

**FULL COUNCIL 7th October 2020
7:30PM – ZOOM MEETING**

MINUTES

Present: Mayor L Dyball, Deputy Mayor Cllr J Barnes,
Cllr S Andrews, Cllr L Ball, Cllr C Barnes,
Cllr G Darrington, Cllr P Darrington, Cllr J Domigan,
Cllr M Foster, Cllr J Griffiths, Cllr M Horwood, Cllr C Lee,
Cllr V Letchford, Cllr T Searles, Cllr A Skipper, Cllr J Tuckfield

Officers: Assistant Town Clerk – Toni Roast
Parks Director – Ryan Hayman
Democratic Services Officer - Barbara Playfoot

Public Session **None**

11044 Apologies for Absence

None

11045 To receive Declarations of Interest

None

**11046 To approve as correct the Minutes of the Meetings held on Wednesday
2nd September 2020 and 9th September 2020
APPROVED**

**11047 To receive Minutes of Committees and approve recommendations
contained therein:**

Development Control – 4th March 2020
Development Control – 17th June 2020
Development Control – 1st July 2020
Development Control – 15th July 2020
Development Control – 5th August 2020
Development Control – 2nd September 2020
Policy & Finance - 19th February 2020
Policy & Finance – 20th May 2020
Policy & Finance – 17th June 2020
Policy & Finance – 15th July 2020

APPROVED

11048 TO AGREE THE NEW REPRESENTATIVE FOR DVCRP Steering Group
Cllr Dyball gave some background to the Darent Valley Community Rail
Partnership (DVCRP) which was formed in September 2019. The partnership

is made up of representatives from Thameslink, South Eastern Rail, and all the councils from along the 12 mile line from Swanley to Sevenoaks. Cllr Dyball said that Ryan Hayman, Parks and Open Spaces Director was willing to take up the post and therefore nominated him and was seconded. There were no other nominations.

RESOLVED – Ryan Hayman to be the new representative for STC on the DVCRP Steering Group

11048 REPORT ON THAT’S AMORE PIZZA – APPENDICES A & B

Profit and loss report

Cllr Horwood rejected the report by the CEO and explained that the Olympic venue had increased its opening hours from the beginning of 2020 and had also held several events which contributed to the profit, therefore it was felt the pizza venture had not contributed to the profit or footfall, and therefore likely lost money.

NOTED

11049 COVID TEST CENTRE

To approve the use of the lower car park at Swanley Park or other STC site Cllr Dyball explained that she had been approached by SDC People and Places Chief Officer on behalf of Kent Public Health with the view to setting up a COVID Test Centre in Swanley and the Swanley Park lower Car Park was put forward as a potential site. The Parks Director felt that by setting up a test centre it would have an adverse effect on planned activities over the winter and could in fact encroach on the launch of the summer season in the park. He went on to say that it could possibly go elsewhere in Swanley but did not have any details on size of the proposed site and how long it would be required for.

Cllr Tuckfield had concerns that if it was located near the Town Centre it could possibly cause a spike as people that have come for testing may then be tempted to shop.

Cllr Dyball said that she would feedback to Sarah Robson at SDC that Swanley Park was not a viable location and no other STC in Swanley had been identified.

RESOLVED – COVID Test Centre at Swanley Park Car Park was rejected, no other STC site was identified as suitable, and suggested Pedham Place as an alternative site.

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 nothing to report

Report from County and District Councillors

(Councillors are reminded that no decision making may take place as a result of this item)

Cllr Horwood encouraged both councillors and residents to report any local flooding/blocked drains to KCC by using their interactive map or contact him direct. He felt that the recent clearing of gullies by KCC had helped with some of the previously areas that were constantly flooded. He went on to say that he was currently trying to resolve the flood problem in Goldsel Road.

Cllr Darrington reported that he had success with the flooding in Lullingstone Avenue which had been possibly ongoing for 20 years. He had a successful meeting with Network Rail who have agreed to clear 200 metres of undergrowth and replace existing drains.

EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

It is recommended that under Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 1 of Part 1 of Schedule 12(A) of the Act, and the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

11050 HOTS

To approve the HOTS for Sevenoaks Suns.

Cllr Horwood immediately proposed, for debate purposes, an amendment with the recent Heads of Terms he had received from Sevenoaks Suns, and was seconded.

There was a lot of debate regarding the Sevenoaks Suns which covered rental of the site; site access concerns and the negative impact on Beechenlea Lane residents; the commercial viability of the Olympic; and the potential of opening up the 'Garden Village' access.

Although most councillors were in favour of the principle of the sports facility, they felt that the HOTS proposal by Sevenoaks Suns were not acceptable in their current form.

This was a recorded vote all in favour apart from 1 abstentions.

RESOLVED – The amendment Cllr Horwood proposed for debate purposes (HOTS sent by Sevenoaks Suns) was rejected.

The HOTS document that accompanied the agenda, which was sent by Cllr Horwood to the Sevenoaks Suns, was then debated.

A vote then took place on the proposed terms sent by Cllr Horwood to the Sevenoaks Suns, with the view that this document be the Town Council's preferred HOTS position, in the hope of compromise on Sevenoaks Suns' part to alleviate the council's concerns.

This was a recorded vote all in favour apart from 2 abstentions.

RESOLVED – Cllr Horwood's HOTS sent to Sevenoaks Suns was approved.

11051 LICENCE TO OCCUPY ORTON LIFTS

Under the Local Government Act 1972 100b s4b the Chairman Cllr Dyball asked for urgent approval to extend the licence to occupy to Orton Lifts at the Olympic Site. She had received written communication from Orton Lifts expressing the urgency of a decision to allow them to occupy a larger space at the Olympic, as they were considering signing an extension to a storage lease on another premises.

They were looking to expand and would like to rent a larger room and place a container on land to the left of the Olympic building. Cllr Dyball set out the additional rental terms that Orton Lifts were prepared to offer.

RESOLVED – to approve the revised accommodation and rental terms of the Licence to Occupy to Orton lifts.

Meeting closed at 21.40

Council Members:

Mayor Cllr L Dyball

Leader Cllr M Horwood

Deputy Leader Cllr L Ball

Cllr S Andrews

Cllr C Barnes

Cllr J Barnes

Cllr G Darrington

Cllr P Darrington

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