

# KENNINGTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL – MINUTES

November 13, 2019

**Minutes of the above Council held on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November,  
in the St Mary's Community Centre, starting at 7.00pm.**

## **097/19 To note those present and record any apologies**

Those Present Cllrs: P Goodwin – Chairman, A Cooper, J Martin, A Dean, M Silvester, C Ellis, P Bartlett, C Morley, I Hewett, J Seaton, N Illife, B Varney, J Armitage, and C Mendes. Also present was around 12 members of the public, Cllr Spain – Ward Cllr and the locum Clerk,

Apologies were received from D Jones and accepted.

## **098/19 To declare any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests (DPI), Other Significant Interests (OSI's) or a Voluntary interest relating to items on the agenda.**

There was none declared

## **099/19 To agree and sign the Minutes of the October Council Meeting.**

Having been previously circulated the Minutes were agreed and signed as a true copy, after it was noted agenda number 095/19 para 4 should read that Cllr Varney attended a funding presentation, not an area committee meeting.

*Going forward the minutes are written in the order the debate took place, this may not be in the order of the agenda.*

## **101/19 Task & Finish Group – Bockhanger Regeneration**

To **receive** an update and **agree** any actions

A lengthy debate took place with comments as follows

- The Terms or Reference appears to have moved away from the regeneration of the community centre to a wider area of Bockhanger – It was agreed this would be looked at, Members of the CC felt that residents in the whole of the parish should have the opportunity to give their opinions.
- The questionnaire will be finalised next Tuesday.
- Ashford Borough Council (ABC) are reluctant to let the Community Council (CC) ask residents about the C. Centre.

*The Chairman then opened the meeting to allow members of the public to speak.*

## **100/19 Open Session for members of the public.**

- residents felt that ABC had stated in a meeting that there were no development plans for the area, and they felt this to be untrue.
- This regeneration should not be about politics but should be working as a team.
- There is a lot that can be learned from what other groups have achieved.
- Cllr Bartlett and Dean have met with the Leader of ABC, they reported back that no budget has been allocated for this.
- A previous survey was over-whelming, residents wanted a centre, and this must be the last survey.

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*The meeting was closed for further public involvement*

The following motion was put:

1. The CC delegate the Task and finish Group to follow up with the Leader of ABC

The motion was **unanimously supported**.

b) to **consider** comments on S2 development, Land between 2070 and the railway

A debate took place, where it was noted that the application has not had a date set for being considered at the Borough Council.

c) To **adopt** the report/comments on Application 18/01140/AS; Appeal P/E2205/W/19/3238640 and agree any action

A report had been circulated prior to the meeting and was **adopted**.

The report will be sent to the Clerk for sending to the Planning Inspectorate.

## **108/19 Environment & Opens spaces**

The report from the Chairman was previously circulated

The Wastewater treatment works. It has been noted that the one of the planning conditions set has not been complied with and now the management company are looking to have the reserved matters signed off the Kent County Council (KCC)

A debate took place with regards to Issues raised and these were

- The strong odour at times that makes it impossible for residents to have their windows open or even sit outside in the summer.
- It was suggested that perhaps the air pollution monitors were in the wrong place, or in fact there should be one in Canterbury Road
- The Odour management plan has never been put in place and acted upon.

After allowing members of the public to raise their concerns it was **agreed** that the CC would **object** to the proposed application of mitigations as it does not go far enough to resolve the on-going problems.

## **109/19 Project Assessment Panel**

To Note an update from the committee

It was reported that the PAP had had their first meeting.

The application form and conditions for applying had been agreed and circulated. These were **adopted** and it was **agreed** further they should be placed on the website.

## **102/19 Planning committee**

a) To **note** the draft Minutes of the committee meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> September.

As some of the Councillors stated they had not seen the draft Minutes it was agreed they would be deferred to the next meeting.

## **103/19 Personnel and Development Committee**

a) To receive an update from the chairman

The Chairman gave a verbal update.

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b) to **consider** and **agree** the two motions as listed on the report previously circulated.

Proposed to appoint the preferred candidate Deborah Prior. This motion was **adopted**.

Proposed to extend the contract of the locum clerk to the end of January, this motion was **approved**.

## **104/19 Communications Committee (Comms)**

a) To **adopt** the notes of the working group held on 21<sup>st</sup> October

These were **noted** and **adopted**

b) To agree any proposals put forward by the Committee after its meeting held prior to the full Council meeting

A detailed debate took place on the type of website and other media communications required after which it was **agreed** that

- The website would be a.gov.uk
- Emails for each councillor would be set up and these would be for council information and communications only.
- Upgrade the laptop 365 and get 2 licenses

## **105/19 To adopt the Policy for co-option of councillors, previously circulated**

Having been previously circulated the policy was **unanimously adopted**.

## **106/19 To note any applications for the casual vacancy, agree actions and vote to fill vacancy if required.**

The Clerk reported that she had received one application from Mrs Carole White, after a brief discussion she was **unanimously co-opted** and will sign the declaration of acceptance form at a later date.

## **107/19 Finance**

a) To adopt reports from the Chairman and agree any actions

b) to note the draft minutes of the Finance Meeting held on the 13<sup>th</sup> October

A detailed debate took place on several the budget lines.

- It was **noted** this budget would be more detailed by the next meeting.
- It was **agreed** to approve the precept in principle, but that further consideration could be given to the budget lines

b) To **agree** payments and **sign** cheques

The list was handed out during the meeting, the following invoices were agreed for payment

<b>Name</b>	<b>Reason</b>	<b>Amount Gross</b>
Staff costs	Pay September, October & HMRC	£2,176.78
Paul Goodwin, reimbursement	Hire of room for interviews 7 <sup>th</sup> & 13 <sup>th</sup>	£77.25
	Training 13 <sup>st</sup> September	£60.00 = <b>£137.25</b>
Ashford Church Team PCC	Invoice 19192, 28 <sup>th</sup> October	£22.00
	Invoice 19128 6 <sup>th</sup> November, both halls	£100.00= <b>£122.00</b>
Ashford Leisure Trust	Hire of room	£26.80

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Linda Hedley	Refreshments	£8.00
NALC	Invoice 10318 Local Councils Explained	£19.99.
C Morley	Reimbursement Poppy Wreath	£20.00

c) To adopt the updated (2019) Finance Regulations, previously circulated  
These were **noted** and **adopted**.

d) To note current status of bank mandate

This item is still ongoing

## **110/19 Correspondence**

To note emails from

Kent Highways – Closure of The Street & Tritton Fields

The above was **noted**.

## **111/19 Ward Councillor Reports**

Reports from Ward Councillors P Bartlett and D Spain were circulated prior to the meeting and were taken as read.

## **112/19 Matters of General Interest**

- Noted that an application for 5 dwellings in Kinney's Lane should be on the planning agenda
- That as the 75<sup>th</sup> VE day is next year the CC should look at engaging with residents. this will be placed on the agenda.

## **113/19 Date of next Meeting and close**

The next council meeting will be on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December, there being no further business the meeting closed at 9.50pm