



SANDGATE PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of a PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Held at 7pm on Tuesday 16 April 2019

At Sandgate Parish Council/Library Offices
James Morris Court, Sandgate High Street, Sandgate.

Present: **Chairman** **Councillor Robert Bliss**
 Councillors **Paul Bingham, Marjorie Findlay-Stone, Michael Fitch, Guy**
 Valentine-Neale and Adrian Watts

Clerk **G Thomas**

There was no report from the PCSO.

There was one member of the public present.

Ms Varian asked if she could address the committee and this was agreed. Ms Varian praised the library as a centre of excellence and its staff and volunteers for fostering a welcoming atmosphere. She offered the hope that the new council would continue to work with the community and support many of the new community projects.

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The meeting commenced at 7.00 pm

- 1. Apologies for absence:** Councillors Nina Bliss, Gary Fuller, Jan Holben, Nabin Siwa and Tim Prater
- 2. Declarations of Interest** – there were none
- 3. Minutes of the last meeting** – the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 19 March 2019, having been previously circulated, were approved as a correct record and signed.
Agreed by all who had been present at the meeting.
- 4. Chairman’s opening remarks**
The Chairman noted that the next meeting would be at the formation of the new parish council on 21st May, when the APCM and the APC would take place. Everyone was invited to the meetings and to partake of the light refreshments afterwards.
- 5. Chairman’s Correspondence**
A formal invitation had been received from Seafarers UK to support this year’s Merchant Navy Day campaign. It was agreed that the council would fly the Red Ensign on 3rd September.
- 6. Sandgate Library Committee report**
It was noted that the recent statistics showed that the library continued to outperform many of the other libraries in Kent and in fact ranked in 8th place out of all libraries for the increase of active borrowers. It was agreed that the volunteers provided an exceptional service and that the administration of the library could serve as a useful template for other libraries.
- 7. Land Assets Management Sub-Committee report**
The minutes had been circulated

- 8. **2018/19 Finance report**
The report had been circulated
- 9. **Finance Committee report**
The minutes had been circulated.
- 10. **Environment Committee report**
The minutes of the meeting of the Committee had been circulated
- 11. **Planning Committee report** - The minutes of the meetings had been circulated.
- 12. **KALC-** New Councillors' attention would be drawn to the training options following their election in May 2019.
- 13. **Twinning:** It was noted that the visit to Sangatte had been very successful. It was also noted that the parish council continued to support the Twinning activities of Folkestone School for Girls
- 14. **Governance review-** the Governance Review document was discussed and after minor amendments it was proposed to present it, with amendments, to the new council on 21st May for confirmation.

Proposed by Cllr Robert Bliss
Seconded by Cllr Adrian Watts
Agreed by all

15. Information

15.1 It was agreed to ask FHDC for information on their administrative structure and to invite an Officer to give a presentation to the new council at a future meeting

15.2 It was noted that the new council photograph needed the addition of the names of the councillors.

The meeting ended at 7.41 pm.

Signed by the Chairman.....Date.....