

SNODLAND TOWN COUNCIL

26 JANUARY 2017

Committee Members present:	Cllrs P Misy (C), Mrs B Brown, Mrs D Crook, Mrs L Downes, B Garlick, P Hickmott, A Keeley, D Keeley, Mrs D King, Mrs K Mordecai-Woolf, J Minter
Council Members present:	Mrs K Sowten (CEO) and Miss Elinor Jones
Members of the public:	None

1.	<u>Apologies for absence</u>	
	Cllrs Mrs B Keeley, D Purl, M Sawkins, S King	
2.	<u>Declaration of Interest</u>	
	There were no declaration of interests.	
	Pursuant to Standing Order 68 the Chairman of the Committee will invite Members of the public to express an interest should they wish to make representations, ask questions, or give evidence in respect of any item of business included on the agenda.	
3.	<u>Questions from the public (<i>Members of the public are advised that they speak for up to three minutes</i>)</u>	
	There were no members of the public present.	
4.	<u>Chairman's Announcements</u>	
	Cllr P Misy welcomed the newly appointed Councillor, James Minter.	
5.	<u>To resolve that the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 8 December 2016 are a correct record</u>	
0223	RESOLVED - that the Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 8 December 2016 be approved as a correct record and be signed by the Chairman.	
	Signed	
6.	<u>To receive reports and consider recommendations of Council Committees</u>	
6.1	Amenities and Recreation	4 January 2017 (pp 73-75)
6.2	Planning and Environment	19 January 2017 (pp 76-77)
7.	Reports from Borough Councillors	
	Cllrs Mrs B Brown reported that herself, Cllrs D Keeley and P Hickmott had attended the Holborough Lakes meeting on 25 January 2017 which was chaired by Cllr D Lettington. The meeting was about the parking issues at the Holborough Lakes development and was very well attended. It was agreed to send a letter of thanks to Cllr Lettington for chairing the public meeting.	
8.	Town Councillors reports on meetings attended on behalf of the Council	
	Cllr A Keeley reported that he had attended a very interesting Allotment meeting.	

	<p>He also said that he had been unable to attend a KALC meeting regarding Planning Resilience.</p> <p>Cllr P Hickmott reported that he had met with the Speed Watch Scheme officer on 23 January 2017. He said that volunteers were needed and that they would need to carry out some online training. Speed watch sites can be requested and the sites must be checked first for safety aspects. There is no limit to the amount of sites that can be monitored.</p>
9.	<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 20 December 2016 to 1 February 2017 totalling £70,282.62. Various questions were asked which the CEO answered.</p>
10.	<p><u>To consider recommendations from Policy and Resources Meeting Thursday 26 January 2017 including finalising the budget for 2017/18</u></p> <p>The CEO asked the Committee for a show of hands to agree the 2017/18 budget: For – 10 Abstention – 1</p> <p>0224 RESOLVED – to accept Budget proposals for 2017/18.</p>
11.	<p><u>To receive written nominations for the KALC Community Award Scheme</u></p> <p>The CEO nominated a person who has worked in one of Snodland's historical buildings for 25 years and is nearing retirement. He is a deserving candidate as he has shown true dedication to his trade and the town.</p>
12.	<p><u>Report from the Chief Executive Officer</u></p> <p>The CEO reminded the Committee of the Christmas in Snodland and the Carnival meeting on Friday 27 January 2017.</p>
	<p>The CEO reported that she had received notification from KCC that all the concrete bus stops would be replaced in early 2017, replacing the flags with up-to-date information and providing timetables.</p>
	<p>The CEO informed the Committee that additional funding of £7,500 had been received from TMBC for the installation of the office lift. This was in addition to £5,000 from Sarah Hohler (KCC) and £5,000 from the Snodland Partnership. The CEO is currently collating quotes from different companies for the work to get underway.</p>
	<p>Finally, the CEO confirmed that funding had been approved for the Speedwatch Scheme from Snodland Partnership and the SID equipment had been received. A list of volunteers were now required to carry out the online training which the CEO has already completed. Councillors to volunteer: Cllrs Mrs K Mordecai-Woolf, P Hickmott, P Misy and A Keeley. Further information regarding the scheme can be obtained from the Council offices.</p>

	<p>The CEO informed the Committee that Sarah Hohler had sent a brief report finalising their budget for 2017/18 and confirmed that there were cuts in funding, and increasing pressures, especially within Social Services. She hoped that residents were happy with the refurbishment of the Library and reported that the official launch would take place on 7 February 2017 from 2.30 to 3.30pm. Members of the Council are all invited.</p> <p>She said that she was very supportive of the Speedwatch initiative and would do anything she could to help.</p> <p>She is also attempting to get Tesco signs in place for the distribution centre and is very supportive of the facilitation of the new disabled access to the Council office.</p>
12.	<p><u>Correspondence – Invitation to the Lord Lieutenant of Kent’s Annual Civic Ceremony</u></p> <p>The CEO informed the Committee that the Ceremony is being held in Rochester Cathedral on Tuesday 14 March at 11.00am. Cllr Mrs L Downes volunteered to go and the CEO suggested that Mrs Helen Comber may also wish to attend.</p>
	<p>THE COMMITTEE HAS AGREED</p> <p>That in view of the business about to be transacted, it is advisable in the public interest that the press and public be temporarily excluded and they are instructed to withdraw.</p>
13.	<p><u>To consider matters relating to Snodland Cemetery</u></p> <p>The CEO updated the Council on administrative issues relating to the Cemetery.</p>

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 8.45pm.