

## SWANLEY TOWN COUNCIL

### Minutes of a Meeting of the Full Council of Swanley Town Council held at the Civic Centre, Swanley on Wednesday 1 April 2015

#### Present

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| Cllr R Morris (Chairman) | Cllr V Southern   |
| Cllr L Ball              | Cllr H Willingale |
| Cllr J Barnes            |                   |
| Cllr M Fittock           |                   |
| Cllr A George            |                   |
| Cllr J Halford           |                   |
| Cllr C Lee               |                   |
| Cllr J Sargeant          |                   |

#### In attendance

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| Julie Pilbeam (Chief Executive)                                | 6 Members of the Public |
| Sally Moor (Corporate<br>Director/Responsible Finance Officer) |                         |
| Geoff Mills (Democratic Services Officer)                      |                         |

#### The meeting opened at 7.30pm

#### Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received and approved from Cllr R Brookbank, Cllr T Searles, Cllr J Underwood and Cllr A Venter. Absent were Cllr M Mahy and Cllr R Woodbridge.

Apologies were also received from County Councillor Roger Gough.

#### Declarations of Pecuniary and non-Pecuniary Interests

None

#### Minutes of the meeting held on 4 March 2015

**9696** It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting of Full Council held on 4 March 2015 were approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

#### Minutes from Committees held since the last Full Council meeting.

The Minutes of the following meetings were received and noted.

Development Control Committee - 4 March 2015

Development Control Committee - 18 March 2015

Initials .....

## **Mayor's Communications**

The Mayor gave the following report -

Welcome to the last full Council Meeting for this 4 year term of office.

I have attended a variety of events in neighbouring districts, Boroughs and the county during the past month. On home ground in Swanley I attended the Commonwealth Flag Raising here at the Civic Centre where I read the message from the Queen. Thank you to all of you who attended to support this annual event. One of the most enjoyable events recently was a 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday Party at the Olympic which was a perfect venue especially on a warm Spring day, sitting on the balcony, admiring the views over Swanley's pleasant green fields.

As this is the end of the civic year all the formal events and occasions have now taken place and it seems the invites for the Mayor for the next few weeks are mostly social events so we will have a very pleasant end to our Mayoral year.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all councillors for their work over the past 4 years and in particular to thank those that are leaving the Council. I would also like to thank all the officers for their work and support over the year. I would like to invite all the councillors, officers and any public here tonight, I can see some regular faces, to join me for a drink and nibbles in the Members Room at the end of the meeting.

### **Public Question Time**

In accordance with Standing Order 3 (e) the meeting was adjourned in order to allow members of the public to address the meeting.

A local resident asked "whether in view of the recent Local Government Association investigation into the policies & practices of Swanley Banqueting, did the Town Council have a Civil Recovery Policy operating? If not, would it not be prudent for Swanley Town Council to operate a Civil Recovery Policy, whereby it will seek full compensation using Civil law, against any person or persons, committing an act of theft, fraud or causing loss or damage to Council property ? "

In reply Cllr Morris said the matters raised were issues for the Town Council to look at in the future.

### **The meeting was then reconvened**

### **Report from County Councillors**

No reports this time

### **The Chief Executives Report (including Progress and Information)**

In presenting her report The Chief Executive said the lease and rental payments due in respect of the Oaks Clinic were expected to be received in the near future. She also confirmed that the Board of the Gateway would be responsible for making the final decision on what name to choose.

Initials .....

**9697** It was **RESOLVED** that the report of the Chief Executive be noted,

**Committee Dates for the Period June 2015 to May 2016**

**9698** It was **RESOLVED** that the Committee dates for the period June 2015 to May 2016 be approved

**Local Council Award Scheme**

**9699** It was **RESOLVED** that Swanley Town Council registers for the Quality Gold Award of the Local Council Award Scheme at a cost of £250.00, and that a more detailed report showing how the Council meets the necessary requirements be submitted to a future meeting.

**Kent Association of Local Councils – Councillor Induction Workshop**

**9700** It was **RESOLVED** that arrangements be made with the Kent Association of Local Councils to run a workshop for elected members of Swanley Town Council on a date/evening sometime in middle to late June at a cost of £300.00. The final details of the workshop would be reported to the meeting of Full Council taking place on 20 May 2015.

**Data Protection Act 1998 – CCTV – Local Subject Access Request**

*(This is an unrestricted minute of a matter which was declared confidential pursuant to Section 1 of the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960)*

**9701** It was **RESOLVED** that the Local Subject Access Request be approved.

**The meeting closed at 7.55 PM**

**The next meeting of the full Council is on Wednesday 20 May 2015 in the Council Chamber, the Civic Centre, St Mary’s Road, Swanley commencing at 7:30pm**

Signed.....Chairman

Date 20 May 2015