

MINUTES of the MEETING of the COMMUNITY SAFETY COMMITTEE held at THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, THE GROVE, SWANSCOMBE on WEDNESDAY 6 DECEMBER 2023 at 7.00 PM

PRESENT: Councillor Peter Harris - Chairman
Councillor Peter Harman - Vice-Chairman
Councillor Ann Duke
Councillor Lesley Howes
Councillor Elizabeth Wickham

ALSO PRESENT: Graham Blew – Town Clerk
Martin Harding – Assistant Town Clerk / RFO
PC Ben Bayley-Cook – Kent Police
Billy Unsworth – Kent County Council Community Warden
Paul Parsons – Swanscombe & Greenhithe representative on the Dartford Borough Council Tenants & Leaseholders Forum
x1 Member of the public.

ABSENT: Councillor Anita Barham
Councillor Dawn Johnston

295/23-24. **ARRANGEMENTS AND CONSTRAINTS REGARDING FILMING OR RECORDING THE MEETING.**

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

296/23-24. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.**

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Lorna Cross, due to other commitments.

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

297/23-24. **SUBSTITUTES.**

There were none.

298/23-24. **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.

299/23-24. ITEMS DEEMED URGENT BY THE CHAIRMAN / MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES AND THEIR POSITION ON THE AGENDA.

There were none.

300/23-24. TO CONFIRM AND SIGN THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 4 OCTOBER 2023

Recommended: That the Minutes of the Meeting held on 4 October 2023 be confirmed and signed as a true record.

301/23-24. KENT POLICE REPORT.

The Chairman introduced and welcomed PC Bayley-Cook to the meeting.

PC Bayley-Cook outlined the current crime statistics and cases of note within the Town over the last few months.

Recommended: That the report be noted, and PC Bayley-Cook be thanked for his attendance.

302/23-24. KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (KCC) COMMUNITY WARDENS REPORT.

KCC Warden Unsworth gave an update on matters he had been involved with in the area, including complaints regarding unruly dogs, Operation Wolverine (Halloween), concerns for a female driver, homeless male outside of Asda Greenhithe and the food hubs in Swanscombe and in Greenhithe.

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

303/23-24. COMMUNITY SAFETY LIAISON.

Ebbsfleet Development Corporation (EDC) – The Chairman advised that he was still chasing issues raised with the construction exit onto Mounts Road.

Neighbourhood Watch – The Chairman advised that a meeting had been held recently.

Community Speed Watch – The Chairman confirmed that, due to the seasonal limit of daylight the scheme had held its last session of the year.

The Lorry Watch Lead Member, Councillor Elizabeth Wickham, advised the meeting that x2 sessions had been held and the next scheduled session was going to be from 3pm to 4pm on Monday 11 December 2023 at Stanhope Road / Swanscombe Street.

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

304/23-24. **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 to be discussed.

- * After the meeting had finished the Chairman and Committee members presented KCC Warden Billy Unsworth with tokens of appreciation for all that he had done for the community over the last 10 years and wished him a long and happy retirement.

There being no further business to transact, the Meeting closed at 7.40 pm.

Signed _____
Chairman Date