

MINUTES of the MEETING of the COMMUNITY SAFETY COMMITTEE held at THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, THE GROVE, SWANSCOMBE on WEDNESDAY 5 DECEMBER 2018 at 7.00 PM

PRESENT: Councillor P C Harris (Chairman)
Councillor Mrs S P Butterfill
Councillor Ms L M Cross
Councillor P M Harman
Councillor Ms L C Howes
Councillor K M Kelly (substituting for Councillor Mrs M B Kelly)
Councillor B R Parry
Councillor A S Reach

ALSO PRESENT: Martin Harding - ATC/RFO
Billy Unsworth – Kent County Council (KCC) Community Warden
Rev Andrew Avery - St Mary's Church Greenhithe

ABSENT: There were none.

321/18-19. **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.

322/18-19. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors' Mrs A E D Barham, Mrs M B Kelly, Mrs L Manchester, D J Mote & B E Read.

Apologies were also received from Tony Henley (Dartford Borough Council CSU), Sarah Rawlinson (Youth & Community Engagement Officer, Diocese of Rochester) and Martin Smith (Dartford Borough Council Parking Enforcement).

323/18-19. **SUBSTITUTES.**

Councillor K M Kelly substituted for Councillor Mrs M B Kelly.

324/18-19. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA.**

There were none.

The Chairman gave the opportunity for the meeting to be adjourned at this point to accept questions from the public.

325/18-19. ITEMS DEEMED URGENT BY THE CHAIRMAN / MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES AND THEIR POSITION ON THE AGENDA.

There were none.

326/18-19. TO CONFIRM AND SIGN THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 3 OCTOBER 2018.

A member highlighted that the job title contained in the minutes for Sarah Rawlinson should be corrected from *Youth Worker* to *Youth & Community Engagement Officer*.

Recommended: That, subject to the amendment above, the Minutes of the Meeting held on 3 October 2018 be confirmed and signed as a true record.

327/18-19. POLICE COMMUNITY SUPPORT OFFICERS (PCSO) REPORT.

No members of Kent Police were in attendance and no report had been submitted.

Recommended: That the item be noted.

328/18-19. KCC COMMUNITY WARDENS REPORT.

KCC Warden Unsworth gave an update on cases he had been involved with in the area, including drug dealing, neighbour disputes, scams and anti-social behaviour.

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

329/18-19. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION (LGA) – COMMUNITY SAFETY COUNCILLORS WORKBOOK.

Further to minute 221/18-19, Exercise 1 was answered and members discussed some of the skills and youth projects being undertaken within the Town.

Exercise 2 was not undertaken as it was not felt to be relevant to discussions.

Recommended: That the information be noted.

330/18-19. COMMUNITY SAFETY LIAISON.

Councillor A S Reach confirmed that a series of break-ins had occurred at fire stations across Kent and that Kent Fire Services were taking every precaution to combat these.

The Chairman advised that he had provided information to Cambria Sea Scouts regarding the community fund being operated by the Ebbsfleet Development Corporation (EDC).

The Chairman confirmed that more regular emails were being received by Neighbourhood Watch Groups regarding intelligence and feedback.

The Chairman informed the Committee that, as a result of recent Speed Watch sessions, over 40 speeding notices had been issued to drivers.

Councillor P M Harman asked whether KCC should be added to the list of groups feeding in on this item for future meetings. Members agreed to add KCC to future agendas.

Recommended: That the information be noted and that KCC be added to the list for future community safety liaison.

331/18-19. **DETAILED ANALYSIS OF CRIME STATISTICS FOR SWANSCOMBE AND GREENHITHE.**

Members were provided with the up to date detailed analysis of crime figures for Swanscombe and Greenhithe.

The Chairman confirmed that it appeared that Dartford & Gravesham were number 2 on the list of highest crime rates within Kent and that he was awaiting clarity on this from within Kent Police and would feedback at a later meeting.

Recommended: That the item be noted.

332/18-19. **ANTI-SOCIAL PARKING – LOCAL SCHOOLS.**

Further to minutes 132/18-19 and 224/18-19 members were provided with the following information:

- A. Following a meeting between The Chairman, KCC Member P M Harman and the Head Teacher on 8 November 2018 a request from Manor School had been received for use of Swanscombe Park as a 'Park and Stride' location.
- B. Notes from the meeting with the Headmaster from Knockhall School on 15 November 2018.
- C. Slides and notes from the Chairman advising of information passed to the schools for consideration by each school council.

The Chairman and KCC Member P M Harman gave an update on discussions with the 3 target schools within the town. It was confirmed that each school was keen to be involved and agreed that any initiative should be student led with appropriate support.

Members agreed that this initial work was worth continuing and that the Chairman, in partnership with KCC Member P M Harman, liaise with the school councils at each of the three schools to work out tailored plans for each schools parking concerns.

KCC Member P M Harman gave an update on his involvement with the Leaders Working Group at Dartford Borough Council and that discussions were continuing. He confirmed that it was evident from both those meetings, and this work, that no single solution was relevant to all schools.

Members discussed publicity for this ongoing work and agreed to put forward a recommendation to the Town Council meeting on 13 December 2018 that this project continue and to consider informing the press at an appropriate time.

Members also agreed that the request from Manor School for a 'Park and Stride' location within Swanscombe Park be considered within the same item.

Recommended:

1. That the Town Council, at its meeting on 13 December 2018, endorse Councillor P C Harris continued liaison and support with the 3 schools, in partnership with KCC Member P M Harman.
2. That the Town Council consider whether a press release should be issued explaining the work being undertaken at the schools, and if so at what point.
3. That the Town Council, at its meeting on the 13 December 2018, consider the request from Manor Community Primary School to use Swanscombe Park as a 'Park and Stride' location.

333/18-19. **FEEDBACK.**

Members were provided with an example of feedback issued by Kent Police via there Twitter feed linking in the arrest of 2 men for theft in the Greenhithe area.

Members discussed this and felt that this feedback was positive but it would always be beneficial to receive more feedback.

Recommended: That the information be noted.

334/18-19. **UNTAXED VEHICLES.**

A recent increase had been noted by the Community Speed Watch of untaxed vehicles on the roads within Swanscombe and Greenhithe.

Recommended: That the information be noted.

335/18-19 **KENT POLICE CRIME COMMISSIONER – NEWSLETTER.**

Members were provided with the September/October 2018 edition of the Kent Police and Crime Commissioner Newsletter.

Recommended: That the information be noted.

336/18-19 **ESTIMATES FOR 2019 – 2020.**

As Members are aware, Officers began work on the Annual Estimates for 2019 – 2020 earlier in the year and members were first asked for any suggestions in July (minute 114/18-19), with an agreed deadline of 31 August 2018. The Town Council meeting on 13 December 2018 will need to make a decision on the continuation of current ongoing projects, these will be detailed within the draft Annual Estimates 2019 – 2020.

The draft Annual Estimates 2019 – 2020 will need to be approved and endorsed by the full Council in January 2019 before setting the Council Tax Base for the 2019 – 2020 financial year.

Recommended: That the item be noted.

There were no confidential items for discussion.

There being no further business to transact, the Meeting closed at 8.05 pm.

Signed _____

Chairman

Date