

MINUTES of the MEETING of the COMMUNITY SAFETY COMMITTEE held at THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, THE GROVE, SWANSCOMBE on WEDNESDAY 7 DECEMBER 2022 at 7.00 PM

PRESENT: Councillor Peter Harris - Chairman
Councillor Peter Harman - Vice-Chairman
Councillor Lorna Cross

ALSO PRESENT: Graham Blew - Town Clerk
Martin Harding – Assistant Town Clerk / Responsible Financial Officer
Billy Unsworth – Kent County Council Community Warden
Paul Parsons – Swanscombe & Greenhithe representative on the Dartford Borough Council Tenants & Leaseholders Forum

ABSENT: There were none.

309/22-23. **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.

310/22-23. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.**

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Anita Barham, due to medical reasons

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 Lesley Howes, due to other commitments.

Councillor Jay Shah had previously received dispensation from attending meetings for a six-month period commencing 21 July 2022 (minute 117/22-23).

An apology was also received from PCSO Alan Mitchell (Kent Police)

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

311/22-23. **SUBSTITUTES.**

There were none.

312/22-23. 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.

313/22-23. 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.

314/22-23. TO CONFIRM AND SIGN THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 5 OCTOBER 2022

Recommended: That the Minutes of the Meeting held on 5 October 2022 be confirmed and signed as a true record.

315/22-23. POLICE COMMUNITY SUPPORT OFFICERS (PCSO) REPORT.

PCSO Mitchell had submitted his apologies but had provided the monthly update reports for September and October on recent activity and investigations undertaken in the areas of Swanscombe and Greenhithe.

Recommended: That the reports be noted.

316/22-23. KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (KCC) COMMUNITY WARDENS REPORT.

KCC Warden Unsworth gave an update on matters he had been involved with in the area, including scams, a parking complaint, a water leak, an assault, and graffiti.

Recommended: That the report be noted and KCC Warden Unsworth be thanked for his attendance.

317/22-23. COMMUNITY SAFETY LIAISON.

Kent Fire Service – Councillor Peter Harman updated that a meeting was due in the next couple of weeks with the main discussion point likely to be strike action within the Health Service.

Neighbourhood Watch – The Chairman updated that a meeting was scheduled for the next day with the expected topics of discussion to be around trees, anti-social behaviour and recent incidents of off-road biking.

Community Speed Watch – The Chairman updated no sessions were due until March due to the weather conditions. The Speed Watch team had approached Dartford Borough Council for funding towards a speed gun to replace the current speed indication device.

Dartford Borough Council (CSU) – Councillor Peter Harman updated that the camera placed on Crossways Boulevard, along with increased Police presence appeared to be reducing the incidents of anti-social vehicles and street racing.

Kent County Council – Councillor Peter Harman confirmed that the new camera that had been installed to monitor the bus gate between Greenhithe Station and Ingress Park was hoped to be fully operational within the next 6 months.

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

318/22-23. **DETAILED ANALYSIS OF CRIME STATISTICS FOR SWANSCOMBE AND GREENHITHE.**

Members were provided with 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 7.35 pm.

Signed _____
Chairman Date