

MINUTES of the MEETING of the COMMUNITY SAFETY COMMITTEE held at THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, THE GROVE, SWANSCOMBE on WEDNESDAY 15 FEBRUARY 2023 at 7.00 PM

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

ALSO PRESENT: Martin Harding – Assistant Town Clerk / Responsible Financial Officer
PCSO Alan Mitchell – Kent Police
Paul Parsons – Swanscombe & Greenhithe representative on the Dartford Borough Council Tenants & Leaseholders Forum

ABSENT: Councillor Sue Butterfill
Councillor Jay Shah

427/22-23. 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.

428/22-23. 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 Lesley Howes, due to other commitments.

An apology was also received from Billy Unsworth (Community Warden)

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

429/22-23. SUBSTITUTES.

There were none.

430/22-23. 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.

431/22-23. 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.

432/22-23. TO CONFIRM AND SIGN THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 7 DECEMBER 2022

Recommended: That the Minutes of the Meeting held on 7 December 2022 be confirmed and signed as a true record.

433/22-23. POLICE COMMUNITY SUPPORT OFFICERS (PCSO) REPORT.

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

A verbal update was provided on the continued monitoring of burglaries, nuisance bikes and the review of neighbourhood policing.

PCSO Mitchell confirmed a decision had been made within Kent Police to cease the monthly update reports provided to Town and Parish Councils.

Recommended: That the reports be noted.

434/22-23. KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (KCC) COMMUNITY WARDENS REPORT.

KCC Warden Unsworth had submitted his apologies but had provided a report that was read out in his absence.

Recommended: That the report be noted.

435/22-23. COMMUNITY SAFETY LIAISON.

Ebbsfleet Development Corporation (EDC) – The Chairman advised that EDC had issued a Breach of Condition Notice to the Developer constructing the properties at the old Croxton & Garry site due to the issues created on Tiltman Avenue by nuisance parking by contractors.

Neighbourhood Watch – The Chairman updated that publicity had been issued via social media in an attempt to increase membership which had resulted in some interest in joining the group.

Community Speed Watch – The Chairman confirmed that two sessions had been booked, one in March and the second in April. Discussions were ongoing with Dartford Borough Council regarding the purchase of a speed gun to replace the speed indication device currently used.

Dartford Borough Council (CSU) – Councillor Peter Harman updated that at a recent meeting of the Crime & Disorder Overview and Scrutiny Committee, Kent Police had updated on the current staffing levels and the decrease in call rates in relation to nuisance vehicle complaints.

Kent County Council – Councillor Peter Harman confirmed that at the recent budget meeting a decision was made to reduce the budget over the next two years for the Community Warden Scheme, this would see a reduction in Wardens across the County.

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

436/22-23. **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 7.55 pm.

Signed _____
Chairman Date