

**FULL COUNCIL 6th December 2017
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 Komolafe, Cllr Scott, Cllr Southern, Cllr Willingale

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

Public Session: No Public in attendance

10325 To receive Apologies for Absence

Cllr L Gaire, Cllr S Gaire, Cllr J Halford, Cllr M Hogg, Cllr T Searles

10326 To receive Declarations of Interest

Cllr Horwood – UK Power Networks
Cllr J Barnes – Swanley Twinning Association
Cllr L Ball – Swanley Therapy Centre

**10327 To approve as correct the Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday 1st November 2017
AGREED**

10328 To receive Minutes of Committees and approve recommendations contained therein:

Development Control	DATE: 1 st November 2017
Development Control	DATE: 22 nd November 2017
Policy & Finance	DATE: 22 nd November 2017
Estates & Facilities	DATE: 22 nd November 2017

AGREED

10329 TO APPROVE THE REVISED ANNUAL BUDGET 2017/2018

To approve the recommendation from the Policy & Finance meeting held on the 22nd November 2017

RESOLVED - The recommendation from the Policy & Finance committee was approved

10330 TO APPROVE THE BUDGET FOR 2018/2019

To approve the recommendation from the Policy & Finance Committee meeting held on the 22nd November 2017 for a 3.9% increase and adjustments to the proposed budget 2018/19 from the RFO.

Cllr Horwood commented that the Policy & Finance Committee were all in agreement with the increase of 3.9% to the precept and that the meeting held on the 22nd November 2017 provided positive recommendations.

Cllr Southern reported that he had met with the RFO to discuss the proposed budget for 2018/19 and agreed to remove from the Olympic 2018/19 budget £2,000 Golf Range projected income and increase provision for the Electoral Costs from £8,000 to £13,000. Cllr Southern also commended the RFO on the accurate and easy to understand financial reports and to date the best representation of the Council's finances.

The CEO confirmed that the proposed budget figure would remain the same as the additional provision would be offset by the 3.9% increase in the precept

RESOLVED - The recommendation from the Policy & Finance Committee meeting held on the 22nd November 2017 and the RFO's adjustments was approved

10331 MEMBERSHIP OF AN OUTSIDE BODY

- To approve Cllr Morris as the Swanley Town Council representative for Rural Age Concern Darent Valley and to receive a recommendation from Cllr Morris.
- To acknowledge Cllr Dyball is no longer a representative of North Kent Volunteer Centre.

Cllr Morris reported that he had been informed that Cllr Halford had not been attending Rural Age Concern Darent Valley meetings and was concerned that Swanley Town Council was not being represented. Cllr Morris added that he was prepared to become the representative for Swanley Town Council.

There was some discussion regarding the Rural Age Concern Darent Valley constitution and clarification was required regarding the number of representatives allowed from each institution.

Cllr Ball proposed that until clarification of the constitution was received Cllr Morris would substitute for Cllr Halford in the event that Cllr Halford could not attend the meeting. Rural Age Concern Darent Valley are holding their next meeting on the 19th December 2017.

RESOLVED – Cllr Morris to substitute for Cllr Halford in the event he is unable to attend was approved

Noted – Cllr Dyball is no longer a representative of North Kent Volunteer Centre

10332 GRANT APPLICATIONS

To consider grant applications

- Second Chance Animal Rescue - £250
- Swanley Twinning Association - £250
- Swanley Therapy Centre - £250
- North Kent Mind - £250

All Grant Applications were considered and approved

Mayors Communication

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

6th Nov 2017 – Annual Fireworks, well attended events, spectacular display

10th Nov 2017 – Italian Market

- 12th Nov 2017 – Remembrance Sunday Parade, as always the event was well supported with a big turnout and church service.
- 25th Nov 2017 – Christmas Light switch on, the Rock Choir as always gave an impressive performance and the whole days' events went well. Cllr Willingale commented that he had been approached by residents who expressed their thanks to the Events staff and the council who had made the whole day a success and found that it was an uplifting experience. Cllr Morris also commended the people who made the event a great success.
- 1st Dec 2017 – Opening of the Citizens Advice Bureau in Swanley Centre where he along with Cllr Morris was introduced to HRH Princess Royal

Cllr Ball also mentioned that he had attended the Stag Theatre to see Snow White pantomime which was a good show. Also he had been invited by the Mayor of Bromley to attend Miracle on 34th Street show performed in The Bridge public house theatre in Penge which he thoroughly enjoyed. He has also attended a wine tasting event in Faversham.

Report from County and District Councillors

- Cllr Horwood reported that KCC had replaced the illuminated bollard in St Marys Road adjacent to the Civic Centre and were going to repair or replace the other bollards with reflective type model.
- He also reported that there had been an update from Thames Water regarding the water leak in Swanley Lane, Thames Water are unable to find where the leak is coming from and are now testing the water to see if it comes from their pipes or it is ground water.
- Cllr Horwood had attended the Transportation Board and reported that the parking bay in Goldsel Road was not going to be removed. The parking restriction in St Marys Road would be changed from 7am – 10am to 9am – 10 am. Work has almost been completed on the dropped kerbs and crossing points in the White Oak area.
- He also commended the residents of Swanley and the local & district Councillors on their efforts to get U & I proposal for redevelopment refused.

Cllr Dyball reported that she is involved with a programme 'Every Step Counts' which encourages people to walk for 30 mins per week whether they are fit, have ailments or disabilities. It is a 10 week programme and she has been taking part in the one currently in Otford and has had positive results. Cllr Dyball is organising the same programme for the residents of Swanley which will launch in February 2018, details to follow.

EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

Under Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, to exclude the press and public from the meeting during the discussion on the following item on the grounds that it may involve the disclosure of exempt information as defined in Schedule 12A of the act.

10333 Sale of Woodlands

To confirm the sale of the Woodlands to the developer recommended by Savills and the CEO.

Councillors were presented with packs containing the detailed proposals from the prospective vendors and given time to peruse the details.

Cllr Scott thanked the CEO for due diligence and the comprehensive presentation of the information packs.

Some lengthy discussion took place regarding the proposed sale and redevelopment of the land and the possible joint sale of adjoining land owned by Sevenoaks District Council and the costs attributed.

RESOLVED – The Developer for the site was agreed and Councillors confirmed an upper limit they would be prepared to hand over for a joint sale with Sevenoaks District Council. The CEO and Leadership Group will deal with further negotiations within this limit.

Policy & Finance
Development Control
Personnel

7:30pm Wednesday 13th December 2017
After 7:30pm Wednesday 13th December 2017
Cancelled

1. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

7:30pm Wednesday 10th January 2018

Meeting closed at 21.10

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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Cllr N Scott
Cllr V Southern
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Cllr H Willingale