FULL COUNCIL 24th April 2019
7:30PM THE CIVIC CENTRE

MINUTES

Present: Mayor Cllr Dyball, Leader Cllr Morris, Cllr Ball, Cllr C Barnes, Cllr J Barnes, Cllr Darrington, Cllr Horwood, Cllr Komolafe, Cllr Searles, Cllr Scott, Cllr Southern, Cllr Willingale

Officers: CEO - Steve Nash,
RFO - Steve Innes
Park Director - Ryan Hayman
Civic Manager - Toni Roast
Sales & Marketing Manager - Suzanne Barnbrook
Venue Manager - Kerina Keir
Ass Venue Manager - Kerry Rose
Democratic Services Officer - Barbara Playfoot

Public Session: Several residents asked questions relating to Cllr Hogg’s removal from the council. The CEO explained why this was done and that he had been emailing Cllr Hogg who had thanked the CEO for the explanation

10672 To receive Apologies for Absence
None

10673 To receive Declarations of Interest
None

10674 To approve as correct the Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday 6th March 2019
APPROVED

10675 To receive Minutes of Committees and approve recommendations contained therein:
Development Control – 6th March 2019
Development Control – 20th February 2019
Policy & Finance – 20th February 2019
AGREED

REMOVAL OF CLLR S GAIREF, CLLR L GAIREF AND CLLR HOGG FROM THE COUNCIL
The CEO has advised that under the Local Government Act 1972 s 85(1) and (2) these councillors have failed to attend sufficient meetings and are no longer eligible to be councillors of Swanley Town Council.
NOTED – The Mayor wished to record her thanks to Cllr Hogg for his valuable contribution to Swanley Town Council over the years and in particular his work
representing the St Marys Ward as they had worked closely together on various issues and case work.

Mayors Communication

To receive such communications as the Town Mayor may desire to lay before the Council (Councillors are reminded that no decision making may take place as a result of this item)

The Mayor had attended a number of engagements in March/April 2019:

7th March – Attendance at 593 Swanley Squadron Royal Air Force Cadets Awards evening

10th March – Mayor of Dartford’s Charity Afternoon Tea

12th March – Lord Lieutenant’s Civic Service, Maidstone

15th March – House of Lords Tour and Afternoon Tea

16th March – Unveiling of commemorative plaque at Christ Church, Swanley to celebrate 116th Anniversary

17th March – Mayor of Havering’s Civic Service

18th March – Tour of Canterbury Cathedral, Archbishop’s Palace and Town

19th March – visiting local businesses Cotton Mill and Ming Foods

20th March – Meeting Diana Moran at Emerson Retirement Village

21st March – Chairman of Sevenoaks Charity Lunch at Knole Academy

27th March – Swanley Annual Town Meeting

2nd April – Celebration of St Bart’s School 50th birthday at Holy Apostles Church

4th April – Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal Thank You evening

5th April – Mayor of Gravesham’s Charity Ball

22nd April – St George’s Day community event Swanley Town Centre

The Mayor went on to say I hope my Mayors Communications have given you a flavour of what I have done month by month and that you have found them informative. Preparing these regular communications has afforded me the opportunity to look back and reflect on some of the highlights of my year, and it has been an honour and privilege to represent the Town since I became Mayor in May 2018

Cllr Southern reflected that the council had come to the end of their term in office and wanted to say that Cllr Dyball has been a wonderful and exemplary Mayor and has given the Town an extraordinary service throughout the course of the year. This was agreed by all.

Report from County and District Councillors
Cllr Horwood said that it was a shame that Cllr Halford was not in attendance as he often responded to his reports. Cllr Horwood went on to wish Cllr Halford all the best in the future.

St Georges Day, thanks to Toni Roast for organising the event and it was great to see the children enjoying the Punch & Judy.

Following a report KCC are installing 13 more salt bins across Swanley and if anyone still thinks that their area requires an additional Salt bin then please let him know. There has been a couple of crashes in Swanley Lane, one where a vehicle was pulling out of Old Farm Gardens. As result of this the project to extend the double yellow lines in Swanley Lane has been bought forward and will be actioned in May.

Cllr Morris thanked the officers and staff of Swanley Town Council for all their support they have given to the Council. He went on to say that it has been an interesting few years and thanked his fellow councillors for their support.

Date of next meeting – 8th May 2019 – Annual Meeting and acceptance of Office and Establishing Committees

Meeting closed at 19.51

Council Members:
Mayor Cllr L Dyball  Cllr J Halford
Leader Cllr R Morris  Cllr M Hogg
Cllr L Ball  Cllr M Horwood
Cllr C Barnes  Cllr E Komolafe
Cllr J Barnes  Cllr N Scott
Cllr P Darrington  Cllr V Southern
Cllr L Gaire  Cllr T Searles
Cllr S Gaire  Cllr H Willingale