



**There is to be an Ordinary Meeting of the above Council
on **Wednesday 13th December** starting at **6.00pm**,
in the St Marys Community Centre**

**You are hereby summoned to attend.
The agenda is as follows:**

245/23 To note those, present and record apologies and those not present.

Members who cannot attend a meeting shall tender their apologies to the Clerk prior to the meetings, under Section 85(1) of the Local Government Act 1972, the members present must decide whether the reason(s) for the member's absence shall be accepted.

246/23 To declare any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests (DPI), Other Significant Interests (OSI's) or a Voluntary interest relating to items on the agenda.

A member who declares a DPI in relation to any item on the agenda will need to leave the meeting for the whole of that item and will not be able to speak or take part unless a relevant Dispensation has been granted. A member who declares an OSI will be able to speak on the item but will be required to leave the meeting for the vote. Councillors may also declare a voluntary Interest if they are unsure of their position. Inclusion and voting will be decided at the time or the declaration.

247/23 Public Open Session for members of the public who may make representations, give evidence, ask and answer questions regarding items on the agenda or to suggest issues for discussion at a future meeting. **This item will include reports from Neighbourhood Watch and the PC (This item will last no more than 15 minutes).**

248/23 To consider and adopt the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 8th November 2023.

249/23 Finance:

- 1) **Payments** – Council to **authorise** and **note** expenditure and payments to be made as per document circulated
- 2) **Bank Reconciliation** - Council to **note** verified or draft bank reconciliation as at 30th November
- 3) **Receipts and Payments** - Council to **note** receipts in and payments out as at 30th November
- 4) **Metro bank Current and Deposit Account** - Council to **agree**, Cllr Brian Varney as signatory, online bank verification access to account and limits for transactions for both current and deposit accounts held at Metro Bank.
- 5) **Nationwide additional saving instant access account** - Council to **agree** to open a further instant access Nationwide Account whilst waiting on the Cambridge Building society to get signatories verified and validated.
- 6) **Cambridge Building Society** - Council to **agree** again to due to open the Cambridge building society account with the same set up as the Nationwide accounts with same signatories and controls implemented.

250/23 Budget 24/25: Council to **consider** and **agree** proposal to **adopt** the budget and agree to the proposed expenditure as listed under the budget headings.

251/23 Precept 24/25: Council to **consider** and **agree** proposal to **adopt** the 24/25 Precept request, for the Clerk to submit this request to Ashford Borough Council within the required timescale.

252/23 Bybrook-Bockhanger Community Facility: Council to **receive** an oral update from the Chair of Environment and Places committee and **agree** any next step/actions.

253/23 Committee Membership: Council to **consider** current committee members and **appoint** for vacancies

- 1) Planning Committee (2 spaces)

254/23 Co-option, 1 vacancy in the Grosvenor ward following Cllr Diccon Spain's resignation: Council to

- 1) **agree** to co-opt to fill the vacancy
- 2) **agree** how to promote/advertise, further engage residents



3) **agree** deadlines and date/s for any agreed advertising and applications, date of which Council agenda to be added subject to applications being received.

255/23 Little Burton Playground: Council to **note** current position of the Little Burton Playground and **agree** to proposal for progression, delivery, expenditure of the additional play equipment and with the agreement and approval of this, to delegate this to the Clerk, Cllr Katy Pauley and Non Councillor Justin Armitage to see through to completion.

256/23 Garden of Remembrance (s106 Natural Green Space contributions): Council to

- 1) **note** current position of a s106 submission to ABC reference Natural Green Space reference
- 2) **note** and **consider** current proposals of and **agree** any additional expenditure to spend if granted
- 3) **consider** the additional projects identified as part of this exercise to delegate to the Clerk to implement using spend from the War Memorial budget line (Garden of Remembrance) and or the Projects (Vegetation clearance in Upper Vicarage) expenditure line.
- 4) **note** and **consider** current proposals of and **agree** total expenditure required to spend if request if refused by ABC from our War Memorial budget line (Garden of Remembrance) and or the Projects (Vegetation clearance in Upper Vicarage) expenditure lines.
- 5) **delegate** to Clerk preferred options to deliver as agreed above this along with any conditions required by ABC.

257/23 Allotments Improvements (s106 Allotment contributions): Council to

- 1) **note** current position of two grant submissions to ABC reference both Allotments sites at Burton and Bybrook.
- 2) **note** and **consider** current proposals of and **agree** any additional expenditure required to spend if agreed from the Projects budget line.
- 3) **note** and **consider** current proposals of and **agree** total expenditure required to spend if request if refused by ABC from our Projects budget line.
- 4) **delegate** to Clerk preferred options to deliver as agreed above .along with any conditions required by ABC.

258/23 Noticeboard at Spearpoint Pavilion: Council to **consider** and **agree** proposal, spend and delegate to Clerk to arrange for an additional Noticeboard at the Spearpoint pavilion from Projects and Noticeboard budget line

259/23 Dementia Policy: Council to **consider** and **adopt** the Dementia Friendly Policy as recommended to Council by the Finance and General Policies Committee and **consider** any necessary actions.

260/23 We are Beams Grant Request: Council to **consider** and **agree** to donate £250 to We Are Beams Family Advice and to repeat the donation at six month intervals until June 2025 (i.e. 4 donations in all) under s137 LGA 1972, and under budget line Community Grants.

261/23 Action log: Council to **review** of action log, to **discuss** developments for items to then be considered for motion for next or future meeting or to **note** and be **recorded** as complete.

262/23 Planning applications: Council to **consider** and **agree** any comments or actions, on any applications received that need a response before the next Planning committee meeting is held.

263/23 Monthly Reports: Council to **consider/note** information received relevant to the Council and **agree** to any action/s necessary.

- 1) Correspondences received and sent
- 2) Clerk update on ongoing projects
- 3) Ward Councillor Reports
- 4) KALC Ashford.
- 5) Councillors Training attended

264/23 Items for inclusion on the next agenda.

265/23 Date of next meeting. (January 10th 2024 start time 6.30pm).



266/23 To exclude the public under Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings Act) 1960 and sections 100 & 102 of the Local Government Act 1972.

267/23 Allotments Maintenance: Council to **consider** proposal from the Clerk to **agree** the new annual quotation from our current suppliers for the maintenance contract to commence on 1st January 2024.

268/23 Close of Meeting.

Signed

Deborah Prior

Clerk

If you would like to see any of the documentation produced for this meeting, please email the clerk@kenningtoncc.gov.uk