

KENNINGTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

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An Ordinary Meeting of the above Council, was held on Wednesday, 09 March 2022 at 7.00pm being held at the St Mary's Community Centre

- 39/22** To note those present, to receive and consider for approval, apologies for absence and reasons given.
Present: Cllr Alan Cooper (Chair), Cllr Paul Bartlett, Cllr John Seaton, Cllr Chris Morley, Cllr Charles Ellis, Cllr Sue Huntley, Cllr Shafi Khan
Also Present: The Clerk and 2 members of the public
Apologies: Cllr Carole White (Work), Cllr Jane Martin (Health and Family), Cllr Justin Armitage (Work), Cllr Nathan Iliffe (Council Work), Cllr Brian Varney (Health and Family) and Cllr Ellie Crook (Health).
Resolved: Apologies accepted and agreed by all as detailed above.
- 40/22** To declare any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests (DPIs), Other Significant Interests (OSIs) or Voluntary Interests (VIs) relating to items on the agenda.
None were declared.
- 41/22** To consider and adopt the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 09 February 2022
Resolved: The minutes of the meeting held on 9th February 2022, were agreed and adopted as a true record by unanimous vote.
Action: Clerk to publish signed minutes on website.
- 42/22** 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 last no more than 15 minutes)
Resolved: Agreed would take later before items residents which to discuss being Bybrook Bockhanger Community Facility and the 20 is plenty in and around Bybrook Road.
- 43/22** Finance:
1) Council to authorise and note expenditure and payments to be made as per document (circulated).
Resolved: Agreed Payments noted already made under delegated authority or agreed previously. Additional payments agreed unanimously.
Action: Clerk to make payments as soon as possible. Further reminder to Fareshare to ask for information on their current demand current demand from Kennington residents.

Name	Reason	Gross
Staff Cost and Expenses	February)	£2762 90
Giff Gaff	Mobile phones	£12 00
Metro	Bank Fees	£40 00
Microsoft	MS365 licences	£87 00
Sainsburys for Foodbank	Food Donations	£45 00
ManoMano	Storage unit for Food Donation	£49 98
Fareshare	Food Donations	£100 00
Epson	Printing	£9 99
Equals	Purchasing card top up to max of £500.00	£500 00circa
BT	Monthly internet	£26 40
Ashtord churches	Hall Hire 12.01.22 (Council)	£32 00
United Church	Hall Hire 22.03.22 (Planning)	£24 00
United Church	Hall Hire 26.03.22 (PandD)	£24 00
KALC	Planning x3 (March (17.03.21)	£180 00
Royal Mail	PO Box	£360 00

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- 2) **Council to agree signatory - Council to authorise one councillor to act as a signatory and verifier for payments online from the Council's Metro Bank accounts**

Resolved: Agreed unanimously this item is no longer required as now Cllr Seaton is able to complete the process with our bank facility provider.

Action: Cllr Seaton to visit bank provider to resolve.

- 3) **Council to consider increasing the Purchasing card transfer/s to £750.00 from £500.00 from 01st April.**

Resolved: Agreed unanimously after a discussion re the regular monthly demands on the payment card, this would be beneficial to implement as from 1st April.

Action: Clerk and signatories to note increase for future transfer maximums.

44/22

Projects and Grants Scheme:

Council to consider the following applications

- 1) **to consider an application from Kennington WI**

Resolved: Agreed unanimously following a discussion and a review of the summary paper circulated with the Project Assessment Panel Working Group recommendation and analysis.

Action: Clerk to write letter and set up payment.

- 2) **to consider an application from Hang 10**

Resolved: Agreed unanimously following a discussion and a review of the summary paper circulated with the Project Assessment Panel Working Group recommendation and analysis.

Action: Clerk to write letter and set up payment.

- 3) **to consider an application from the Bybrook Nature Reserve**

Resolved: Agreed unanimously with the condition of other grants being confirmed following a discussion as per the summary paper circulated with the Project Assessment Panel Working Group recommendation and analysis.

Action: Clerk to write letter to advise on decision reached at Council.

- 4) **to consider and approve updated documents relating to the scheme and its administration, in particular the separation of the scheme from the terms of reference of the Panel administering it**

Resolved: Agreed unanimously with proposed and seconded by all amendment in paragraph 1, insert the following wording, which is consistent with the wording of LGA 1972 s.137, and ties the scheme to the area of benefit.

The Council will consider proposals which in their opinion are in the interests of, and will bring direct benefit to, the Community Council's area or any part of it or all or some of its inhabitants.

The Scheme will be managed by the Projects Assessment Panel (the Panel), a sub-committee of the Finance and General Purposes Committee.

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- 45/22 S106 Project Proposals:**
Council to consider and agree proposal list for consideration by Ashford Borough Council re developments
1. S20
2. S19
Resolved: Agreed and second by all unanimously with the amendment of the addition of Street Lighting improving safety off highway.
Agreed: Cllr Morley with Clerk to make amendment of this working document for next Planning committee to review and agree.
Action: Clerk to advise ABC re S19 and S20, s106 requests.
- 46/22 Petition for Remote & Hybrid Meetings proposed by the Association of Democratic Services:**
Council to consider passing the following motion and agree writing to the Secretary of State showing our support: "This Council supports the petition launched by ADSO and LLG on 5 January with regard to remote and hybrid meetings. We agree to write to the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities calling on the Government to change the law to allow councils the flexibility to hold such meetings when they deem appropriate within agreed rules and procedures."
Resolved: Agreed unanimously to support the motion and agree writing to the Secretary of State showing Kennington Community Council support to remote and hybrid meeting.
Action: Clerk to write to Secretary of State as per decision to support.
- 47/22 Great Ashford Land Mapping Commission:**
Council to note the draft answers (circulated by Cllr Ellis) and resolve to delegate authority to the Planning committee to respond to the consultation after the planning meeting this month.
Resolved: Agreed unanimously to delegate to Planning Committee to finalise on 22nd March.
Action: Councillors encouraged to comment and or attending Planning Committee if they would like comments considered for addition.
Action: Clerk to ensure on Planning agenda 22nd March 2022
Action: Cllr Ellis to circulate final copy to members of committee for further consideration at that meeting.
- 48/22 Bybrook-Bockhanger Community Facility Committee:**
1) Council to note update from Committee and agree any actions as appropriate
Noted: Update noted by all present. Cllr John Seaton now Chair and Cllr Ellie Crook Vice Chair.
Action: Cllr Seaton to continue discussions with developer re architecture plans and rough costings for the build development option.
2) Ashford Borough Council (ABC) and Kennington Community Council Bybrook Bockhanger joint task force held on 25th January – Council to note actions arising from this meeting
Noted: Update noted by all present. Next meeting planned for April.
- 49/22 Annual Meeting of Council: Council to note requirements for the Annual Meeting of Council and agree any necessary arrangements**
Noted: By all present
Action: Councillors to look at list and advise Clerk by 4th April of anything that needs amending so as can be looked at and added to April meeting or known of need to defer to May meeting.
Action: Clerk to add Councillor requests at April meeting as appropriate.

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- 50/22 Highway Improvement 20 is plenty:**
Council to note an oral update and agree any actions as appropriate
Resolved: Agreed Highway plan as outlined with the need to commit to support the 20 is plenty through Bybrook and the scheme to resolve identified by Kent County Council to be implemented up to the cost of £5000 by Kennington Community Council.
Action: 20mph scheme to be diarised to be reviewed by Kent County Council after implementation and reinforcement has been initiated.
- 51/22 Skills Audit:**
Council to note progress on the Skills Audit and invites responses
Action: Councillors to complete and return by 16th March and send to Cllr Ellis and the Clerk for consideration at the Personnel and Development Committee 28th March.
- 52/22 Monthly Reports: To consider/note information received relevant to the Council and agree any action necessary.**
- 1) **Correspondence received.**
Action: Faversham Road Layby update, Cllr Cooper to visit affected shops and advise them of response received
 - 2) **Ward Councillor Reports**
Noted: Taken as circulated as read
 - 3) **Neighbourhood Watch**
Noted: Taken as circulated as read
 - 4) **PCSO**
Noted: As circulated in weekly emails of correspondence from Clerk new method of communication circulation, which can also individually be subscribed to via - <https://www.mycommunityvoicekent.co.uk/>
 - 5) **KALC Ashford**
Noted: Taken as circulated and as read via Clerk weekly emails of correspondence received.
- 53/22 Action log:**
Council to review action log, to discuss developments for items to then be considered for motion for the next or future meeting or to note and be recorded as complete.
- Resolved: Agreed** unanimously to delete Action 58/21, "Public information campaign around managing personal debt and featuring in particular information on the credit union movement and credit unions operating locally. At no cost to the Council. Need to identify if there are other local credit unions we should involve. Clerk to write to the Association of British Credit Unions with this in mind reason being the Association of British Credit Unions failed to reply.
- Resolved: Agreed** unanimously to delete Action 003/21, "Membership of a Masonic Lodge - Cllr Martin agreed to send the details of the BBC/Dorset Council and Local Government Ombudsman's findings that were raised, all concerns as well to the Clerk in writing to the Clerk for forwarding to the Monitoring office for investigation and comment reason being after a year, it no information has been received, Councillors should they wish to do so can raise it in the future motion and paper to Council, this can be then be discussed again at this point and on advice from the Monitoring Officer.
- Resolved: Agreed** unanimously to delete a parallel action as per 003/21 attributed to a previous Councillor to be deleted also.
- Resolved: Agreed** all Councillors to review and send in comments by 4th April to the Clerk.
- Action:** All Councillors to review and send in comments by 4th April to the Clerk.
- Action:** Clerk to delete actions are resolved above and update action log as per details received from Councillors and recirculate for next Council with March minutes.

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- 54/22** **Items for inclusion on the forthcoming agenda/s.** *Items currently include Vexatious Policy, Litter Bins Update, Grasmere Road Town Green, Beecholme Drive Town Green, Code of Conduct, Maximising IT Working/Task and Finish Group, Scheme of Delegation, Policy revision Planner.*
- Discussed:** Jubilee Celebration: Councillors to send in suggestions and supporting documentation to Clerk re suggestions for further celebration ideas for Council to consider.
Action: Councillors to send to Clerk ideas re Jubilee for agenda items for discussion and consideration in April.
- 55/22** **Date of next meeting. The next meeting to be on 13th April.** Motions for agenda items by 4th April, final documents by 7th for circulation.
- Action:** Councillors to send to Clerk motions for agenda items by 4th April, final documents by 7th for circulation.
- 56/22** **To exclude the public under Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings Act) 1960 and sections 100 & 102 of the Local Government Act 1972. This item and the following two will take place by 8.30pm if not already reached before this time.**
- Resolved:** Agreed unanimously to exclude public.
- 57/22** **Allotments Signage:**
Council to consider and agree provider and cost for the new signage at Allotment sites following transfer
- Resolved:** Agreed to continue with previous supplier agreed at revised cost and new boards to be ordered.
Action: Clerk to arrange for new boards to be ordered.
- 58/22** **Town Green Application To Register Land At Kennington As A New Village Green (VGA684):**
- 1) to receive an oral update on progress of the application
 - 2) to consider the draft response to the owner's second statement and to agree any amendments
 - 3) to authorise the Clerk in consultation with the Chair of the EOS Committee to make a further and final submission to Kent CC in response to the landowner's second statement
- Resolved:** Agreed unanimously subject to any further comments made by Councillors before cob on Thursday 17th, the current response will be sent as circulated.
Action: Clerk and Cllr Morley to incorporate changes as received, with Clerk to send response from the Council.
- 59/22** **Close of meeting. The meeting closed at 20:50.**

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