

Snodland Town Council – Full Council Minutes

6 February 2024

Councillors in attendance:	Cllrs Ms D King (C), Mrs S Bell (VC), Mrs J Ayers, Mrs V Barker, A Bennison, Mrs D Crook, P Hickmott, S Loader, D Lettington, W Mallard, G Miners
Other Council Members in Attendance:	Mrs K Sowten (CEO)
Others in Attendance	County Cllr Mrs S Hohler, CCLA Representative
Councillors Absent with apologies:	Cllrs Mrs K Mordecai-Woolf (DVC), Miss V Lawrence and D Morgan
Councillors Absent without apologies:	Mrs N Misy
Other Apologies:	

1.	<u>Apologies for absence</u> See above.
2.	<u>Declaration of interests</u>
3.	<u>Report from the Neighbourhood Police Team</u> The Council members had received an E-Watch report prior to the meeting.
4.	<u>County Councillor's Report</u> County Councillor Sarah Hohler reported on the following – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • KCC are continuing to work on the budget. • There is a meeting on 7 February to decide how to manage the Community Warden Services. • Funding difficulties relating to bus services with possible service cuts. • Recovery of Kent Tourism. • University of Kent staff students and volunteers have collected surplus fruit and vegetables from farms for distribution via Fareshare to Foodbanks and community initiatives. • Business investment team have been processing grant applications for small and medium sized businesses to grow and innovate. • The integration of health and social care, Home First scheme is now in action. • Childrens Services in Kent have been awarded outstanding rating. • Port of Dover and surrounding area could be hit by major disruption later this year when the EU Entry-Exit system launches. • Dog owners in Kent have been urged to control pets in the countryside following a rise in sheep attacks. • Trading standards are working hard to stop the huge import of illegal vapes. <p>Copy of detailed report on file.</p>

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5.	<p><u>To receive a presentation from a representative of the CCLA relating to investment funding.</u></p> <p>A representative from CCLA presented details of CCLA investment opportunities for the Capital and Earmarked reserves that the council hold. A detailed fund fact sheet is available of file.</p> <p>Following the presentation a number of questions were asked and answered.</p> <p>1166 RESOLVED to create a Investment Policy in the first instance before any decision on investments of Earmarked and Capital reserves are made.</p>	
6.	<p><u>Questions from the Public</u></p> <p>Pursuant to Standing Order 3 e & g Members of the public may make representation, answer questions and give evidence at a meeting which they are entitled to attend in respect of the business on the agenda. A member of the public shall not speak for more than 3 minutes.</p>	
7.	<p><u>To resolve the Minutes of the Full Council held on 5 December 2023 (pp80-86) and 11 January 2024 (pp88-89) are a correct record.</u></p> <p>1167 RESOLVED to accept that the minutes are a true record of the Full Council held on 5 December 2023 and 11 January 2024</p> <p>Signed</p>	
8.	<p><u>To receive reports and recommendations of Council Committees</u></p>	
8.1	Planning and Environment	11 December 2023 (pp87) 18 January 2024 (pp90)
8.2	Amenities and Recreation	23 January 2023 (pp91-96)
1168	<p>recommendations were put forward relating to the following -</p> <p>RESOLVED To compile a checklist for councillors to ascertain what events councillors are able and prepared to commit to attending. Following a review of the list, if there are not sufficient volunteers to carry on the event in a way that meets current Health and Safety requirements and working time for staff, that additional paid stewards/security are recruited.</p> <p>A form was distributed to each councillor requesting that they complete this with the details of the dates and times of each event that they were able to commit to attending.</p> <p>1169 RESOLVED to order new kerbstones for the cemetery to be funded from the general reserve budget and to consult with the Maintenance staff to gain feedback on which area they considered to be the better from a Maintenance view point.</p> <p>Maintenance staff have been consulted and the first area to complete in, is the available space in the South Section. Once this is filled to look at creating rectangles</p>	

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	on the grass of the northern section.	
8.3	Policy and Finance	30 January 2023 (pp97-99)
9.	<p><u>Reports from Borough Councillors</u></p> <p>Cllr Bennison – visited South East Water regarding leak in Malling Road Cllr Hickmott - Attended a meeting at TMBC's General Purposes Committee, Meeting with TMBC regarding Section 106 funding. Cllr Bell – had a meeting with South East Water regarding leak in Malling Road and also dealing with residents and other agencies regarding this leak, Meeting with TMBC regarding Section 106 funding, visited Smurfit Kappa.</p>	
10.	<p><u>Reports from Town Councillors</u></p> <p>Cllr Mrs Bell – Litter pick Hollow Lane, is speaking to TMBC regarding the possibility of mobile litter cameras in this area. Represented the TC at Snodland Partnership. Cllr Bennison – Coffee and chat Cllr Mrs D Crook – has complained to TMBC regarding the overflowing dog bins Cllr D Lettington Has been painting the metal bollards at the North end of the town and once completed will move on to the South East of the Town. Will be emailing County Councillor regarding the railings and lampposts in the centre of town which has to be carried out by KCC. Cllr S Loader – has been investigating the drainage problems in the allotment, Obtained donations for the Christmas Dinner project that Cllr Mrs Barker had arranged. Cllr Mrs Barker – Thanked Cllr Loader for the donations to the Christmas Dinner project. She also thanked the Council for their donation and gave details of the number of residents that benefitted. Has teamed up with Mens Mind and has a plot at the allotments. Has been in contact with St Katherines and Snodland C of E school regarding taking part in litter picks. Cllr Mrs Ayers advised that she still needs to liaise with Cllr Hickmott about approaching the businesses around some funding for litter picks and initiatives to go into schools to speak to them about the environmental impact of litter.</p>	
11.	<p><u>To receive details of Payments and transfers from 28 November 2023 to 30 January 2024 from Unity Bank totaling £9678.54 and Nat West Bank totaling £86870.34 which includes BACS Payment lists pages 1700-1701,1705,1712-1713,1726-1729.</u></p> <p>Council members received details of payments and transfers prior to the meeting. Various questions were asked which the CEO answered regarding Nat West Credit Card Payments and Electricity Direct Debit payments.</p>	
12.	<p><u>Report from the Chief Executive Officer</u></p> <p>The CEO reported on the following - A TMBC meeting regarding Section 106 funding for Potyns maintenance and Community facilities, along with small funding pots for Willowside, Recreation Ground and Cricket Meadow.</p>	

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	<p>A meeting with the new Chairman and Groundsman of Snodland Cricket Club with discussions taking place regarding boundary trees, water and electric usage in the Pavilion.</p> <p>Additional quotes have been sourced for the refurbishment work at the Devonshire rooms and hopefully should be in a position to report at a forthcoming meeting.</p> <p>Waiting for one more quote to come in for cctv in various areas and will then present to council.</p>
13.	<u>Correspondence</u>

being no other business, the meeting closed at 20:42