



# KENNINGTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

## KENNINGTON ANNUAL ASSEMBLY

held at St Mary's Community Centre, Rylands Road, Kennington,  
Ashford, TN24 9LL on  
Wednesday 29 May 2019 starting at 6pm.

### MINUTES

1.	<p><b>Welcome and introduction by the Chair of Kennington Community Council</b></p> <p>Cllr Morley, Chair of Kennington Community Council, welcomed everyone to the first Annual Assembly for Kennington. He explained that the Annual Assembly was a public meeting for residents of Kennington, and was an opportunity to hear about the activities of the new parish council, which is known as Kennington Community Council, and to ask questions and seek answers from Councillors. The first part of the meeting would be formal and minuted, but at the close of this section there would be an informal opportunity to meet Councillors and to meet representatives from other voluntary groups in our area. Although everyone was welcome to attend, only those who were electors and registered in Kennington could ask to speak, or vote on a matter if a vote was requested.</p>
2.	<p><b>Members Present and Apologies for Absence</b></p> <p><b>Present:</b> Cllr Brian Varney, Cllr Charles Ellis, Cllr Chris Morley, Cllr Paul Bartlett, Cllr Paul Goodwin, Linda Hedley (Locum Clerk) <b>Apologies:</b> Cllr Alan Cooper <b>A number of members of the public were also present</b></p>
3.	<p><b>Chair's report on Community Council activities 2019</b></p> <p>Cllr Morley reported that as this was the first Annual Assembly and the Council's Inaugural Meeting had only taken place on 9 May, there was little to report of progress to date. However, he wanted to put on record the work of Kennington Community Forum in their campaign to have a parish council and to have a stronger voice for Kennington. He thanked the members of the Shadow Community Council who had worked with Ashford Borough Council Officers in the months leading up to the vesting of the Council on 1 April, and Linda Hedley from the Society of Local Council Clerks who had provided much needed guidance and had kindly agreed to continue as Locum Clerk until a permanent Clerk could be recruited.</p>



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	<p>Six members had stood in the election on 2 May and been duly elected. This was sufficient for the new Council to be quorate, as more than one third of the sixteen seats had been filled. However, Council would need recruit more members by co-opting, and this would need to be complete within 35 days of the election. Residents were encouraged to put their names forward for the vacancies, and Linda Hedley would be pleased to advise.</p> <p>The Council was funded through a Precept. This had been set at £25 per Band D household for the current year, giving an income of about £97,000 for 2019/20. Members were currently working on how best to allocate this sum, but ideas from residents for priority projects in our area would be welcomed.</p>	
<b>4.</b>	<b>Questions from residents</b>  No questions were raised by residents at this point	
<b>5.</b>	<b>Close of meeting</b>  The formal part of the meeting was closed.  An informal opportunity followed for residents to meet Councillors and to meet representatives from other voluntary groups in our area.	
<b>6.</b>	<b>Signed</b>	<b>Date</b>