

MINUTES OF THE PLANNING, MAJOR DEVELOPMENTS, TRANSPORTATION AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE HELD AT THE COUNCIL OFFICES, THE GROVE, SWANSCOMBE ON WEDNESDAY 5 FEBRUARY 2025 AT 7.00PM

**PRESENT:** Councillor Dawn Johnston – Chairman  
Councillor Lorna Cross  
Councillor Ann Duke  
Councillor Lesley Howes  
Councillor Richard Lees  
Councillor Graham Taylor  
Councillor Elizabeth Wickham

**ALSO PRESENT:** Councillor Peter Harris  
Graham Blew – Town Clerk  
Martin Harding – Assistant Town Clerk/RFO

**ABSENT:** There were none

**392/24-25. 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.

**393/24-25. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.**

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Hazel Stephens, due to other commitments.

**Recommended:** That the reasons for absence, for the Councillor(s) listed, be formally accepted, and approved.

**394/24-25. SUBSTITUTES.**

There were none.

**395/24-25. 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.***

**396/24-25. ITEMS DEEMED URGENT BY THE CHAIRMAN / MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES AND THEIR POSITION ON THE AGENDA.**

There were none.

**397/24-25. TO CONFIRM AND SIGN THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 15 JANUARY 2025**

**Recommended:** The Minutes of the meeting held on 15 January 2025 were confirmed and signed.

**398/24-25. TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF A226 GALLEY HILL ROAD.**

Further to the ongoing correspondences (minute 361/24-25) members considered the response that had been received from the MP for Gravesham and from the Cabinet Member for Highways & Transportation, Kent County Council (KCC).

Following discussion, it was agreed that all the correspondence sent and received between the Town Council and the KCC Cabinet Member for Highways & Transportation regarding the closure of Galley Hill be forwarded onto the KCC Member for Swanscombe, Greenhithe and Ebbsfleet to request answers to the points raised regarding the recent reports and request for further traffic surveys.

**Recommended:** That the correspondence be sent to the KCC Member for Swanscombe, Greenhithe and Ebbsfleet as detailed.

**399/24-25. RELOCATION OF MANOR PARK HGV TRANSPORT HUB.**

Members considered a request that had been received from the Swanscombe and Greenhithe Residents Association seeking the Town Councils assistance in obtaining support from both public and private organisations for the relocation of the 24-hour Manor Park HGV Transport Hub to a more suitable site closer to the A2 and/or M25.

Councillor Harris attended the meeting and gave a summary of the request and responded to questions raised by members.

After discussion it was proposed, duly seconded and agreed that an item be placed on the agenda for the Town Council meeting on the 27 March 2025, seeking members agreement to the Town Council taking a strategic lead on this request and beginning engagement with relevant stakeholders such as The Department for Transport, KCC etc. The agenda item would also seek agreement to engage with Stone Parish Council for joint working given the issues being faced with HGV parking within their parish.

**Recommended:** That an item be placed on the agenda for the Town Council meeting on the 27 March 2025 as detailed.

**400/24-25 The following planning applications had been received from Dartford Borough Council / Ebbsfleet Development Corporation / Kent County Council/ Gravesham Borough Council for Members observations (full details of these applications can be viewed via the Town Council, DBC, EDC GBC and the KCC websites).**

DA/25/00037/FUL	Replacement of existing conservatory roof.  2 Empire Walk, Greenhithe.
OBSERVATIONS	No observations, please ensure all neighbouring properties consulted prior to the decision of the application.

There being no further business to transact, the Meeting closed at 7.30 pm.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Chairman)