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# SWANSCOMBE & GREENHITHE TOWN COUNCIL

## Recreation, Leisure & Amenities Committee

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To all other Councillors: For information only

**A Meeting of the above Committee will be held on**

**Thursday 22 November 2018 at 7.00pm**

**at: The Council Offices, The Grove, Swanscombe, Kent, DA10 0GA.**

Graham Blew  
Town Clerk

Dated: 16 November 2018

*Should any member have any questions regarding the content of the agenda or attached papers, please put them to the clerk's office 24 hours in advance of the meeting.*

## AGENDA

1. To receive Apologies for Absence.
2. Substitutes.
3. Declarations of Interest in Items on the Agenda.

***At the Chairman's discretion the meeting will be adjourned at this point to accept questions from the public.***

4. Items as Deemed Urgent by the Chairman / matters arising from previous minutes and their position on the Agenda (for discussion/information only, not for decision).
5. To confirm the Minutes of the Meeting held on 20 September 2018 (*Town Council 11 October 2018*).
6. **SENIOR GROUNDSMAN/GARDENER'S REPORT (p).**

Please see the attached report.

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

### **7. TOWN CLERK AND RESPONSIBLE FINANCIAL OFFICER'S REPORT.**

#### **7.1 ANNUAL REPORT – THE SWANSCOMBE CENTRE 2017 – GRAVESHAM COMMUNITY LEISURE LIMITED (GCLL) (p).**

As per the Management Agreement GCLL have supplied the attached annual report for members' information. The Managing Director has confirmed that he is more than happy to attend any meetings if members wished to put any questions to him directly.

**Recommended:** To note.

#### **7.2 EBBSFLEET GARDEN CITY (EDC) – GREEN CORRIDORS (p).**

Further to minute 111/18-19 (Town Council 5 July 2018) the EDC approached the Town Council requesting an informal meeting to discuss their next phase of Green Corridors across the Town. A meeting was arranged with Paul Boughen (EDC) and Helen Coster (EDC) for the 1 November 2018 and the Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen of the Recreation, Leisure & Amenities Committee and the Planning, Major Developments, Transportation & the Environment Committee were all invited to attend.

At the meeting the attached information was supplied with a request to obtain members thoughts and indications of priorities regarding Ebbsfleet Green Corridors and Wayfinding.

**Recommended:** To discuss and advise accordingly.

### 7.3 CHRISTMAS LIGHTS 2018 (p).

When the Town Council applied to Kent County Council in the normal manner, for a permit to put up the Christmas Lights we were informed that the columns would require a load testing report to be carried out (at the Town Councils expense). This was duly arranged and undertaken (it was within the budget available for Christmas Lighting), unfortunately the report has highlighted that x2 (x1 in Greenhithe High Street and x1 in Swanscombe High Street) of the 19 columns now have dents in them and have failed the load test which means they cannot be used for Christmas lights this year.

**Recommended:** To note.

### 7.4 GANG MOWING.

Further to minutes 353/14-16, 419/16-17 and 177/18-19, and in accordance with Financial Regulation 11.1 (iv) and in consultation with the Chairman of the Committee, a continuation of the contract for gang mowing in 2019 has been signed.

**Recommended:** That, in accordance with Financial Regulation 11.1 (iv), the contract for gang mowing of the Town Councils areas for 2019 be approved.

### 7.5 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:** To note

### INFORMATION IN THE OFFICE.

- Allotment & Leisure Gardener – Issue 4, 2018



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