

MINUTES of the MEETING of the COMMUNITY SAFETY COMMITTEE held at THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, THE GROVE, SWANSCOMBE on WEDNESDAY 1 DECEMBER 2021 at 7.00 PM

**PRESENT:** Councillor Peter Harris – Chairman  
Councillor Peter Harman– Vice-Chairman  
Councillor Lesley Howes

**ALSO PRESENT:** Graham Blew – Town Clerk  
Martin Harding – Assistant Town Clerk / Responsible  
Financial Officer  
Councillor Ann Duke  
Billy Unsworth – Kent County Council Community Warden  
Councillor David Mote – Dartford Borough Council

**ABSENT:** Councillor Lorna Cross

293/21-22. **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.

294/21-22. **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 work commitments.

Councillor Jay Shah had previously received dispensation from attending meetings for a six-month period commencing 24 June 2021 (minute 48/21-22).

An apology was also received from Tony Henley (DBC – CSU).

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

295/21-22. **SUBSTITUTES.**

There were none.

296/21-22. **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.***

**297/21-22. 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.

**298/21-22. TO CONFIRM AND SIGN THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 6 OCTOBER 2021**

**Recommended:** That the Minutes of the Meeting held on 6 October 2021 be confirmed and signed as a true record.

**299/21-22. POLICE COMMUNITY SUPPORT OFFICERS (PCSO) REPORT.**

PCSO's Digby-Baker, Mitchell and Lewis were absent 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.

**300/21-22. KENT COUNTY COUNCIL COMMUNITY WARDENS REPORT.**

KCC Warden Unsworth gave an update on matters he had been involved with in the area, including drug related matters, stolen vehicles, safeguarding and welfare support.

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

**301/21-22. COMMUNITY SAFETY LIAISON.**

Local schools – Members discussed recent enforcement activity with the x2 cameras placed outside Manor Community Primary School. Concerns were also noted that no extra parking provision had been adequately put in place when each of the x3 schools in the Town had expanded their intake.

Community Speed Watch – The Chairman updated that two recent sessions had been undertaken in Ingress Park.

Dartford Borough Council (DBC) (CSU) – Councillor David Mote updated members of recent clearance and enforcement activity for fly tipping in Greenhithe. Minor parking schemes were also currently being investigated for Ingress Park to enable better access for waste vehicles. DBC were also considering a Dartford wide Public Space Protection Order to tackle the issue of nuisance vehicles.

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

**302/21-22. 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.

**303/21-22. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC.**

MOVED BY Councillor Lesley Howes and seconded by Councillor Peter Harman.

**RESOLVED:**

That, pursuant to section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, that because of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, the public and press leave the meeting during consideration of the following item(s).

No members of the press or public were present during discussion of the following items of business.

**304/21-22. CONFIDENTIAL AGENDA ITEMS**

Further to minute 205/21-22 (Community Safety Committee 6 October 2021) KCC Warden Unsworth provided a confidential update to members on the progress of a particular matter.

**Recommended:** That the update be noted.

There being no further business to transact, the Meeting closed at 7.55 pm.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_  
Chairman Date