

Snodland Town Council – Full Council Minutes

10th December 2024

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

1.	<u>Apologies for absence</u> See above.
2.	<u>Declaration of interests</u> None
3.	<u>Report from the Neighbourhood Police Team</u> The Council members had received an E-Watch report prior to the meeting. NOTED
4.	<u>County Councillor's Report</u> Absence – nothing to report.
5.	<u>Councillor Co-option</u> The Chairman welcomed the Candidates. Councillors had received a copy of all the candidate's application forms prior to the meeting. Each Candidate introduced themselves and gave an outline of why they wanted to become a Councillor and what attributes they could bring to the council. <u>A vote ensued, the result of which was as follows:</u> Mark Wakefield - 12 Nick Watts - 0
1357	RESOLVED to co-opt Mark Wakefield as Councillor for Snodland Town Council Snodland West and Holborough Lakes and to sign Declaration of acceptance of Office on Tuesday 10 th December 2024. Cllr Wakefield joined the meeting.

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	The Chairman thanked the remaining candidate for applying, who then left the meeting.	
6.	<u>Questions from the Public</u> None Present	
7.	<u>To resolve the Minutes of the Full Council held on 5th November 2024 (pp100-103) are a correct record.</u> 1358 RESOLVED to accept that the minutes are a true record of the Full Council held on 5 th November 2024 Signed	
8.	<u>To receive reports and recommendations of Council Committees</u>	
8.1	<u>Planning and Environment</u>	18 th November 2024 (pp104-105)
	Cllr Hickmott is continuing to read the 200 page mineral report.	
8.2	<u>Amenities and Recreation</u>	28 th November 2024 (pp105-110)
1359	Item 9 – To consider a proposal relating to maintenance of the football pitches A vote ensued, the result of which was as follows – For - 13 Against - 0 RESOLVED To agree to the proposal for Snodland Town Football club to take over the maintenance of the pitches for a three-year period subject to them obtaining FA funding for the pitch maintenance. Cllr Hickmott wishes to discuss access to the open space at New Potyns. This will be brought forward to the next Amenities and Recreation meeting.	
8.3	<u>Policy and Finance</u>	5 th December 2024 (pp111-113)
9.	<u>Reports from Borough Councillors</u> One meeting, which was informative. This was regarding the local plan. Overall, there will be more houses in Tonbridge and Malling over a 5-year period.	

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10.	<p><u>Town Councillors items to be brought to the attention of the Council</u></p> <p>Cllr Lettington – the Remembrance Parade was well attended. The Lord Lieutenant was in attendance and local MP.</p> <p>Cllr King – well done to those involved in the Christmas Parade, it was a brilliant turn out, looked great, and well done.</p> <p>Cllr Loader – Cllr Bell did a brilliant job bringing Cohesion Plus to us.</p> <p>Cllr Bell – Thanks to the CEO for supporting me with the vision for the Christmas Parade and help in obtaining the funding. Thank you to everyone who was involved.</p> <p>Cllr Bell – attended the Remembrance Parade, went to football club and opened the Snodland Partnership stand. Attended St Katherines school fair.</p> <p>Cllr Morgan – Been doing some litter picks and other jobs. Was on road closure for Christmas Parade so didn't see parade, Request for high viz with STC written on. Also to have lights flashing on the barriers.</p> <p>Cllr Crook – Attended fireworks, Remembrance, and Christmas Parade.</p> <p>Cllr Ayers - Attended fireworks, great atmosphere, and went to Remembrance. Feedback was that the microphones were not loud enough. To be discussed at events meeting.</p> <p>Cllr Mordecai-Woolf - attended Fireworks and Remembrance – was good.</p> <p>Cllr Lawrence-Rose - apologies for not attending the Christmas Parade.</p> <p>Cllr Miners – refreshing to see all Councillors helping out. Fireworks – light towers worked really well. Litter pick – we did the bins that we own. Traffic closure on Christmas Parade – Rocfort Road you cannot see anything, can we rotate marshalls for next year. The next event committee, will be a positive one. Looking forward to it. Traffic – can we ask traffic companies to help us? Went to St Katherines Christmas fair.</p> <p>Cllr Bennison – took part in fireworks, Remembrance and Christmas Parade.</p> <p>Cllr Lettington – If any Councillors wish to contact office staff, please can this be carried out during office hours. No further out of hours contact via texts. Alternatively, email to the office can be at any times.</p> <p>The CEO advised that all Participants and organisations for the Christmas Parade have received a letter of thanks.</p>
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11. 1360	<p><u>To receive details of Payments and transfers from 29 October 2024 to 4 December 2024 from Unity Bank totaling £2832.53 and Nat West Bank totaling £70685.73 which includes BACS Payment lists pages 1896, 1900, 1906 -1908, 1917-1918.</u></p> <p>RESOLVED to accept receive details of Payments and transfers from 29 October 2024 to 4 December 2024 from Unity Bank totaling £2832.53 and Nat West Bank totaling £70685.73 which includes BACS Payment lists pages 1896, 1900, 1906 - 1908, 1917-1918.</p>
12.	<p><u>KALC Community Award Scheme Nominations</u></p> <p>Nominations were put forward for the KALC Community Award and STC Award -</p> <p>Cllr Loader – Recommended Cllr Miners for his community work. Cllr Hickmott Recommended Stephanie Gibson and Jean Hawken for their litter picking every weekend.</p> <p>Cllr Miners – wish to stand down from nomination and concurs with nominations of Stephanie Gibson and Jean Hawken.</p>
13.	<p><u>Report from the Chief Executive Officer</u></p> <p>The CEO reported on the following –</p> <p>Thank you to everyone for Christmas in snodland. It was an emotional day. Did us proud, it was amazing.</p> <p>NewVenture – 6th Nov withdrew bus services 153, due to vandalism, bus glazing is not covered by insurance. They have re-instated some of their services, but if incidents persist, they will stop the service further.</p> <p>CEO – Attended a Secure and Landscape meeting. The rural Police Task Force were present and have asked that if there are any reports regarding catapults please report to 101, they are a firearm, and can do significant damage.</p> <p>KCC Highways seminar – nothing to report.</p> <p>STC Office closed from 1pm on 24th December until 2nd January 2025. Site staff are going away on holiday, so no litter will be checked. Cllr Miners volunteered to empty bins as required.</p>
14.	<p><u>Correspondence</u></p> <p>Request received regarding changing conditions for tenancy of Men’s Minds. Do we want to reconsider amended terms, for them to advertise vacancy for Men’s Mind, does this want to go back to amenities to discuss.</p> <p>Meeting with Chair, CEO and Tom from Men’s Mind, to discuss progression.</p>

being no other business, the meeting closed at 20:33