

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Full Council Swanley Town Council
held in the Council Chamber, The Civic Centre, St Mary's Road, Swanley,
on Wednesday 8th June at 7.30pm**

Minutes

Present

Conservative: Cllr J Barnes, Cllr R Morris, Cllr T Searles, Cllr V Southern, Cllr L Ball, Cllr Halford, Cllr H Willingale, Cllr S Gaire, Cllr L Gaire, Cllr C Barnes, Cllr N Scott

Labour: Cllr M Hogg, Cllr E Komolafe

Also in Attendance: J Pilbeam (Chief Executive), L Saunders (Operations Director), L Piggott (Democratic Services Officer)

13 members of the public

Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllr R Brookbank and Cllr Dyball, for which reasons were given and approved.

Cllr J Hulton-Scott was not present.

Declarations of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interest

There were none.

Minutes

10033 It was **RESOLVED** To receive and approve the minutes of the meeting of 11th May 2016

The following minutes were noted

Development Control 18th May 2016

Finance and Audit 18th May 2016

Swanley Banqueting Board 18th May 2016

Mayors Communications

The Mayor reported an update on his activities since the last meeting.

He told Members that he and the Mayoress had been pleased and honoured to attend the Monday and Thursday Clubs' celebration lunch on 23rd May. It had been one of the Mayor's first engagements and he had been pleased to address and meet the members of Clubs. He was happy to note how the Clubs provided a platform mainly for the elderly people to interact and develop a sense of community which is much needed in this otherwise digital age. The Clubs conduct various activities for their members, which they find both interesting and engaging. The Mayor said he appreciated the Clubs for the roles they played in the society and encouraged them to continue.

The meeting was adjourned to allow the public to ask questions of the Council

A member of the public asked if the Council website could be updated to include all council reports. Cllr Southern agreed to investigate.

A member of the public asked about bullying and harassment claims of officers against opposing political parties. Cllr Southern pleaded for political parties not to attack officers of the Council and explained that their role is not to set policy but to carry out the policy set by Councillors and therefore Councillors should be the ones fielding any criticism.

A member of the public asked about the Council building on the recreation ground. Cllr Southern confirmed that the Council had no plans to do so and that the Council would seek a parish poll should any proposals be brought about by the District Council. Cllr Southern confirmed that this had been stated at several meetings dating back to 2012 and that any such claims of building on the 'rec' were, in his opinion, politically motivated.

10034 It was RESOLVED to approve the following motions from Cllr Scott regarding Swanley Park

- (a) Swanley Town Council approves funds up to the cost of £1,200.00 to purchase and install a disability friendly swing for the Swanley Town Council owned playground.
- (b) Swanley Town Council has plans drawn up for an extension to the existing playground which will provide a variety of disability friendly equipment and improved disabled access to the playground. Swanley Town Council will apply for grant funding to finance this project.
- (c) Swanley Town Council conducts a consultation exercise over a period of 8 weeks starting on Monday 20th June inviting local residents to suggest ideas of the type of disabled friendly playground equipment they would like to see installed.

10035 It was RESOLVED to approve the following motions from Cllr Southern regarding two new Sub Committees

The Council may be called upon to consider some staff grievances and appeals. In order that these may be attended to promptly it is proposed that two Sub-Committees be formed to act for a reasonable period. Each such Committee may act as a Grievance Committee or as an Appeals Committee but not as both in connection with the same staff matter.

It is further proposed that the Sub-Committees be comprised as follows:

Sub Committee A

Cllr Dyball (Chair)	Cllr Scott (Vice Chair)	Cllr Willingale
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Sub Committee B

Cllr Brookbank (Chair)	Cllr Morris (Vice Chair)	Cllr Komolafe
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Alternatives and substitutes for either Committee may be co-opted at the discretion of the Chair:

Clr Ball

Clr John Barnes

Clr Southern

10036 It was RESOLVED to note the Report of Chief Executive and for Clr John Barnes to be nominated as the Council's Twinning Representative and an event to be prepared to seek support for a rejuvenation of the twinning initiative.

10037 It was RESOLVED to note the Report on the Code of Conduct

There was no update from County Councillors due to their approved absence from the meeting.

Meeting closed at 8.18pm

Signed CHAIRMAN

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