

**FULL COUNCIL 10th January 2018
7:30PM THE CIVIC CENTRE**

MINUTES

Present: Mayor Cllr Ball, Leader Cllr Morris, Deputy Leader Cllr Dyball, Cllr C Barnes, Cllr J Barnes, Cllr Darrington, Cllr Horwood, Cllr Halford, Cllr Southern, Cllr Willingale

Officers: CEO Steve Nash,
Democratic Services Officer Barbara Playfoot,
Park Manager Ryan Hayman

Public Session: Grant Aid cheques were presented by the Mayor to:-

- Second Chance Animal Rescue
- Swanley Therapy Centre
- Swanley Twinning Association

Mr David Carr asked if the CEO could confirm that a serious complaint had been lodged against the Leader of Swanley Council. The CEO advised that it was the responsibility of the Monitoring Officer at the District Council to deal with complaints against councillors and until the outcome of such complaints was reported to this council no information would be made available at meetings.

10343 To receive Apologies for Absence

Cllr L Gaire, Cllr S Gaire, Cllr M Hogg, Cllr E Komolafe, Cllr N Scott

10344 To receive Declarations of Interest

NONE

10345 To approve as correct the Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday 6th December 2017

Cllr Willingale raised his concern that no councillors were advised of the Royal visit and wanted to know why. He felt that this was not something for just the privileged few to attend but that all councillors should have been made aware. The CEO advised that those invited had been contacted directly and that the CEO was not made aware until the day before probably because of security issues. Cllr Morris also confirmed that STC was not the organiser and invites had been sent by CAB representatives organising the event.

Cllr Halford also supported Cllr Willingales concerns and felt that previous CEO's had kept information from Councillors and that he thought this was still the case. The Mayor brought this debate to an end as having been fully aired.

THE MINUTES WERE THEN AGREED

10346 To receive Minutes of Committees and approve recommendations contained therein:

Development Control
AGREED

DATE: 6th December 2017

10347 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING

The CEO reported that a meeting is planned for the 13th February 2018 for the councillors and council partners to meet with the appointed consultant to discuss criteria and expectations of the plan. This will be followed by a series of meetings inviting representatives from Health, Education, Training and other key partners.

At this point the Cllrs were introduced to the new Park Manager Ryan Hayman and welcomed him into his new role.

10348 GRANT AID

The CEO asked that Grant Aid applications be considered on receipt rather than bi-annually as often the grant is required at the time of application rather than 5 months afterwards.

RESOLVED – Agreed that the Grant Aid applications were considered on receipt

10349 REDUCTION IN LINK CONTRIBUTIONS

The CEO explained that he and the RFO along with the Link manager will be having a meeting with Amy Wilton from SDC to discuss the proposed reduction in Link contributions. He went on to add that he had the full costings of the Link partnership and he will use them as a guideline when negotiating future contributions.

10350 WOODLANDS UPDATE

The CEO had spoken to Sevenoaks District Council regarding the proposed meeting to discuss the terms of payment at 15% as was previously recommended by STC. The CEO was informed that there was no requirement hold a meeting and the terms of payment would be put to the Portfolio Holder. There has also been a delay in the signing of contracts as KCC legal department have not responded with regard the Woodlands Charge and there are discrepancies between the Head of Terms and Contract. These will be discussed at the forth coming Leadership meeting.

Mayors Communication

The Mayor Cllr Laurence Ball reported that he attended a few functions since his last communication

7th December 2017 – The Mayor reported that he had to give up his chains for the day as the pupils of Hextable Primary School accompanied by Cllr Searles visited the Council Chambers for a few hours

11th December 2017 - Attended the Monday & Thursday Clubs Christmas lunch

19th December 2017 –Civic Service, St Marys Church. He thanked all that attended the 1st Civic Service and although the attendance was quite low he hoped that this will be built on over the years

The Mayor and Cllr Dyball along with some members of the Swanley Twinning Ass visited Verrieres-le-Buisson (Swanley's Twin Town) to support the opening of their new Arts Centre. Those who made the trip had a good time and helped to strengthen the links between the 2 towns.

It was Cllr Dyball's first trip to the town and thanked Mrs Christine Hudson for all her help during the visit,

Report from County and District Councillors

- Cllr Halford questioned Cllr Horwood on the Consultation regarding Bus routes in particular the 429 bus. Cllr Horwood said that the 429 bus was subsidised by KCC members grant and would not be affected by the cuts. However, the members grant contributions would be reapportioned so that all County Cllrs on the 429 bus route would pay an equal share.

Policy & Finance
Development Control
Estates & Management

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1. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

7:30pm Wednesday 7th February 2018

Meeting closed at 20.20

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

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