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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 6 October 2022 at 7.00pm
at: The Council Offices, The Grove, Swanscombe,
Kent, DA10 0GA.**

Graham Blew

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Town Clerk

Dated: 29 September 2022

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 (*Local Government Act 1972, s.85*).
2. Substitutes.
3. Declarations of Interest in Items on the Agenda (*Localism Act 2011, s.31*).
- * ***As per Standing Order 34 c), and at the Chairman's discretion, the meeting will be adjourned at this point to allow any members of the public to address the meeting in relation to the business to be transacted at the meeting. Members of the public are allowed to (i) make representations, (ii) answer questions and (iii) give evidence relating to the business being transacted.***
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 of the Meeting held on 30 June 2022 (*full Council 21 July 2022*).
(*Local Government Act 1972, Sch 12, Para 41(1)*).

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 HANDRAIL AT ST PETER & ST PAULS CHURCH (p).

Further to minute 390/21-22 where the Town Clerk was delegated authority to arrange the installation of a metal handrail the attached photo shows the handrail at St Peter & St Pauls Church installed, by Kent Highway Services (KHS), on 30 August 2022.

Recommended: To note.

7.2 "MEMORIAL" IN HERITAGE PARK (p).

At the previous meeting, minute 84/22-23, Members were informed that someone had placed the attached "memorial" in the Swanscombe Heritage Park. We had not received any prior requests or been contacted regarding this.

Members are asked to consider how to deal with this issue and to assist, a copy of the Town Councils Memorial Policy is attached.

Recommended: To discuss and advise accordingly.

7.3 ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION PLAN WORKING GROUP - UPDATE (P).

The Environmental Action Plan Working Group met on the 30 June and 7 September 2022 to discuss the results of the Town Council undertaking the Kent Association of Local Councils (KALC) Carbon Footprint Calculator and then to create a draft Environmental Action Plan.

Attached for members information are the notes from the meetings and the Carbon Footprint Calculator.

Recommended: That the item be noted.

7.4 JUNIOR PARK RUN (p).

Members previously agreed a request for a weekly (Sunday) Junior Park Run to be held in the Heritage Park.

This was obviously delayed due to Covid but the organisers have now been back in touch and this is hoped to begin shortly.

The attached is the revised course proposed by the organisers.

Recommended: To agree to the revised course, as indicated.

7.5 YOUTH HUB OUTREACH PROJECT (KENT COUNTY COUNCIL) (p).

Further to minute 82/22-23 the attached x3 Youth Services provision have been confirmed by Kent County Council and Play Place.

Recommended: That the item be noted

7.6 THE SWANSCOMBE CENTRE.

Members were previously informed (email on 5 April 2022) that the Managing Director (MD_ of GCLL was retiring and that their last day of service would be 1 July 2022.

GCLL have since advised us that the newly appointed MD is Mr Stephen Wren and the Town Clerk, and Assistant Town Clerk, attended an informal welcoming meeting with Mr Wren and the Head of Operations, Mr Wayne Pedrick on 14 September 2022.

Recommended: That the item be noted.

7.7 CORPORATE HEDGE PLANTING – BROOMFIELD PARK

In conjunction with North West Kent Countryside Partnership (NWKCP), a company have offered to plant a further section of trees to continue the Town Council's hedging project around the boundary of Broomfield Park.

The company, MSK Waste Management & Recycling Ltd, will purchase and plant approximately 1500 small trees on Thursday 24 November 2022. This will extend the hedging section that our Parks Department planted in late 2021 by a further 300 metres.

The employees from the company will be always supervised on site by representatives from NWKCP.

Recommended:

To consent to Broomfield Park being used as a site for the corporate hedge planting event on 24 November 2022.



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