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# SWANSCOMBE & GREENHITHE TOWN COUNCIL

## SUMMONS & AGENDA

**A Meeting of the Swanscombe and  
Greenhithe Town Council will be held  
on**

**Thursday 1 May 2014 at 7.00pm**

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

*Graham Blew*

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Town Clerk**

Dated: 25 April 2014

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## A G E N D A

### A MEETING OF THE SWANSCOMBE & GREENHITHE TOWN COUNCIL

1. To receive apologies for absence.
2. 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.***

3. To approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on 27 February 2014.
4. Items as Deemed Urgent by the Town Mayor / matters arising from previous minutes and their position on the Agenda (*for discussion/information only, not for decision*).

**5. TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES OF THE FOLLOWING COMMITTEES AND SUB-COMMITTEES AND PASS RESOLUTIONS AS DEEMED ADVISABLE:**

- Planning, Major Developments, Transportation & the Environment Committee – 16 April 2014.
- Recreation, Leisure & Amenities Committee – 10 April 2014.
- Finance & General Purposes Committee – 13 March 2014.
- Anti-Social Behaviour and Crime Sub-Committee – 23 April 2014

**6. CAPACITY BUILDING FUND (DARTFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL (DBC)).**

Further to the email dated, 9 April 2014, Members are asked to consider whether they wish the Town Council to submit a bid, or bids, for projects and if so propose suitable project/s.

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

**7. SUB-COMMITTEE VACANCY.**

There is currently a vacancy on the Allotments & Cemeteries Sub-Committee and members are asked to consider filling this position.

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

**8. CCTV POSSIBILITIES – (SWANSCOMBE SHOP SAFE SCHEME NO LONGER OPERATIONAL).**

The ASB & Crime Sub-Committee recently re-considered the report supplied by Dartford Borough Council (DBC) regarding the options available for CCTV in the High Street, Swanscombe (minute 460/13-14). It was confirmed by the Community Safety & Dartford Turnaround Project Manager (DBC) that the Swanscombe Shop Safe Scheme was not operational nor would it be re-instated, the report purely focussed on the provision and monitoring of CCTV cameras.

At the ASB & Crime Sub-Committee meeting on 23 April 2014 Police Inspector G Woodward confirmed that, despite public perception, the level of crime within the High Street and adjoining areas was not of a sufficient level to warrant the introduction of CCTV. The ASB & Crime Sub-Committee therefore recommend to the full Council that the option for the provision of CCTV in the High Street is not taken up at this time.

The report from DBC has previously be reproduced and supplied to members on the agendas for the following meetings so has not been printed again:

- ASB – 29 January 2014
- Town Council – 27 February 2014
- ASB – 23 April 2014

**Recommended:** That the option for the provision of CCTV in the High Street is not taken up at this time.

## 9. INSURANCE CLAIM/S – UPDATE.

The following claim/s has now been settled:-

- Claim Ref: 27130000671/Z –theft of tools, emergency repairs, replacement keys/locks etc. at Swanscombe Park on 30/21 August 2013.
- Claim Ref: 2713000473/Z – break in and repairs at Swanscombe Park on 30/21 August 2013.

NB. Due to the nature of this break-in this claim was more complex than normal but the end result is that the cost to the council is approximately £1,750.00

**Recommended:** To note

## 10. KENT ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS (KALC) – PARISH NEWS.

Please find attached for your information, issue 376 (April 2014) of the Parish News.

**Recommended:** To note.

## 11. REPORTS OF OUTSIDE REPRESENTATIVES.

This provides an opportunity for Members' appointed as representatives on outside bodies to provide a report at the Meeting.

### 11.1 Dartford Youth Advisory Group (DYAG)

Councillor Ms L C Howes is the Town Council's representative on the DYAG. As previously agreed the minutes for the 4 February 2014 meeting and the agenda for the 9 April 2014 meeting are available in the Chamber for inspection.

**11.2 Borough and Parish Councils Forum (BPCF).**

The Town Mayor and the Town Clerk are the Town Council's representatives on BPCF. As previously agreed the agenda for the 8 April 2014 meeting is available in the Chamber for inspection.

**11.3 Ingress Park (Greenhithe) Management Limited (IPGM).**

Councillors' P M Harman and P C Harris are the Council's representatives on IPGM. IPGM have indicated that, although unable to supply any documentation, they would like a verbal update to be submitted to the Council.

**12. REPORT FROM KENT COUNTY COUNCILLOR.**

This item gives Kent County Councillor for Swanscombe and Greenhithe, Mr Peter M Harman the opportunity to submit a verbal report on relevant news or issues from Kent County Council.

**13. REPORT FROM DARTFORD BOROUGH COUNCILLORS.**

This item gives Dartford Borough Councillors the opportunity to submit a verbal report on any relevant news or developments at Dartford Borough Council.

**14. SEALING OF DOCUMENTS.**

There are none.

**15. TOWN MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS.**

**16. QUESTIONS.**

Please note that questions do not form part of the Meeting. They are merely the opportunity for Members to exchange information.

**INFORMATION IN THE OFFICE.**

- Local Councils Update – Issue 171 (March 2014) and issue 172 (April 2014).
- Clerks and Councils Direct – March 2014, Issue 92.
- LCR, The Voice of Local Councils – Spring 2014.
- The Clerk Magazine (Society of Local Council Clerks (SLCC) – Vol.45, No.2, March 2014).
- Rural News (Action with Communities in Rural Kent) – Issue 136.