

Minutes of the Annual Council Meeting of EDENBRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL held in Rickards Hall at 8pm on Monday 11 May 2015

Present: Cllrs J Barnett, T Bryant, J Chappell, Mrs J Davison, R Davison (Vice Chairman), A Layland, V Maynard, M McArthur, S McGregor (Chairman), B Orridge, C Pearman, M Robson, J Scholey, B Todd and J Woollorton

In attendance: Christine Lane (Town Clerk), no members of the press and no members of the public

Cllr B Orridge was in the chair for the start of the meeting.

1. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr J Scholey had apologised that he would miss the start of the meeting as he had a prior appointment at the District Council.

2. ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE

All members had signed their Acceptance of Office prior to the start of the meeting in front of the Clerk.

3. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN, AND SIGNING OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE

Cllr S McGregor was proposed and seconded unopposed.

Resolved: that Cllr S McGregor be elected as Chairman for the ensuing year. Following which, he signed the Acceptance of Office.

4. ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN

Cllrs R Davison and A Layland were proposed and seconded.

Cllrs R Davison and A Layland left the meeting

Prior to a vote being taken Cllr A Layland announced that he did not wish to stand.

Resolved: that Cllr R Davison be elected as Vice Chairman for the ensuing year.

5. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS OR PREDETERMINATION AND REVIEW OF INTERESTS AND CODE OF CONDUCT

Members had received the Code of Conduct and were reminded of their responsibilities and advised to submit their declarations within the 28 day deadline.

Resolved: to request a dispensation for all members to take part in discussions and vote on items relating to the approval of the budget, making of a Precept, approval of allowances and matters relating to land and buildings owned by the Council until May 2019. The Clerk approved this request.

The District Council members stated that although they would be considering planning applications at this meeting they would be reconsidering them at the district level, taking into account all relevant evidence and representations there.

Cllr T Bryant declared an interest in item 33.3 Refurbishment of the social spaces at Pavilion.

The meeting was adjourned

6. PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS - none

The meeting was reconvened.

7. TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 13 APRIL 2015

Resolved: that the minutes of the Council meeting held on Monday 13 April 2015 be duly signed by the Chairman as a true and accurate record of the meetings.

8. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES FOR REPORT AND NOT COVERED ELSEWHERE ON THE AGENDA

8.1 Annual Return and Accounts 2014/2015

It was noted that an extension has been granted to extend the deadline for the completion of the accounts and for the submission of the Annual Return to the Auditor until 15 June 2015.

8.2 Disposal of Recording of Council and Committee Meetings

Christine Nuttall, Chief Officer Legal & Governance at SDC, has advised that she is unable to provide information on the District Policy until after the election.

9. TO RECEIVE THE FOLLOWING REPORTS

9.1 Planning & Transportation Committee, 27 April

Resolved: that the minutes presented by Cllr R Orridge be adopted

9.2 Finance Committee, 27 April

Resolved: that the minutes presented by Cllr R Orridge be adopted

Cllr J Scholey joined the meeting

9.3 Delegate reports

9.3.1 County Council Up-date, Nothing to report

9.3.2 Twinning Association, 13 April - noted

9.3.2 Clerk's Report - noted

10. REVIEW OF DELEGATED ARRANGMENTS TO COMMITTEES, SUB-COMMITTEES, EMPLOYEES AND OTHER LOCAL AUTHORITIES

Resolved: that the Terms and Conditions of the council's committees, sub-committees, working groups and task and finish groups, containing the powers delegated to them were approved. It was noted that delegated powers are only given to full committees of the Council and non-councillors do not have any voting rights.

Resolved: to approve the delegated powers for the Clerk: to authorize expenditure on works of extreme urgency to a limit of £1,000, or £5,000, with approval of the Chairman of the appropriate Committee or Council, Financial Regulation 4.5, and procedural powers as listed in the Council Standing Order 15.

11. REVIEW OF TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR COMMITTEES, SUB-COMMITTEES AND WORKING GROUPS, APPOINTMENT OF NEW COMMITTEES, ETC AND CONFIRMATION OF THE TERMS OF REFERENCE

Resolved: to accept the Terms of Reference of the council's committees, sub-committees, working groups and task and finish groups, following the addition of the Terms of Reference for the following new working groups

INTERNAL AUDIT REVIEW GROUP – AUDITOR RECOMMENDATIONS REVIEW

This group has no delegated powers and will report to Council or Open Spaces Committee as appropriate.

Recommendations to be exercised in accordance with the law, the Council’s Standing Orders and Financial Regulations and any approved policy framework.

1. To ensure that the recommendations in regard of ensuring that this Council meets the requirements of the internal audit process as outlined in the Governance & Accountability in Local Councils in England & Wales – Practitioners’ Guide March 2014, are met.

COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE GROUP

The group has no delegated powers and will report to Council or the Forward Planning Committee.

Recommendations to be exercised in accordance with the law, the Council’s Standing Orders and Financial Regulations and any approved policy framework.

1. To make recommendations to Sevenoaks District Council, by the deadline of 29 May, for new and improved infrastructure that is considered needed to support development in the town, and which would be provided by the Council (e.g. parks or allotments) to support the development of 286 new homes in the next 10 years.
2. Make suggestions for additional infrastructure that would usually be provided by other organisations (e.g. schools provided by KCC).

12. APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES TO COMMITTEES, SUB-COMMITTEES AND WORKING GROUPS

Members had been consulted on the committees to which they wish to be appointed.

Resolved: to make the following appointments

OPEN SPACES 2 + 8	EMERGENCY PLANNING 2 + 8	PLANNING 2 + 10	FINANCE 2 + 7	FORWARD PLANNING 2 + 8	PERSONNEL 2 + 4
S McGregor R. Davison	S McGregor R. Davison	S McGregor R. Davison	S McGregor R. Davison	S McGregor R. Davison	S McGregor R. Davison
J Barnett T Bryant A Layland V. Maynard M. Robson J. Scholey B Todd J Woollorton	J Barnett T Bryant J Chappell J. Davison A Layland M V McArthur M. Robson B Todd	J Barnett T Bryant J. Davison A Layland M V McArthur V. Maynard R. Orridge M. Robson J. Scholey B Todd	T Bryant J. Davison A Layland R. Orridge M Robson J. Scholey B Todd	J. Davison A Layland M V McArthur V Maynard R. Orridge M Robson J. Scholey B Todd	A Layland M V McArthur J. Scholey J Woollorton R. Orridge (1 Extra)

Task & Finish Groups	Services Provision Chairman + 3	Street Lighting 3	Emergency Plan Review	Audit Recommendations Review Chairman +2	Community Infrastructure Group
	S McGregor T Bryant A Layland J Woollorton <i>Officers as required</i>	R Davison A Layland J. Scholey <i>Other officers as required</i>	M McArthur M Robson B Todd <i>Other officers as required</i>	S McGregor J Scholey B Todd <i>Other officers as required</i>	S McGregor A Layland R Orridge B Todd <i>Other officers as required</i>

Working Groups	Lease/ SLA Negotiating 3/4 + Clerk	Estate Review 3 + Clerk	Youth Working Minimum 3	Aviation Consultation 3/4	Internal Audit Group 3 including one newer Cllr
	S McGregor C Pearman J. Scholey Vacancy <i>Other Officers as required</i>	S McGregor T Bryant V Maynard J Woollorton B Todd <i>Other Officers as required</i>	C Pearman A Layland B Todd <i>Officers as required</i>	J Barnett R Orridge C Pearman <i>Officers as required</i>	J. Scholey A Layland B Todd

13. REVIEW OF REPRESENTATION ON OR WORK WITH EXTERNAL BODIES AND ARRANGEMENTS FOR REPORTING BACK

Resolved: to adopt the following representatives to external bodies. Representatives were reminded that they should submit brief informative notes for inclusion in the meeting papers to update members, and that travel expenses are paid for attendance at meetings outside the Parish, once a delegate report has been submitted. Claims must be made within two calendar months of the meeting date

External Body and contact details	When does it meet.	How often does it meet.	How necessary?	Councillors
Edenbridge Primary School Associate Governor/Marketing Committee office@edenbridge.kent.sch.uk	Flexible to suit members	6 times a year, can also attend Governors meetings	Advisable	1. B Todd
Recreation Management ERFC/ECC/Nomads	Day time	Half yearly	lease monitoring	1. S McGregor 2 C Pearman
Edenbridge Town Village Hall Management Committee	Evening – 7.30pm	Usually 3 times a year	Essential	1. V Maynard 2. J Woollorton (M

Ken Day – 01732 860203		-8140-		Robson)
Edenbridge Twinning Association secretary@edta.org.uk	Flexible, to fit in with current members' needs	Once a month (except Dec/Jan)	Essential/ Constitution	1. S McGregor 2. M Robson
Eden Valley Chamber of Commerce info@edenvalleychamber.org.uk	Evening – 6pm (1½ hrs max)	First Tues of the month	Essential	1. A Layland
Eden Valley Museum Trust curator@evmt.org.uk	Usually evening – 7.30pm	Quarterly	Essential	1. R Orridge (J Scholey) (J Wooltorton)
Great Stone Bridge Trust Mr Ross – 01342 323687	Afternoon	Between 4 and 8 times a year	Essential	1. C Pearman – 4 years, Sept 2015 2. R Davison – 4 years, Jan 2016
KALC & Sevenoaks Area Committee phillipro@tiscali.co.uk	Evening	Quarterly	Essential	1. M Robson 2. J Barnett
Partners And Community Together (PACT) Maxine Quinton 01732 227377 maxine.quinton@sevenoaks.gov.uk	Morning	Quarterly	Advisable	1. A Layland 2. B Todd
Edenbridge Citizens' Advice Bureau Jill Eyre 01622 221470	Evening	Quarterly	Advisable	1. R Orridge
The Edenbridge Partnership Deputy Clerk 01732 865368	Day time	Quarterly First Fri of the month	Essential	1. C Pearman 2. A Layland
Sustainable Edenbridge Ben Brownless ben.brownless@gmail.com	Evening	Second Thurs of the month	Advisable	1. A Layland
Sevenoaks Youth Advisory Group Youth group at Swanley lynn.cartwright@kent.gov.uk	Evening	Quarterly	Advisable	1. B Todd 2. J Davison
Friends of Edenbridge Parish Church janebrown9@btinternet.com	Evening – 8pm	3 to 4 times a year	Advisable	1. V Maynard
Sevenoaks District Arts Council doreen@pascall.me	Council reps not elected to Executive Committee	Every 2 months but rep only required at AGM	Advisable	1. J Wooltorton
Edenbridge Rail Travellers' Association Geoff Brown gbrown887@btinternet.com	Evening – 8pm	Every 2 months	Advisable	1. M Robson
Uckfield Line Parishes Committee Led by Buxted Parish	Evening	Quarterly	Advisable	1. M Robson

ianbsmith@yahoo.com		-8141-		
Uckfield & East Grinstead Steering Group (Sussex Community Rail Partnership) sharon@sussexcrp.org	Morning	Quarterly	Advisable	1. M Robson
North Downs Line Community Rail Partnership tim.sparrow@tiscali.co.uk	Daytime	Quarterly	Advisable	1. M Robson Tourism Officer
Eden Valley Tourism Forum lindsey@edenbridgetowncouncil.gov.uk	Day time	Quarterly	Advisable	1. S McGregor 2. J Scholey 3. J Barnett
Eden Centre Board matt.hayden@kent.gov.uk	Day time	Quarterly	Essential	1. J Davison
Campaign to Protect Rural England Sevenoaks PK Committee susanpittman@btinternet.com				1 J Wooltorton 2.(E Cookson)
Edenbridge Youth Consortium heather.brightwell@westkentextra.org	Day time	Quarterly	Advisable	1. C Pearman 2. B Todd
Neighbourhood Planning Steering Group	Probably daytime	Monthly	Advisory	1.J Scholey 2.S McGregor 3.A Layland
NP Infrastructure Group	Probably daytime	Monthly	Advisory	1.R Davison 2. M Robson
NP Economic Group	Probably daytime	Monthly	Advisory	1. J Davison 2. A Layland 3. V Maynard 4. B Todd
NP Health Learning and Wellbeing Group	Probably daytime	Monthly	Advisory	1.R Orridge
NP Environment Group	Probably daytime	Monthly	Advisory	1.J Scholey
NP Housing	Probably daytime	Monthly	Advisory	1.J Wooltorton 3.S McGregor 3.R Davison
Footpaths Working Group		Half Yearly		1.S McGregor 2.B Todd 3.A Layland

Eden Valley Festival		-8142- TBA		1.A Layland 2. S McGregor (J Scholey Treasurer)
Youth Forum (if allowed)		Monthly		1.C Pearman 2.B Todd 3.A Layland

14. REVIEW AND ADOPTION OF STANDING ORDERS

Resolved: to adopt the Standing Orders

15. REVIEW OF ARRANGEMENTS, INCLUDING CHARTERS, WITH OTHER LOCAL AUTHORITIES, GROUPS OR ORGANISATIONS, AND REVIEW OF CONTRIBUTIONS MADE TO EXPENDITURE INCURRED BY OTHER LOCAL AUTHORITIES

Resolved: to approve the existing arrangements.

16. REVIEW OF THE POWER OF COMPETENCY, ELIGIBILITY AND REVIEW OF ARRANGMENTS TO CONFIRM ELIGIBILITY

Resolved: that the Clerk and Deputy Clerk should continue to look for suitable training courses which would enable the Council to consider adopting the power in the future.

17. REVIEW OF LAND AND ASSETS INCLUDING BUILDINGS AND EQUIPMENT

Resolved: Cllrs J Barnett and Mrs J Davison should review the Council's land and asset holdings and to check the equipment with the asset register.

18. ADOPTION OF FINANCIAL REGULATIONS AND RISK ASSESSMENT POLICY

Resolved: to adopt the Financial Regulations and Risk Management Policy.

19. REVIEW AND CONFIRMATION OF ARRANGMENTS FOR INSURANCE COVER IN RESPECT OF ALL INSURED RISKS

Members reviewed the soundness of the Council's insurance arrangements at the Finance meeting held in April 2015. The Asset Register was updated in October 2014.

Resolved: in line with the recommendation from April Finance, to seek competitive quotes when the long term agreement with WPS (Aviva) expires on 1 July 2015.

20. REVIEW AND ADOPTION OF COUNCIL'S AND EMPLOYEES' MEMBERSHIPS AND SUBSCRIPTIONS PAID

Resolved: to approve the following

	2014	Membership Status	Renewal
S.E. Regional Play Association	0.00	Full	1 st January
Kent County Playing Fields Association	20.00	Full	1 st April
Institute of Groundsmanship	93.60	Affiliated	31 st October
Open Spaces Society	45.00	Parish Council	1 st November
Kent Allotment & Gardens Council	12.30	Full	1st November
Direct Information Service NALC	108.00	Full	1 st April
Kent Association of Local Councils	1368.00	Full	1 st April
Gatwick Area Conservation Campaign	10.00	Parish Council	1 st May
Action with Communities in Rural Kent	65.00	Full	1 st April
Council for Protection of Rural England	36.00	Parish Council	1 st July
Society of Local Council Clerks	334.00	Full	1 st April
Institute of Cemetery and Crematorium	90.00	Full	1 st April
Kent High Weald AONB	0.00	Corporate	
Information Commissioner	35.00		1 st November
Periodicals			
Horticulture Week	81.00	Weekly	1 st May

21. CONFIRMATION OF AUTHORISED SIGNATORIES FOR COUNCIL'S BANK ACCOUNTS

Resolved: that Cllrs A Layland, S McGregor, M McArthur, C Pearman, M Robson, J Scholey and J Woollorton be authorised as the signatories to the Council's bank accounts.

22. CONFIRMATION OF THE APPOINTMENT OF THE INTERNAL AUDITOR AND ASSURANCE OF THEIR INDEPENDENCE

Members noted the recommendation by the previous Council that the audit recommendation review group should meet as soon as practical after the election to consider how to ensure compliance with the new regulations, some of which apply to the appointment of an Internal Auditor.

Resolved: that subject to confirmation of his independence to members and staff, Mr Tim Hill should be appointed as the Internal Auditor for the Council.

23. AUTHORISATION FOR PAYMENTS TO BE MADE BY DIRECT DEBIT AND ELECTRONIC PAYMENTS

Resolved: to authorise the Finance Officer to pay the suppliers proposed by direct debit and wherever possible make all other payments electronically to reduce bank charges.

24. REVIEW OF PAY AND CONDITIONS OF STAFF

Before considering this item, Council considered Standing Order 26a and decided not to exclude press and public on this occasion.

Resolved: that, in line with the staff's terms of employment any nationally agreed pay award be paid, and that subject to satisfactory service, eligible staff should continue to receive triennial awards.

Members were advised that one member of staff was eligible to receive a second invitation to join the Medical Health scheme, and a decision was awaited from them, and that the Pensions staging date for automatic enrolment for this Council is 1 June 2016. Currently only one member of staff is not in the pension scheme and falls under the level of earnings to be eligible to insist on joining a scheme.

25. REVIEW OF COUNCIL'S COMPLAINTS PROCEDURE

Resolved: to adopt the procedure.

26. REVIEW OF COUNCIL'S PROCEDURES FOR HANDLING REQUESTS MADE UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 AND THE DATA PROTECTION ACT 1998

Members noted that no complaints were received from the Information Commissioner this year. The long running series of complaints had been resolved during the year by Court Mediation to the satisfaction of both parties.

Resolved: to adopt the procedure.

27. REVIEW THE COUNCIL'S POLICY FOR DEALING WITH THE PRESS/MEDIA CONTAINED IN THE COMMUNICATION AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT STRATEGY

The following amendments were proposed.

2.2 Amend the name of the Visitor Information Point to Information Centre.
Add the words in italics

2.10.1 The web-site to be regularly updated and provide access to the Annual Report and a range of information published in line with *the Openness and Transparency legislation* and the Freedom of Information Act.

Resolved: following amendments to adopt the policy.

28. CONFIRM THE DATES AND TIMES OF ORDINARY MEETINGS OF THE FULL COUNCIL

Resolved: that the list of dates of the full Council and committee meetings be approved.

29. REVIEW OF COUNCILLORS' TRAINING AND REQUIRMENTS

The report on training undertaken last year was noted and returning members requested to provide the Clerk with updates to their training logs for 2014/15, and all members were asked to submit their training requirements for 2015/16.

Resolved: that Cllrs T Bryant, J Barnett, J Chappell, B Dunn and Joseph Wooltorton should attend the training session organized by KALC at Sevenoaks Town Council Offices at 7pm on Tuesday 2 June.

30. HEALTH & SAFETY PERFORMANCE REVIEW 2014

Members noted and accepted the annual review to December 2014.

	2014		
Employee Claims	0		
RIDDOR reportable incidents	0		
Other accidents/incidents across the Council	4	2 Staff/ 2 others	
Near misses	0		
Enforcement notices issued against the council	0		
Any accident trends identified	0		
Are there any outstanding enforcement issues	0		

2014 RIDDOR reportable 0 Accidents and Incidents 4

Annual Accident statistics (no of incidents/working days (252)/no of staff 10)) Total 0.00079

Members of Public (no of incidents/days in the year (365)/no of residents (8000)) Total 0.00079

Noted: Increase in the number of accidents reported by users of facilities both of a minor nature. Both staff injuries to office based staff and involved squashed fingers

31. ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY STATEMENT REVIEW 2015

It was noted that since the policy was reviewed at January Council, the Buildings Manager has attended training and obtained the silver award from South East Carbon Business Hub, to add to the blue award previously gained by his predecessor. The Council is highly unlikely to be able to reach the gold level due to the historic nature of a number of the buildings it owns.

32. TO CONSIDER THE CURRENT PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The planning applications to be considered are listed below. Paper copies were available to view at Doggetts Barn or they can be accessed electronically via the District Council website on the following link: <http://pa.sevenoaks.gov.uk/online-applications>

Demolish existing rear single storey extension and replace with a larger single storey rear extension. The extension will have a vaulted ceiling and roof lights. **Lintotts Bungalow High Street Edenbridge Kent TN8 5AX** Ref. No: 15/01231/HOUSE

Members support this application

Change of use from B1/B2 use to B8 and demolition of existing services accommodation on front of building (and re-location internally) to facilitate access and egress of HGV's to the site for the purposes of the occupier's storage and distribution business. **Unit 1 7, Fircroft Way Edenbridge Kent TN8 6ER** Ref. No: 15/01140/FUL |

Members support this application

Erection of a single storey rear extension. **Pilrig Main Road Edenbridge Kent TN8 6JA** Ref. No: 15/01135/HOUSE

Members support this application

Demolition of existing building and erection of replacement dwelling. **Condor Hilders Lane Edenbridge Kent TN8 6LQ** Ref. No: 15/01084/FUL |

Members object to this application which they consider to be obtrusive in the Green Belt they also believe that it might exceed the 50% rule and ask the Officer to check this.

Demolition of single storey side extension and front porch. Erection of a two storey side extension, single storey rear extension and single storey part frontal extension with porch. **76 Ridge Way Edenbridge KENT TN8 6AP** Ref. No: 15/00980/HOUSE

Members support this application providing that the second floor extension does not breach the 1meter from the boundary rule.

Works to trees

Fell 1 Beech tree. (CA) **24 Hever Road Edenbridge KENT TN8 5DJ** Ref. No: 15/01171/WTCA

Noted

33. OTHER BUSINESS

33.1 Community Infrastructure Levy

The deadline for submitting recommendations for how the District Council should allocate its portion of the levy is 29 May. The members appointed to the Task and Finish Group allocated to carry out this task will meet as soon as possible but in light of the tight timescale

Resolved: to delegate powers to the group to complete and submit the responses.

Members suggested that submissions should be made for works that could be provided, by the Town Council, and for works by other authorities. The first to be based largely on the Councils established list. in particular the roof at the Sports Pavilion, and the second to include additional classrooms at the primary school and flood prevention.

33.2 Reconfiguration of Doggetts Barn

Members noted that the physical move of the furniture and rewiring and data cabling was completed and no significant problems had been identified. The installation of the new server and various backups were working, although the upload speed in the cloud was slow and the initial upload is likely to take approx. 3 weeks. (The previous Council had chosen to wait and assess the situation when the new system had bedded in.) Most of the staff have settled well into the new configuration but for others it has been more challenging.

The new Conservation Officer, Rebecca Lamb visited Doggetts Barn and it is her opinion that the structures downstairs are not historic and it may be possible to install walls to create a private area. However, as the future use of the building can't be guaranteed, and the installation of walls would be a subdivision of the building, which would change the 'openness' of the space, and a Listed Building Consent is required. She does not consider the stud walls proposed to be suitable and requires half glass along both walls.

Resolved: to obtain a 1:50 plan of the cross section of the building and a 1:20 plan showing the details of the half glass walls and the fixings which should be of a delicate nature. The walls should be located on the inside of the private space so that the vertical posts can be seen from the entrance.

Resolved: to submit the required listed building consent and to get quotes for the works to be undertaken.

Resolved: to delegate powers to the Finance Meeting for the counter and half door.

The old phone system is struggling with the move and some of the handsets have been replaced three times in two weeks. Unfortunately the system is obsolete and getting reliable reconditioned sets is proving almost impossible. Ideally two additional handsets are also required but at the current time we are not able to get the existing four to function reliably and are sharing what we have. If this situation continues it may be necessary to replace the system.

Resolved: to ratify the expenditure for a wheeled suitcase and a pull across barrier which were authorized by the Clerk, under Health & Safety requirements, in addition to two desk lights.

33.3 Refurbishment of the Social Spaces at Pavilion Lingfield Road Recreation Ground

Resolved: to approve Edenbridge Rugby Football Club plans for refurbishment of the social spaces of the Pavilion which they hope to complete by end June this year.

Resolved: that this Council should fund the replacement of the convector radiators, at a cost of £2,771.

33.4 Working with water – Invitation to a stakeholder Breakfast Briefing

No members wished to attend this event to find out more about the plans Sutton and East Surrey Water has to deliver top quality drinking water, as part of their five year programme of work.

33.5 NWKCPP Community Safety Awards

Resolved: that members should provide the Clerk with details of nominations and a brief resume of the reason for the nomination. Nominations close on Friday 22 May.

33.6 Community Safety Partnership - Fun Day

Resolved: that subject to the usual conditions, permission is granted to Community Safety Partnership, working with Moat Housing, for a Community Event on Wed 27 May between 1-4pm at the Recreation Ground Lingfield Road, subject to agreement of the Rugby Club.

Members declined the invitation to attend the event.

33.7 A Community Guide to your Water Environment

A copy of this document was added to the Library at Doggetts Barn or can be accessed at <http://www.acre.org.uk/cms/resources/comm-guides/communityguidewater.pdf> and has been produced for all communities in the River Management Catchment Area.

33.8 Environment Agency planned works opposite Katherine Road and Victoria Way

Correspondence sent to Sir John Stanley, who has now retired as an MP, from Andrew Pearce, Environment Agency Area Manager for Kent and South East London, stated that that the project to repair the embankment has been allocated £55,000 and works are planned for late summer. This follows on from the rebuilding of the embankment alongside Cobbetts Way. Andrew Pearce acknowledges that both sites will need continuous maintenance and improvement in future years and this will start in the autumn, with the aim to improve the grass coverage and prevent soil erosion which will reduce flood risk in Edenbridge.

34. FOR INFORMATION

34.1 CPRE Kent AGM

Sevenoaks District CPRE is holding its AGM on Saturday 13 June, at Farningham Village Hall DA4 ODE, starting at 10.30am. For those wishing to stay for the afternoon there is a walk around Farningham Village and the Darent Valley led by Susan Pittman. Members noted the date.

34.2 Local Council Award Scheme

The Council's certificate for the new Foundation Award of this new scheme, which replaces the Quality Council scheme, has arrived and is displayed in Doggetts Barn. It is anticipated that the Council will be looking to apply for the gold or gold plus awards before it expires in February 2016. The Council's letter heading will be amended to reflect the change of logo.

34.3 Hospice in the Weald Summer Raffle 2015

Members were advised that four tickets costing £5 each have been sent from the Hospice for any member who wishes to purchase them.

34.4 SDC Grass cutting in Edenbridge

Members were advised by David Boorman, Senior Parking and Amenities Officer at SDC, that they are late in commencing grass cutting in Edenbridge this season as some long standing members of their small grounds maintenance team have recently left. He is currently finalising recruitment and expects to resume cutting as scheduled by the end of next week. He appreciates this is very inconvenient for residents but hopes that normal service will be resumed shortly.

34.5 Edenbridge & District Twinning Association Newsletter April 2015

Members noted this publication.

The meeting ended at 9.50pm