

# KENNINGTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

## COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

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An Ordinary Meeting of the above Council was held on  
Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March at 6.30pm, in the St Marys Community Centre

### 42/24 To note those, present and record apologies and those not present.

**Present:** Cllr Alan Cooper (Chair), Cllr Paul Bartlett, Cllr Chacko Jacob, Cllr Ellie Crook, Cllr Greg Faulkner, Cllr Brian Varney and Cllr Chris Morley **Also Present:** The Clerk and Peter New, Neighbourhood Watch.

**Apologies:** Personal – Cllr Trish Cornish, Cllr John Seaton, Cllr Katy Pauley, Cllr Jac Wood and Work Cllr Charles Ellis and Cllr Matt Bridger. **Not Present:** Cllr Nathan Iliffe, Cllr Shafi Khan

### 43/24 To declare any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests (DPI), Other Significant Interests (OSI's) or a Voluntary interest relating to items on the agenda.

None declared.

### 44/24 To consider and adopt the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> February 2024.

**Resolved: Agreed** the minutes of the ordinary meeting held on 14th February 2024 were accepted as a true record.

**Action: Agreed** Clerk to publish signed minutes on the website.

### 45/24 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.

**Noted:** Reports from Peter New, Neighbourhood Watch and the key messages are that all non-emergency crimes and anti-social behaviour needs to be reported either online, through the Ashford Borough Council CSU unit, Crimestoppers.

### 46/24 Finance:

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

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

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

Name	Reason	Net	Gross
Staff	Salaries	£n/a	£1,622.75
Giff Gaff	Mobile phones	£10.00	£12.00
Metro	Bank Fees	£n/a	£30.00
Microsoft	MS365 licences	£99.00	£118.80
Epson	Printing	£13.74	£16.49
Itseeze	Website	£45.00	£54.00
BT	Monthly internet	£27.50	£33.00
Lok N Store	Storage unit	£146.67	£170.00
Ashford Churches	Hall Hire for Council - 13 <sup>th</sup> March	£n/a	£44.00
United Reformed Church	Hall Hire for Planning - 28 <sup>th</sup> March	£n/a	£30.00
United Reformed Church	Hall Hire for Environment and Places - 8 <sup>th</sup> April	£n/a	£30.00
Wealden Leisure	Hall Hire for March Kennington Coffee and Chat	£n/a	£50.00
Email blaster	Email fees	£n/a	£15.59
Magee Gammon	HR Services	£208.50	£250.20
Kennington Summer Fayre	Toilet Hire Grant	n/a	£528.00
Pilgrim Hospice	Bouncy Castle Grant	n/a	£345.00
Longacres	Asbestos removal on Little Burton allotment site	n/a	£7.99
Greenbarnes	Display Boards and carry bags	£274.20	£329.04
Uprising	Pump House/Garden Remembrance clearance/tidy	n/a	£872.00
Uprising	Burton Farm Allotments – Phase 1	n/a	£2733.00
Uprising	Bybrook Allotments – Phase 1	n/a	£1930.00
Uprising	Garden of Remembrance	n/a	£890.00
Greenbarnes	Noticeboard for Spearpoint pavilion	£1355.41	£1614.69
Royal Mail	Po Box	£330.00	£396.00
Indeed	Recruitment	n/a	£35.00
ABC	Little Burton Playground	n/a	£21,000
Purple Guide	Purple Guide	n/a	£30.00
Amazon	Asbestos removal (tape and heavy duty plastic)	£17.26	£20.71
Thompson and Morgan	Potato starter kits	n/a	£31.98

#### 2) Bank Reconciliation - Council to note verified or draft bank reconciliation as at 29<sup>th</sup> February

**Noted:** draft reconciliations only due to statements for accounts still awaited.

#### 3) Receipts and Payments - Council to note receipts in and payments out as at 29<sup>th</sup> February

**Noted:** draft records as account statements for all account not as yet received.



**47/24 Casual Vacancy: Council to note all applications for the casual vacancy in the Grosvenor ward, agree any actions and vote to co-opt to fill.**

**Agreed:** After a full discussion to co-opt Mustafiz Khandaker (known as Payal) to be appointed to the position of Councillor for the Grosvenor Hall Ward.

**48/24 Committee Membership: Council to consider Planning committee current committee members and appoint for vacancies (2 spaces).**

**Noted:** No further interest.

**Action: Agreed** Clerk to add to future agendas to allow for committee vacancies to be filled.

**49/24 S106 Developer Contributions: Council to consider making representations to the local Planning Authority requesting greater involvement in decisions regarding s106 development contributions.**

**Resolved: Agreed** to make representations to Ashford Borough Council to request greater involvement in drafting of proposals for s106 Developer Contributions of benefit to Kennington and under the headings of Allotments, Cemeteries, Arts and the Voluntary Sector.

**50/24 Planning applications: Council to consider and agree to any comments or actions, on any applications received that need a response before the next Planning committee meeting is held.**

**Noted:** No planning application were needed consideration before next Planning meeting

**51/24 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**

**Noted:** by all present.

**52/24 Monthly Reports: Council to consider/note information received relevant to the Council and agree to any action/s then necessary.**

- 1) **Correspondences received and sent. Noted:** by all present
- 2) **Clerk update on ongoing projects. Noted:** by all present
- 3) **Ward Councillor Reports. Noted:** by all present as circulated.
- 4) **KALC Ashford**

**Orchard Trees:** Council considered the presentation from ABC to KALC Ashford and discussed the most suitable locations in Kennington would be 1) Rectory Way Play park Green spaces, 2) Rylands Road Park after MUGA installed 3) Bybrook Flats

**Action: Agreed** Clerk to contact ABC re suggested site

- 5) **Councillors Training / Training attended**

**Noted:** by all present

**Action: Agreed** Clerk to circulate next training sessions as advised of them.

**53/24 Items for inclusion on the next agenda.**

**Resolved: Agreed** the Bybrook Bockhanger Community Facility to be on next agenda

**Resolved: Agreed** Redrow would be due to do an update at April meeting.

**Action: Agreed** Clerk to add the Bybrook Bockhanger Community Facility to the next agenda

**Action: Agreed** Clerk to invite Redrow to the April meeting.

**54/24 Date of next meeting.**

**Resolved: Agreed** The upcoming meetings of the Full Council are Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> April at 6.30pm, May meeting 8<sup>th</sup> at 6.30pm and the Annual Assembly 22<sup>nd</sup> with the earlier start time of 6pm. Apologies were received from Cllr Alan Cooper reference 10<sup>th</sup> April meeting.

**55/24 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.

**56/24 Close of Meeting.** The meeting closed at 20:17.