

## Swanley Town Council

### Minutes of a meeting of the FULL COUNCIL of Swanley Town Council held at the Civic Centre, Swanley on Wednesday 9 December 2015

#### Present

Cllr L Ball	Cllr E Komolafe
Cllr C Barnes	Cllr R Morris
Cllr R Brookbank	Cllr T Searles
Cllr L Dyball	Cllr V Southern
Cllr L Gaire	Cllr H Willingale
Cllr J Halford	
Cllr J Hulton-Scott	
Cllr M Hogg	

#### In attendance

J Pilbeam (Chief Executive)	
G Mills (Democratic Services Officer)	
	7 members of the public were present

The meeting commenced at 7.30 PM

#### Election of Chairman for the Meeting

Cllr Ball proposed and Cllr Southern seconded that Cllr Morris be elected Chairman of the meeting. All agreed.

Cllr Morris thereupon took the chair.

#### Apologies.

Apologies from Cllr J Barnes, Cllr S Gaire and Cllr N Scott were received and approved.

#### Declarations of Interests

There were none

#### Minutes

**9896** It was **RESOLVED** that

- (a) the minutes of the meeting of Full Council held on 11 November 2015 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record.
- (b) That the minutes of the extra ordinary meeting of Full Council held on 25 November 2015 be approved and signed by the Chairman as true record.

## **Minutes of Committee Meetings held since the last meeting of Full Council**

**9897** It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of committee meetings held since the last meeting of Full Council be noted.

### **Mayors Communications**

On behalf of Cllr J Barnes Cllr Morris read out a report on the activities undertaken by the Mayor since the last meeting of Full Council.

### **Public Question Time including Public Participation Session.**

**7.40 PM** - In accordance with Standing Order 3 (e) the meeting was adjourned in order to allow members of the public to address the meeting.

The Chairman read out those questions which had been submitted in writing together with the answers. Residents then asked a number of oral questions to which answers were given as appropriate.

**7.50 PM** – The meeting of Full Council reconvened

### **Report from County Councillors**

Apologies were received from Cllr Roger Gough

Cllr Brookbank spoke about the traffic survey which had now been commenced across the town by Kent County Council. It was confirmed that this was the first phase of an ongoing survey and would include surveys being undertaken on market day and between the evening peak of 4.00 PM to 6.00 PM. Cllr Brookbank also briefed the meeting on the KCC 2016/17 budget. The details of the final government settlement was expected on 23 December 2015. Members then asked a number of questions to which Cllr Brookbank responded accordingly.

### **Budget 2016/17**

- (i) This report asked the Full Council to consider the budget setting proposals for 2016/17 which was based on the precept for Swanley remaining at its current level.
- (ii) Following debate Cllr Searles proposed and Cllr Southern seconded that the recommendations on the 2016/17 budget as set out in the report be approved.

Carried.

**9898** It was **RESOLVED** that the current financial position of the Council be noted and approval given to the precept amount for 2016/17 remaining at its current level. Also agreement be given to the proposals for future budget management as detailed in the report.

## **Sevenoaks District Council – Unauthorised Encampments –**

**A Guide for District Councillors and Town/Parish Council**

**9899** It was **RESOLVED** that the contents of this report be noted.

**Report of the Chief Executive**

In considering this report members placed on record their thanks to Town Council staff for the service they give to the residents of Swanley.

**9900** It was **RESOLVED** that the report of the Chief Executive be noted.

The meeting closed at 8.20 PM

Signed .....Chairman

Date: 3 February 2016