

**SNODLAND TOWN COUNCIL****27 OCTOBER 2016**

Committee Members present:	Cllrs P Misy (Chairman), Mrs S Bell, Mrs B Brown, Mrs L Downes, A Keeley, Mrs B Keeley, D Keeley, Mrs D King, Mrs Mordecai-Woolf, D Purll, M Sawkins, S King and D Lettington
Council Members present:	Mrs K Sowten (CEO) and Miss Elinor Jones
Members of the public:	

**A minute silence was held for the late Cllr Miss Anne Moloney**

1.	<u>Apologies for absence</u>  Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Mrs D Crook, B Garlick, P Hickmott and Mrs S Hohler (KCC).
2.	<u>Declaration of Interest</u>  Cllr P Misy - Item 11 Chq No.17293
3.	<u>Report from Neighbourhood Police Team</u>  There were no members from the police team present at the meeting but the CEO reported to the Committee that the police have now finished their investigations into the activity in the chalk pit behind the Cemetery.
4.	<u>County Councillor's Report</u>  There was nothing to report.
5.	<u>Questions from the public (<i>Members of the public are advised that they may speak for up to three minutes</i>)</u>  There were no questions from the public.
6.	<u>Chairman's Announcements</u>  The Chairman informed the Committee that details had been received for the cremation service for the late Cllr Miss Moloney. The cremation would take place on Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> November 2016 at 9.45am at Medway Crematorium and this would be a private, family service. A Memorial Service will be held on Tuesday 22 November 2016 at 11.30am at All Saints Church in Snodland followed by a reception at the Community Centre, to which everyone is invited.  The Fireworks event would take place on Wednesday 2 November 2016 at 7.30pm at Potyns Sportsground.

	<p>The Remembrance Parade would take place on Sunday 13 November 2016, commencing at Holmesdale School at 2.30 and after the service would parade back to the Community Centre and not the Devonshire Rooms as in previous years. A pre-meeting for the road marshals is scheduled for Tuesday 8 November 2016 at 6.30pm at the Council Offices.</p> <p>Christmas in Snodland would take place on Saturday 26 November 2016. The lights would be switched on at an earlier time of 4.00pm this year.</p>	
7.	<p><u>To resolve that the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 29 September 2016 are a correct record</u></p>	
0190	<p><b>RESOLVED</b> - that the Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 29 September 2016 be approved as a correct record and be signed by the Chairman.</p> <p>Signed .....</p>	
8.	<p><u>To receive reports and consider recommendations of Council Committees</u></p>	
8.1	Amenities and Recreation	5 October 2016 (pp 48-50)
0191	<p><b>RESOLVED</b> – that the pine tree is felled in the Cemetery</p>	
8.2	Policy and Resources	13 October 2016 (pp 51-52)
8.3	Planning and Environment	20 October 2016 (pp 53-54)
0192	<p>Cllr A Keeley reported the information received from a meeting regarding the TMBC Local Plan 'The Way Forward'. He said that there was nothing directly associated with Snodland but he said that he had concerns regarding the 800 new units at the development at Bushey Wood, Burham. He said that this would have a major impact on the A228. Many safety concerns were discussed, such as a crossing being built for pedestrians.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b> – that the CEO send another copy of the letter re-iterating our concerns regarding the A228.</p>	
9.	<p><u>Reports from Borough Councillors</u></p> <p>Cllrs D Keeley and Mrs S Bell attended the Tarmac meeting.</p> <p>Cllr D Lettington reported that in order to make improvements to the road networks, further development/housing needed to be carried out for this to happen. He also reported that TMBC are currently negotiating a new waste collection/recycling contract in order to save money and this would begin in 2019.</p>	
10.	<p><u>Town Councillors reports on meetings attended on behalf of the Council</u></p> <p>Cllrs P Misy, Mrs S Bell, A Keeley, D Keeley and D Purll attended the official opening of the Snodland Train Station.</p> <p>Cllr A Keeley also attended the planning meeting at Aylesford and the Allotment meeting.</p> <p>Cllr Mrs B Keeley reported that she had organised a pensioners coffee morning which was well attended and a successful event.</p>	

11.	<p><u>To receive details of cheques signed since the last Council Meeting</u></p> <p>The list of cheque payments, direct debits and transfers into reserve account from 29 September 2016 to 26 October 2016 totalling £40,722.82. Various questions were asked which the CEO answered.</p>
12.	<p><u>To consider and if agreed accept the quotation for the Council's Annual Insurance renewal</u></p> <p>The CEO reported that E C Parker had carried out a re-marketing exercise to ensure that the premiums remain competitive.</p> <p><b>0193</b> <b>RESOLVED</b> that the Council accept the quote from Royal and Sun Alliance. They were the only Company that could provide the level of Fidelity Guarantee required.</p> <p><b>0194</b> <b>RESOLVED</b> The Motor Insurance quote from Arista Insurance was also accepted.</p>
13.	<p><u>To consider nominations for the KALC Community Award Scheme</u></p> <p>The CEO requested that Councillors consider identifying a person that has made a significant contribution to the local community to be put forward for the 2017 KALC Community Awards Scheme. Nominations to be put forward by the next Full Council on 8 December.</p>
14.	<p><u>Report from the Chief Executive Officer</u></p> <p>The CEO reported that she had attended:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the Station opening;</li> <li>• the Annual Finance Conference on 18 October 2016;</li> <li>• KCC Highways Seminar – the main topic of discussion was the devolution of services down to parish level. Mainly pockets of grass currently owned by KCC that we may wish to maintain ourselves. These pockets of grass need to be clearly identified before a decision is made.</li> </ul> <p>The CEO informed the Committee that the Smurfit Kappa visit had been rearranged to 17 November 2016 at 10.00am and confirmed to the Councillors attending that they would need to wear safety boots for the visit.</p> <p>The CEO requested that Councillors assist with marshal duties for the forthcoming Fireworks evening and the Remembrance Parade.</p> <p>The CEO requested that Councillors assist the young flag-bearers with the protocol.</p>
15.	<p><u>Correspondence</u></p>
15a	<p><u>The CEO reported that an invitation had been received to the Kent Association of Local Councils 69<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting – Saturday 19 November 2016 at 9.30am – 3.45pm</u></p> <p>The CEO asked that a member of the Council attend the AGM which is to be held at Ditton Community Centre, Aylesford. Cllr A Keeley volunteered to attend.</p>

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 8.15pm.