

Swanley Town Council
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FULL COUNCIL 3rd March 2021
7:30PM – ZOOM MEETING

MINUTES

Present:

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

Officers: CEO & Town Clerk – Ryan Hayman
 Assistant Town Clerk – Toni Roast
 Parks & Open Spaces Manager – George Brooker
 Sales, Marketing and Democratic Manager – Suzie Barnbrook

In attendance: Neil Biddle – NB Tennis
 Cllr Perry Cole – Sevenoaks District Councillor

Public Session: Neil Biddle spoke to introduce NB Tennis Development Programme

11192 Apologies for Absence
 Cllr M Foster

11193 To receive Declarations of Interest
 None

**11194 To approve as correct the Minutes of the Meetings held on Wednesday 24th March 2021.
APPROVED**

11195 MAYOR OF LONDON'S PROPOSALS TO CHARGE NON-LONDON RESIDENTS FOR ENTERING LONDON BOROUGHS (INCLUDING BEXLEY AND BROMLEY)

Cllr Horwood's recommendation: That the Council agrees that the Mayor writes against the proposal in the strongest terms on behalf of the Town Council, and that the council delegates the final wording of the letter to the Mayor and the Chair of the Policy and Finance Committee.
APPROVED – THE MAYOR AND CHAIR OF POLICY AND FINANCE TO DRAFT A LETTER TO THE MAYOR OF LONDON, STATING THAT THE COUNCIL IS AGAINST THE PROPOSAL.

11196 UPDATED POLICIES & PROCEDURES HANDBOOK

To approve the recommended new handbook and the policies and procedures contained within the document.

APPROVED

11197 MEETING DATES 2021 – 2022

To agree 2021 – 2022 meeting dates.

AGREED DATES – CEO TO SEND OUT AMENDED CHANGES DISCUSSED.

11198 THE OLYMPIC LEGIONELLA REPORT

To approve one of the suggested quotations for the legionella remedy works.

APPROVED – QUOTE AGREED TO THE SUM OF £8,150. CHAIRMAN OF POLICY AND FINANCE AND CHAIRMAN OF ESTATES AND FACILITIES TO LIAISE WITH THE PARKS AND OPEN SPACES MANAGER ON SOME MINOR AMENDMENTS.

11199 SWANLEY PARK PLAYGROUND REPORT

To approve one of the suggested quotations for the play surface remedy works.

APPROVED – QUOTE AGREED TO THE SUM OF £31,836.00. CHAIRMAN OF POLICY AND FINANCE AND CHAIRMAN OF ESTATES AND FACILITIES TO LIAISE WITH THE PARKS AND OPEN SPACES MANAGER ON SOME MINOR AMENDMENTS.

11200 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).

NOTHING TO REPORT

11201 REPORT FROM COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

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

Cllr M Horwood Reported:

1. Cllr M Horwood has received additional salt bin requests from residents – Unfortunately, as the salt bins are funded by the KCC Member's Grant, any requests will need to wait until after the election, this will be put forward to the new Kent County Councillor for Swanley and Hextable. Cllr M Horwood is creating a list of everyone that has asked and will pass onto the successful candidate.
2. Cllr M Horwood suggested if you have salt bins near you check its levels as KCC will only fill up the bins when reported.

Cllr P Darrington Reported:

The Neighbourhood Plan meeting on Monday 8th March will be specifically discussing the Health Hub. Cllr Peter Fleming, Leader of Sevenoaks District Council has been invited and will be in attendance. The Neighbourhood Plan has identified several potential sites on which to build a new Health Hub. With the increasing population of Swanley this is much needed. The preferred site is Bartholomew Way Park which SDC own and have previously refused to hand over to Swanley Town Council.

Cllr S Andrews Reported:

The CIL board is meeting next Wednesday 10th March 2021, the papers were published yesterday (2nd March 2021) Cllr S Andrews was disappointed to see that Orchards Academy has only applied for £158,000 when Trinity School have applied for £1.5 million for sporting facilities.

Cllr S Andrews has spoken to Cllr Peter Fleming and he has assured her that TKAT the Governing Trust are now fully on board with the upgrade of the facilities at Orchards Academy and have committed a lot of money. Hopefully with SDC, KCC, CIL funds (if agreed next week) and TKAT should be in the region of £500,000, which will pay for the Sports Hall and also the Astro Turf at the rear of the School. In addition to that, Laura Trott MP has raised the case for Orchards Academy with the SOS education who have agreed to meet her.

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.

111202 LICENCE TO OCCUPY CIVIC CENTRE

To approve the licence to occupy agreement for the sports courts at The Civic Centre.
APPROVED

Meeting closed at 20:58

DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 7th April 2021