p><u>Future Youth Work</u></p> <p>Information regarding the gaming bus had been received but it was more suitable for parties and was very expensive, so therefore discounted. Following discussion it was agreed to set up meetings with Kenward Trust and Edenbridge Youth Workers to discuss how best to tackle young people and drug use.</p> <p>Cllrs Coen and Boyle would set up a meeting with WADS to discuss Theatre/drama workshops.</p> <p><u>Street Dance</u></p> <p>The Committee had not received attendance figures for the Street Dance sessions so had concluded that they were not sustainable. However information had just been received that attendance was approximately 20 young people and two shows had been put on for the parents; a report had been circulated at the meeting.</p> <p>Following discussion it was agreed to fund a further six weeks' sessions in the last school half term subject to the establishing the age of attendees and which part of Westerham Hall was being used. A combination of the Youth provision budget and the grant to be used.</p> <p><u>Grant for Youth/Elderly activities</u></p> <p>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 no year-end pressure to spend it. It was agreed that a meeting with Age UK was essential to discuss WTC engagement with the elderly.</p>	<p>DC/EB/JL</p> <p>AH AH</p> <p>BH DC DC</p> <p>AH</p> <p>DC/EB</p> <p>AH</p> <p>AH</p>
<p>6. 6(1)</p>	<p><u>Community Engagement Projects</u></p> <p><u>Crockham Hill – Coffee, cake and chat</u></p> <p>Cllr Coen reported that the sessions were still going well. At the last session on 15th March there had been 21 attendees. Now that the grant had been spent the model of the sessions was changing to a community partnership</p>	

<p>6(2)</p> <p>6(3)</p> <p>6(4)</p>	<p>between WTC and CH WI. There would be no change for the attendees. WTC had budgeted to pay for hall hire and refreshments.</p> <p><u>Crockham Hill Community Tea</u></p> <p>Cllr Coen reported that the Community Tea took place on 31st March. There had been 27 attendees and two helpers and the tea had been very well received.</p> <p><u>Engagement with Crockham Hill Primary School</u></p> <p>Cllrs Coen and Davies had met with the Head Teacher of CH School on 23rd March to discuss litter picking and keeping the village tidy. Litter posters, bird and bug boxes were given to the School for their ECO club. Cllr Coen also delivered litter posters to the Preschool held in CH Village Hall.</p> <p>Following discussion it was agreed to consider a litter poster campaign with Churchill, CH school and preschool and Valance schools at the next meeting.</p> <p><u>Westerham Project</u></p> <p>Further discussion would take place following the meeting with Age UK.</p>	
<p>7.</p> <p>7(1)</p> <p>7(2)</p> <p>7(3)</p> <p>7(4)</p> <p>7(5)</p> <p>7(6)</p> <p>7(7)</p> <p>7(8)</p>	<p><u>Community Issues</u></p> <p><u>Community Warden</u></p> <p>Cllr Ogden had written to KCC Cllr Chard regarding an update on a replacement KCC Community Warden. KCC Cllr Chard had asked for a response from the KCC Cllr responsible for Community Wardens.</p> <p><u>Police</u></p> <p>The following information had been circulated: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Police Parish Monthly updates – February • Regular updates from My Community Voice <p><u>IPAG (Independent Police Advisory Group)</u></p> <p>Cllr Holt reported that no meeting had been set up yet.</p> <p><u>Rural Market Towns</u></p> <p>Cllr Holt reported that he had attended a seminar on 'Connectivity' and it had been very interesting. He would circulate a report and the presentation.</p> <p><u>Sea Cadets</u></p> <p>Nothing to report.</p> <p><u>Chamber of Commerce – Westerham</u></p> <p>The Clerk had attended the meeting on 12th April and provided refreshments for the event; to come out of the contingency budget. The meeting venues had been set for the year in Westerham. The Clerk was working with the Chamber to try and improve attendance from Westerham businesses.</p> <p><u>Fullers Hill Public toilet</u></p> <p>The Clerk reported that the Cleaning Contractor was having to increase the weekly cost by £5.44 per week due to the increases in the National Living Wage. The budget would be able to accommodate the increase.</p> <p><u>Christmas Lights</u></p> <p>The Clerk reported that £2,500 had been rolled over to replace the gutter lights and £1,500 to repair the electrics and timer on The Green. A consultation document had been received from the Town Partnership</p>	<p>BH</p>

7(9)	<p>regarding changing the day of the Christmas Lights Switch on to a Sunday. Following discussion this was agreed in principle subject to discussion with the Christmas Lights Contractor, Churchill School, National Trust, Wolfe Garage and Father Christmas.</p> <p><u>Dog Fouling/Dog attacks</u></p> <p>The Clerk reported that an email had been sent to the resident whose dog had been attacked outlining the actions taken by the Committee so far and suggesting a meeting after the elections.</p>	AH
7(10)	<p><u>Kings Coronation</u></p> <p>Cllr Coen reported she would be attending the Westerham and Crockham Hill events on Sunday 7th May. Cllrs Boyle and Lord would also be attending the Westerham event.</p>	
7(11)	<p><u>Litter picks</u></p> <p>Cllr Coen reported a successful litter pick took place in Crockham Hill on March 6th with local residents.</p>	
7(12)	<p>The Clerk reported that a litter pick took place in Westerham on 21st March, 15 volunteers helped and over 20 bags of rubbish were collected from around Westerham.</p> <p><u>Sencio collapse and SDC rescue</u></p> <p>Cllr Coen reported that she had joined the special SDC meeting on 23rd March and there had been regular updates since. SDC had agreed in principle for national leisure provider Everyone Active to take over the operation of the three leisure sites. Sencio's Board of Trustees surrendered the leases to all three facilities on 13 April. SDC would now send in specialist teams to restart the maintenance and begin a deep clean of the sites.</p>	
8.	<p><u>ECO Action Plan</u></p> <p>The Y&C ECO Action Plan had been circulated and was reviewed. Cllr Coen had circulated links from Friends of the Earth and another Council. The visit to the next meeting of Y&C by CH School ECO Club would be added to the Plan.</p> <p>Cllr Coen could attend the Greensands Conference on 27th April for part of the time if permitted, the Clerk to check.</p>	AH/DC
9.	<p><u>Family Fun sessions</u></p> <p>The Clerk circulated a report on the April half term Family Fun session in Westerham Hall. The session had been very well received and was a worthwhile project. The Clerk had purchased drinks cartons for the attendees and these had also been very well received. Thanks to Cllr Holt for delivering them to the Hall. The Committee agreed to provide cartons for all future indoor sessions.</p>	AH
10.	<p><u>Correspondence</u></p> <p>10.1 Sevenoaks District Senior Action Forum Newsletter – March 2023 had been circulated. To be sent to Planning Committee for information.</p>	AH
11.	<p><u>Reports from Councillors</u></p> <p>Cllr Boyle reported that he had attended the WTP meeting in March. Cllr Holt reported he had attended a meeting of Westerham Hall Trustees on 13th March.</p>	

	<p>Cllr Coen had attended the NALC webinar on Social Isolation & Loneliness from the Local Council perspective on 22nd February, she had circulated a report.</p> <p>Cllr Coen requested the Defibrillator training in Crockham Hill be re-scheduled for June.</p>	AH
12.	<p><u>TN16, Crockham Hill Newsletter and website</u></p> <p>Future focus for this Committee and plans for the next few months. Include promotion of West Kent Mind @Wear it Blue' campaign on website and social media.</p>	
13.	<p><u>Matters for District and County Councillors</u></p> <p>None</p>	
14.	<p><u>Further Matters for Consideration at the next meeting</u></p> <p>Future youth projects Litter campaign</p>	
15.	<p><u>Date of next meeting</u></p> <p>Monday 26th June 2023</p> <p>Cllr Holt was not standing for re-election so this was his last meeting. Cllrs thanked Cllr Holt for his work on this Committee over the last four years and wished him well for all his other activities.</p>	

The meeting was concluded at 9.20 pm

Minutes confirmed as a correct record:

Chairman