

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

PRESENT: Councillor Lorna Cross (Chairman for the meeting)
Councillor Anita Barham
Councillor Emma Ben-Moussa
Councillor Lesley Howes

ALSO PRESENT: Martin Harding – Assistant Town Clerk / Responsible Financial Officer
PCSO Alan Mitchell – Kent Police
Billy Unsworth – Kent County Council Community Warden
X 1 member of the public

ABSENT: Councillor Peter Harman
Councillor Jay Shah

86/22-23. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN FOR THE MEETING.

As both the Chairman and Vice-Chairman were unable to attend the meeting it was duly proposed, seconded, and agreed.

Recommended: That Councillor Lorna Cross be elected as Chairman for the meeting.

87/22-23. 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.

88/22-23. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

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

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Peter Harris, due to medical reasons.

An apology was also received from David Mote (DBC Borough Councillor – Greenhithe).

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

89/22-23. SUBSTITUTES.

There were none.

90/22-23. **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.

91/22-23. **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.

92/22-23. **TO CONFIRM AND SIGN THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 6 APRIL 2022**

Recommended: That the Minutes of the Meeting held on 6 April 2022 be confirmed and signed as a true record.

93/22-23. **POLICE COMMUNITY SUPPORT OFFICERS (PCSO) REPORT.**

PCSO Mitchell had provided the monthly update reports for March, April and May on recent activity and investigations undertaken in the areas of Swanscombe and Greenhithe.

A verbal update was provided on the continued issues of thefts from shops and the review of neighbourhood policing.

Members discussed and agreed that officers send an email to the Inspector on behalf of this committee to express how important the role of the PCSO's are within the community policing team for Swanscombe and Greenhithe.

Recommended:

1. That the report be noted and PCSO Mitchell be thanked for his attendance.
2. That officers send an email to the Inspector on behalf of this committee to express how important the role of the PCSO's are within the community policing team for Swanscombe and Greenhithe.

94/22-23. **KENT COUNTY COUNCIL COMMUNITY WARDENS REPORT.**

KCC Warden Unsworth gave an update on matters he had been involved with in the area, including fly tipping, water leaks, dog attacks and suspicious incidents.

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

95/22-23. **COMMUNITY SAFETY LIAISON.**

Dartford Borough Council (CSU) – Councillor Ben Moussa updated that she had attended a recent meeting with the CSU Team to discuss autism awareness.

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

96/22-23. **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.

97/22-23. **DELEGATION TO CONDUCT NORMAL BUSINESS DURING RECESS PERIOD.**

Members were requested to delegate authority to the Town Clerk, in accordance with section 101 (1) (a) of the Local Government Act 1972, to conduct the normal business of the Council during the recess period. The Town Clerk will consult with the Town Mayor, if appropriate, before any business is transacted. If any emergencies do occur during this time the Executive & Emergency Committee would be convened.

Recommended: That, in accordance with section 101 (1) (a) of the Local Government Act 1972 the Town Clerk be delegated authority to conduct the normal business of the Council during the recess period

There were no confidential items for discussion.

There being no further business to transact, the Meeting closed at 7.35 pm.

Signed _____
Chairman Date