

MINUTES of the MEETING of the COMMUNITY SAFETY COMMITTEE held at THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, THE GROVE, SWANSCOMBE on WEDNESDAY 6 APRIL 2022 at 7.00 PM

PRESENT: Councillor Peter Harris – Chairman
Councillor Lorna Cross
Councillor Lesley Howes

ALSO PRESENT: Martin Harding – Assistant Town Clerk / Responsible Financial Officer
PCSO Alan Mitchell – Kent Police
PCSO Tilly Digby-Baker – Kent Police

ABSENT: There were none.

484/21-22. **ARRANGEMENTS AND CONSTRAINTS REGARDING FILMING OR RECORDING THE MEETING.**

The Chairman explained the arrangements and constraints relating to the filming or recording of the meeting.

485/21-22. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.**

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Anita Barham, due to other commitments.

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Emma Ben Moussa, due to other commitments.

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Sue Butterfill, due to other commitments.

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Peter Harman, due to other commitments.

Councillor Jay Shah had previously received dispensation from attending meetings for a six-month period commencing 9 December 2021 (minute 315/21-22).

An apology was also received from Billy Unsworth (Kent County Council Community Warden), Tony Henley (Dartford Borough Council (DBC) Community Safety Unit (CSU)), Jade Ransley (DBC CSU), David Mote (DBC Borough Councillor – Greenhithe).

Recommended: That the reasons for absence, for the Councillors listed, be formally accepted, and approved.

486/21-22. **SUBSTITUTES.**

There were none.

487/21-22. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA.**

There were none.

As per Standing Order 34 c) the Chairman adjourned the meeting at this point to allow members of the public to address the meeting in relation to the business being transacted at the meeting.

488/21-22. **ITEMS DEEMED URGENT BY THE CHAIRMAN / MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES AND THEIR POSITION ON THE AGENDA.**

The ATC/RFO reminded those present that no case specific detail, names, and addresses, should be discussed during the public section of the meeting.

489/21-22. **TO CONFIRM AND SIGN THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 16 FEBRUARY 2022**

Recommended: That the Minutes of the Meeting held on 16 February 2022 be confirmed and signed as a true record.

490/21-22. **POLICE COMMUNITY SUPPORT OFFICERS (PCSO) REPORT.**

PCSO's Digby-Baker and Mitchell had provided the monthly update reports for February on recent activity and investigations undertaken in the areas of Swanscombe and Greenhithe.

A verbal update was provided on the continued monitoring of nuisance vehicles, patrols of local schools, nuisance bikes and the review of neighbourhood policing.

Recommended: That the reports be noted.

491/21-22. **KENT COUNTY COUNCIL COMMUNITY WARDENS REPORT.**

KCC Warden Unsworth had submitted his apologies for this meeting and a report was read in his absence covering welfare support, safeguarding, suspicious individuals and child support.

Recommended: That the report be noted.

492/21-22. COMMUNITY SAFETY LIAISON.

Neighbourhood Watch – The Chairman updated that a recent meeting of the Ingress Park Neighbourhood Watch had taken place, and that PCSO Mitchell had been in attendance.

Community Speed Watch – The Chairman updated that a recent session had been undertaken in Ingress Park but with minimal speeding being recorded.

Recommended: That those who provided reports be thanked and the information be noted.

493/21-22. DETAILED ANALYSIS OF CRIME STATISTICS FOR SWANSCOMBE AND GREENHITHE.

Members were provided and discussed the up-to-date detailed analysis of crime figures for Swanscombe and Greenhithe.

Recommended: That the information be noted.

There were no confidential items for discussion.

There being no further business to transact, the Meeting closed at 7.30 pm.

Signed _____
Chairman Date