

**FULL COUNCIL 6th SEPTEMBER 2017
7:30PM THE CIVIC CENTRE**

MINUTES

Present: Mayor Cllr Ball, Leader Cllr Morris, Deputy Leader Cllr Dyball,
Cllr Halford, Cllr Komolafe, Cllr J Barnes, Cllr Hogg, Cllr Darrington,
Cllr Searles, Cllr Southern, Cllr Willingale

Officers: CEO Steve Nash,
Democratic Services Officer Barb Playfoot,

The Mayor asked for one minute silence in remembrance of Dr
Stephen King

Public Session:

- Mr Bob Brickell – Archer Way, Swanley, asked what is the council's objectives on the Sevenoaks Master plan and asked if the survey online could be linked to the Swanley Town Council Website and the URL be placed in the next edition of the Town Crier. The CEO agreed to place the link on the Swanley Town Council but thought that the Town Crier would be delivered after the comment closing date.
- Bob Alexander – Waylands asked will all Councillors of this Council individually declare this evening whether or not they have any interest in U+I, or any of its associated Companies? Cllr Southern responded that current Declaration of Interests should state if they have interests in U & I, the question is actually 16 separate questions and not all the councillors were present so no requirement to give the information
- Mark Flittock – Crescent Gardens asked if Swanley Town Council would provide a corporate response to Sevenoaks District Council in the form of an official document

1. To receive Apologies for Absence
Cllr L Gaire, Cllr S Gaire, Cllr N Scott

2. To receive Declarations of Interest
None

3. To approve as correct the Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday 5th July 2017
AGREED

4. To receive Minutes of Committees and approve recommendations contained therein:

Development Control

DATE: 5th & 19th July 2017

Estates & Facilities

DATE: 19th July 2017

Policy & Finance

DATE: 19th July 2017

AGREED

5. INTERNAL AUDIT REPORT

To receive the Internal Audit report (Report A)

The CEO explained that the Annual Return had been signed by himself and the RFO before councillors had approved it. This was likely to be picked up by the Auditors

RESOLVED – Internal Audit Report is approved

6. TO APPROVE MEMBERSHIP OF THE POLICY AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

To approve Cllr Laurence Ball as a member of the Policy and Finance committee

RESOLVED – Cllr Laurence Ball is approved as a member of the Policy and Finance Committee

7. USE OF OFFICE SPACE IN CIVIC BUILDING

To approve the use of the now empty offices by the charity Advocacy for All (Report B)

Cllr Southern congratulated the CEO on filling the space and providing additional revenue. Cllr Hogg hope that they would be made welcome and was sure the CEO would do this.

RESOLVED – The use of the now empty offices by the charity Advocacy for All is approved

8. DISPENSATION TO DISCUSS

To authorise the CEO to grant dispensation for councillors to speak on local issues as appropriate (Report C)

RESOLVED – The CEO is authorised to grant dispensation for councillors to speak on local issues.

9. TICKETING SYSTEM

To consider the introduction of a free ticketing system for STC events (Report D)

The was discussion on the proposed ticketing system and the logistics of implementing the ticketing system

Cllr Dyball asked for further information to be made available relating to the logistics of this operation. Cllr Morris believed it would be to arduous on residents and asked that councillors refuse the introduction of a ticketing system

RESOLVED – No ticketing system is to be introduced and further information and a report is to be provided by the CEO

10. Mayors Communication

The Mayor reported that it had been a quiet few weeks but he had attended the following events

19th August 2017 – Summer Fun Day at the Olympic, good company and

25th August 2017 – 1812, wonderful community evening, he was joined by

Sevenoaks District Councillors who were very impressed by the event

2nd September 2017 – Swanley Rugby Club Family Day and pre-season match, Sir

Michael Fallon also attended the event with several Swanley Town Councillors, all had a good time

20th September 2017 – Swanley Business Centre meeting to be held at the Olympic an ideal opportunity to meet business people to exchange ideas and contacts

11. Report from County and District Councillors

Cllr Horwood reported that he also had a quiet few weeks but was following up on the issues that had been reported to him by the Swanley residents including lack of Street lighting, Pot Holes, Parking and Road lines.

KCC had jet washed the drains in Goldsel Road following reports of flooding which has now cleared the drains but asked if there were other areas of concern please contact him.

Parking on the grass verges in London Road has prompted KCC to write to the residents to stop parking the verges and if persistent offenders continued to do so they will be billed for the damage caused to the grass verges.

Cllr Southern remarked on the marvellous display of flowers as part of Swanley in Bloom and commended the CEO and his team for an excellent display, this was followed by a round of applause.

Cllr Horwood said that for next year he was going to fund the flowers for the roundabout situated Goldsel Road and will also be looking to improve other mini roundabouts and various other spaces.

Cllr Dyball had observed that there is a growing number of areas that have been defaced with graffiti. She is in receipt of a very large graffiti removal kit and it is her intention to make a start on removing the graffiti.

Cllr Halford stood to raise some concerns with Cllr Horwood over education, after some time he was asked by the Mayor to move forward with his question but did not. The Mayor then asked Cllr Halford to sit down but he refused and this was repeated by Cllr Southern, the CEO then asked him to sit and he still refused. The Mayor asked Cllr Halford to leave the chamber and he again refused.

Cllr Searles suggested suspending the meeting at that time, Mr Alan Dean (member of the public) suggested that Cllr Halford calm down. Cllr Horwood attempted to answer the question that might have been asked and then Cllr Halford thanked him and sat down. The meeting continued

12. Forthcoming Meetings

Policy & Finance
Development Control
Personnel

7:30pm Wednesday 20th September 2017
After 7:30pm Wednesday 20th September 2017
After 7.30pm Wednesday 20th September 2017

13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

7:30pm Wednesday 4th October 2017

Meeting closed at 20.45

If you would like further information on any of the agenda items, please contact Mr Steve Nash, on 01322 611663 or snash@swanleytowncouncil.gov.uk

Council Members:

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Leader Cllr R Morris
Deputy Leader Cllr L Dyball
Cllr C Barnes
Cllr J Barnes
Cllr P Darrington
Cllr L Gaire
Cllr S Gaire

Cllr J Halford
Cllr M Hogg
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