

# KENNINGTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

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**An Ordinary Meeting of the above Council,  
was held on Wednesday, 13 July 2022 starting at 7.00pm,  
at the St Mary's Community Centre**

- 148/22**      **To note those present, to receive and consider for approval, apologies for absence and reasons given.**  
**Present:** Cllr Alan Cooper (Chair), Cllr Chris Morley, Cllr Jane Martin, Cllr John Seaton, Cllr Paul Bartlett  
**Apologies:** Cllr Carole White, Cllr Ellie Crook, Cllr Shafi Khan, Cllr Justin Armitage and Cllr Charles Ellis. **Apologies** also received from: Cllr Diccon Spain and Adam Brookes PCSO  
**Also Present:** Cllr Howard Turner (Bybrook), Peter New (Neighbourhood Watch) and The Clerk  
  
**Resolved:** Agreed by all those present to accept the apologies for all those that were sent and received prior to the meeting to the Clerk as detailed above.
- 149/22**      **To declare any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests (DPIs), Other Significant Interests (OSIs) or Voluntary Interests (VIs) relating to items on the agenda.**  
None were declared.
- 150/22**      **To consider and adopt the Minutes of the Meeting held on 22 June 2022**  
**Resolved: Agreed** by all present, the minutes of the meeting held on 22nd June 2022, were agreed, and adopted as a true record by unanimous vote. The minutes were signed by the Chair of Council, Cllr Alan Cooper  
**Action:** Clerk to publish signed minutes on the website.
- 151/22**      **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.**  
  
Peter New of Neighbourhood Watch spoke on his circulated report here and noted by all present.
- 152/22**      **Finance:**

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1) Council to authorise and note expenditure and payments to be made as per document circulated

Name	Reason	Net	Gross
Staff	Salaries/Expenses in (June)	n/a	£2017.23
Giff Gaff	Mobile phone – Clerk	£5.00	£6.00
Giff Gaff	Mobile phone – Allotments Officer/ Assistant Clerk	£5.00	£6.00
Metro	Bank Fees	n/a	£30.00
Microsoft	MS365 licences	£86.30	£103.56
Epson	Printing	£42.66	£51.19
BT	Monthly internet	£22.00	£26.40
ABC	Printing - Bockhanger Summer Event Leaflet (Printing)	£146.88	£146.88
Wellers Hedley	Allotments – Indemnity Insurance	£135.00	£135.00
Wellers Hedley	Allotments – tfr final payment	£320.80	£320.80
Fareshare*	Food Donations	n/a	£200.00
Mans Sheds	Bockhanger Summer Events	£60.00	£60.00
Applause	Bockhanger Summer Events	£1950.00	£1950.00
Right Step Dance	Bockhanger Summer Events	£200.00	£200.00
Kent Wildlife	Bockhanger Summer Events	£100.00	£100.00

**Resolved: Agreed** by all present payments noted and verified already agreed and paid under delegated authority or those previously agreed. Additional payments were also agreed and sanctioned for the Clerk to make payment.

**Action:** Clerk to make payments as appropriate as soon as possible.

153/22

**Kennington Street Lights transfer from Ashford Borough Council: Council to consider adoption of 6 streetlights and note projected expenditure for this per year**

**Resolved: Agreed** the Clerk on behalf of Kennington Community Council to send an email to ABC to say Kennington Community Council are concerned re the double taxation and with the Safer Streets project, the responsibility is even being considered for transfer to individual Parishes and Community Councils. Kennington Community Council would like this to be fully re-evaluated and reviewed and would like ABC to make an assurance that the streetlights remain all regularly maintained and in full working order whilst these further discussions take place and outcome is then reported to Parishes and Community Councils once these have all taken place.

**Action:** Clerk to send email as soon as possible and update Council once response received.

154/22

**Bybrook-Bockhanger Community Facility Committee: Council to receive an oral update from Committee/Working Group /Task and Finish Group and agree any actions as appropriate, in particular to endorse version 2.5 of the Draft Business Plan for circulation to ABC and any other interested parties that the Clerk judges appropriate**

**Resolved: Agreed** to delegate authority to Cllr Alan Cooper to write to ABC and KCC contacts and arrange an online Teams meeting or similar to gain some more information and gain further understanding on the Government's (DCMS) Youth Investment grant to report back to Council and the Bybrook Community Facility committee.

**Action:** Cllr Alan Cooper to write to KCC and ABC contacts re the Government's (DCMS) Youth Investment and report back at next suitable meeting.

**Resolved: Agreed** to delegate authority on the Business Plan to Cllr Alan Cooper to include amendments, additions recommended and received from KALC review.

**Action:** Cllr Cooper to consider KALC recommendations, update current business plan and recirculate to Councillors and Clerk.

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## **Bockhanger Square Summer events:**

### **1) to note an update on Bybrook Bockhanger Summer Events and current line-up of activities**

**Resolved: Agreed** Cllr Cooper would manage the leaflet distribution and the volunteer list for leaflet distribution and hand on the number of leaflets required for each street drop.

**Action:** Clerk to arrange for a street and number of homes per street to be sent to Cllr Cooper as soon as possible.

**Action:** All Councillors that can distribute leaflets to advise Cllr Cooper the streets they can deliver to and when they can distribute ideally all before 3rd August (one week before the Big Tidy 10th August).

**Action:** Cllr Cooper to deliver leaflets to schools and Sure Steps to promote before schools and offices close for Summer.

**Action:** Clerk or Cllr Cooper to deliver all leaflets over to the parade of shops on Bockhanger Square week commencing 1st August.

**Action:** Clerk to work with Cllr Morley to arrange for posters to go up for the week ending 5th August no later. (Noticeboard, Shops, St Marys and other sites to be considered).

**Action:** Clerk to work with Cllr Morley to arrange for Facebook and Website to be fed regular reminder updates of what's coming up to continue throughout August.

### **2) to request members to volunteer to assist with events on each of the days**

**Resolved: Agreed** all Councillors should look to schedule circulated and hard copies given to all in attendance to come along to as many activities as possible and to liaise with Clerk and advise which they will be attending.

**Action:** Councillors to liaise with the Clerk re availability and events they can attend.

156/22

## **Knife Bin: to consider a revised proposal from Kent Police to provide a knife bin to be located and moved to agreed multiple locations**

**Resolved: Agreed** by all Councillors that the knife bin offer to be accepted with Clerk to liaise and manage installation.

**Action:** Clerk to liaise with the police and accept proposal and work with them, until installation is completed.

157/22

## **Pop Up Café: to note the Pop-Up Café at the Spearpoint Pavilion (Friday 26th August, Friday 23rd September and Friday 21st October 10.30 to 12.30) and for Councillors to note in order to attend**

**Noted:** By all present and request received by all that attendance would be appreciated on one of these three dates

**Action:** Councillors to advise the Clerk which of the three days they will attend.

158/22

## **Kennington Fayre: Council to receive and note a brief summary**

**Noted:** By all present the success of the stall and a recommendation for a pitch to be again purchased next year.

**Action:** Delegated to the Clerk and Cllr Morley to look at the tree plaques again and arrange for these to be installed as soon as possible.

**Action:** Clerk to be sent photos of the day taken for holding in our photo library by Cllr Crook.

*Cllr Martin after taking an urgent call needed to leave the meeting at 8pm.*

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## **Monthly Reports: To consider/note information received relevant to the Council and agree any action necessary.**

### **1) Correspondence received.**

**Noted:** Oral report given by Clerk and noted by all

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**Noted:** Rylands Park first phase gym area to be opened 23rd July.

**Noted:** Speed humps and road reconditioning on the Street/Ulley Road underway

**Action:** Clerk to confirm if speed humps are being reinstalled as road has been completed but no humps at present and advise Councillors as soon as known

**Resolved: Agreed** that August meeting with Chief Inspector Nick Sparkes, Councillor Cooper to collate questions that can be sent ahead of time and sent to Clerk to send on pre meeting.

**Action:** Cllr Cooper to send an updated email to all Councillors to that already circulated for thoughts and questions and Councillors to reply with additional comments/questions to send to Clerk to send on to Chief Inspector Sparkes pre-10th August.

## 2) Ward Councillor Reports

**Noted:** By all present as circulated.

**Noted:** Pensioners in the Council A-D band that received payment under the warm houses tax scheme may be eligible for an additional payment from ABC and should contact ABC to see if eligible

<https://www.ashford.gov.uk/housing/housing-help/financial-and-practical-advice/keeping-warm/>

## 3) Neighbourhood Watch

**Noted:** By all present and taken under Public Open Session

## 4) PCSO

**Noted:** PCSO report can be seen and subscribed to receive via

<https://www.mycommunityvoicekent.co.uk/>

## 5) KALC Ashford

**Noted:** Street Lighting covered earlier in agenda.

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

**Resolved: Agreed** all Councillors to review and send in updates, comments, and reasons to close before 5th August.

**Action:** Councillors to review action log and advise Clerk of updates.

161/22

**Items for inclusion on the forthcoming agenda/s.**

- 1) Discussed and agreed that the next Council meeting should include Town Green meeting expected to be on 21<sup>st</sup> September for Community Council representatives to be agreed.
- 2) Traffic Lights at Trinity / Eastwell as causing continuous delays to be added to Council or next Environment and Open Spaces Committee meeting

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**Date of next meeting.**

The next meeting is 7pm, on 10th August 2022 in St Mary's Community Centre.

163/22

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

This item was not required.

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**Close of meeting.** The meeting closed at 20:20.

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