

## Snodland Town Council – Annual Town Meeting

2 May 2024

Councillors in attendance:	Cllrs Ms D King (C), Mrs S Bell (VC), Mrs V Barker, A Bennison, Mrs D Crook, P Hickmott, Miss V Lawrence, D Lettington, S Loader, G Miners and D Morgan.
Other Council Members in Attendance:	Mrs K Sowten (CEO) County Cllr Mrs S Hohler
Others in Attendance	Cllr S Hohler, 4 Members of the Public
Councillors Absent with apologies:	W Mallard, Mrs J Ayers, Mrs K Mordecai-Woolf (DVC)
Councillors Absent without apologies:	Mrs N Misy
Other Apologies:	

1.	<p><u>Apologies for absence</u></p> <p>See above. On behalf of the Council best wishes would be passed onto Cllr Mallard, who is currently in hospital.</p>
2.	<p><u>To confirm the minutes of the 27 April 2023 to be taken as read (copies available from the Council Office)</u></p> <p>The minutes of the Annual Town Meeting of the 27 April 2023 were circulated.</p> <p><b>1219 RESOLVED</b> – that the minutes of the Annual Town meeting of the 27 April 2023 were taken as read.</p>
3.	<p><u>To receive the report of the County Councillor</u></p> <p>County Councillor (CC) Mrs Sarah Hohler’s report was circulated. Mrs Hohler reported on a range of Council services affecting the borough. The CC’s report can be viewed on file.</p> <p>The Chairman thanked CC Mrs Hohler for her work on behalf of Snodland Council and for attending the meeting.</p> <p>CC Mrs Hohler also presented her monthly report on the following –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the care facility at 251 Saltings Road will remain open following a change of ownership.</li> <li>• problems with parking on the double yellow lines outside the school.</li> <li>• Resurfacing of Snodland Bypass</li> <li>• Flood in the Malling Road which is being dealt with by the Highways Manager</li> <li>• Has been dealing with holes in the grass verge on Saltings Road and this has been passed on to the relevant authority to repair.</li> </ul> <p>Councillors asked questions relating to the flood in the Malling Road and the poor response from the utility companies all denying responsibility for the leak. The CEO advised that the Highways Manager had emailed and given an update to say that KCC would be having a meeting to discuss the next steps regarding the water leak.</p>

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	<p>The CEO has chased for a further update on the meeting. Cllr Lettington asked if the area of railings at the High Street Crossroads would be put forward for painting. Cllr Hohler suggested sending her the information along with photographs as there may be funding available in her members grant.</p>
4.	<p>To receive the reports of the various Committees</p> <p>All Council Committee reports were circulated and reported (full copies can be viewed on file).</p> <p>All Committees thanked the CEO and Council Staff for their hard work during the year.</p>
5.	<p><u>To receive the report of the Chairman of the Council</u></p> <p>The Chairman's report was circulated and reported (copy on file). The Chairman reiterated her thanks to staff and to the Chairman and Vice Chairman of all the committees for all the work they have done over the last year.</p>
6.	<p><u>Question time – Only previously submitted questions will be taken during this time and questions must be submitted to the Office in writing at least 7 days in advance of the meeting</u></p> <p>There were no questions from members of the public.</p>
7.	<p><u>Presentation of the KALC Community Award</u></p> <p>The KALC Community Award for 2024 was given to Karolina Czajkowska from Moodlift Café for taking on a business which has flourished and has become a great asset to the community. Karolina was not present at the meeting and Councillor Bell will visit her at the café and present the award.</p>
8.	<p><u>Presentation of the Snodland Community Award</u></p> <p>The Snodland Community Award was presented to Donna Louise Langley for the food bank service serving the local community ensuring our most vulnerable residents don't go without. Mrs Langley declined to accept the award.</p>

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 19:21