

South Willesborough and Newtown Community Council

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I hereby give you notice that an Ordinary meeting of the Council will be held on **MONDAY 11th APRIL 2022 at the Salvation Army Hall, Cudworth Road, at 7.00 pm**

All members of the Council are summoned to attend for the purposes of considering and resolving the business to be transacted at the meeting as set out below

NOTES for Members of the Public

Reports will be available at the meeting but can be requested in advance by contacting the Community Council Manager on **01233 528933** or **clerk@swancc.org.uk**

Sarah Evans

Community Council Manager
6th April 2022

AGENDA

63/22 Record attendance and list apologies for absence

64/22 Declarations of pecuniary, other significant or voluntary interest

A Member who declares a DPI in relation to any item on the agenda will need to leave the meeting for the whole of that item and will not be able to speak or take part, (unless a relevant dispensation has been granted by the Clerk)

A Member who declares an OSI will be able to speak on the item but will be required to leave the meeting for the vote

A Member may also declare a voluntary Interest if they are unsure of their position. Inclusion and voting will be decided at the time of the declaration.

i. Updating of Declarations of Interest for the Code of Conduct

ii. To note the granting of any requests for dispensations and the decision

65/22 Agree Minutes of the Council meeting of 7th March 2022 and sign (attached)

66/22 Meeting adjourned for members of the public to raise questions on items on the agenda (This item will last no more than 15 minutes in total)

67/22 To receive reports from PCSO Jones and Peter New (Neighbourhood Watch)

68/22 To receive a verbal presentation from Mark Goodman, Environmental Contracts & Enforcement Manager, Ashford Borough Council

69/22 To receive reports from County and Borough Ward Councillors on the G-Line bus service and other issues and KALC representatives

70/22 To receive a verbal report from the Community Council Manager regarding actions taken by SWANCC to lobby for the extension of the G line and to agree a response to the KCC consultation on further bus cuts in the area particularly the Kent Karrier.

71/22 To receive and note the draft minutes of the Planning and Highways Committee of 16th March 2022 (attached) and consider the following recommendations

a) Responses to Land Mapping exercise (see App1)

b) Newtown Works

- i. Lobby ABC at the highest levels that SWANCC should have a voice in the deployment of the levelling up fund and to consider the residents of the area.**
- ii. To again consider the need for a Community Hub with the possibility of a not for profit café**

- iii. To note SWANCC is a progressive Council with an active community.
- iv. To again respond that a retail park would not be a sustainable alternative to the media and studios.
- v. The value for education employments and commerce for the area is essential
- vi. That considering ABC is putting in such a large sum of money and has been reaching out to Parish Councils' and asking to work together it is surely important to discuss such a development with its parish council and consult.
- vii. That there is still no movement on the Parking and the issues have been raised multiple times and will significantly impacted by this development

c) Pavement Access in SWAN

To review feedback from SWANCC Consultation and report back to Council.

- i) To agree an analysis and time to be given to the project and report back to Council.
- ii) To agree to an ongoing review of the project and comment and support.
- iii) To request Communications Working Committee to request volunteers to assist with viewing pavements from disabled and pushchair points of view

72/22 To consider the planning issues on developments abutting the SWAN area and agree

- a) Application for the redevelopment of Boys Hall
- b) Brompton Bikes proposals

73/22 To receive and note the draft minutes of the Finance and General Purposes Committee of 21st March 2022 (attached)

74/22 To consider the recommendations of the Year End Financial Position report (attached) and agree

75/22 To consider a verbal report of the Community Council Manager on SWAN Litter Pickers grant and agree

76/22 To agree a date for the SWAN Ward Walk and debrief as Sunday 17th April 2022

77/22 To agree to Duke of Edinburgh Volunteers supporting the Council in its events and projects for their community volunteering requirement and agree for the Chair, Vice Chair and CCM to sign training logs and agree priorities and objectives for Duke of Edinburgh Volunteers.

78/22 To receive urgent correspondence/e-mails

- a) Kent Police – PCSO presence at meetings

79/22 To agree the dates of the Annual Council meeting as Tuesday 3rd May 2022, the Annual Meeting of Electors as 24th May 2022 (6.30pm) and items for each agenda

80/22 Forum for exchange of information between Council members

Appendix 1

PLEASE NOTE THAT SOME OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS MAY NO LONGER BE APPROPRIATE GIVEN THE RECENT ANNOUNCEMENT ON THE G-LINE BUS SERVICE

Question 1 to clarify further on the teams meeting what is a broad definition of rural as defined in question 1 once clarified will be a 5 if it is subject to protected space for supporting protecting the rural feel of the area not protected space then de-protected or moved elsewhere.

Question 2 SWANCC are placing at top priority within its Community Plan to protect the rural feel of the area and it is essential that any decision made on this area are in line with those goals which are created following thorough consultation with residents.

Question 3 Do you think that there should be a limit to the expansion of Ashford, to enable villages to retain their individual character as settlements?

Question 5 Do you think that there should be a limit to the expansion of Ashford, to enable villages to retain their individual character as settlements answer 5

Question 8 to remove the comments recommended in the draft and write 5

Question 10 Do you consider that Grade 1 and 2 agricultural land, which is the most fertile land, should be maintained for food production, and not allowed to be developed?

Strong 5 there are significant reasons to protect food production particularly in the current crisis with Russia and Ukraine plus the impacts of rising costs and also to protect the character of the area.

Question 11 Are there areas in your neighbourhood that should be protected from development for other reasons, such as history or heritage aspects and what are these? Newtown as a model village its layout, character and history as well as its amenities and services particularly conserving the design of housing services such as play parks and not changing but protecting and enhancing the character of the model village as it was originally built and intended to be which is unique and valued.

Newtown Green

SWAN Farm

Fairview Green area

Sheep Fields running along Riverbank Way and East Stour area along the railway line to Railway Bridge and underpass before ASDA at Bullied Place.

Ashford Green Corridor areas of Frog Island the playing fields the allotments and surrounding green spaces.

The Spinney along Newtown Road

The play areas on Newtown

The Field on Canterbury Road

The Field on Surtees Close

The Farm Fields abutting Fairview Drive currently used by SWAN Farm.

Recommend all SWANCC members consider any spaces they would appreciate to be marked protected.

Do you consider that further areas of ground solar development should be allowed in the Borough, provided that it is screened and not allowed to impact on views?

Score on five - point scale from 1: Strongly Disagree to 5: Strongly Agree

Have you any thoughts on where this could be?

Alongside Dual carriageways, on top of commercial properties, on sub-station works which are taking a large amount of area but space is available within the compound such as Kings Prospect and Canterbury Road. On top of hotels and tall buildings in the area such as the Panorama Building, Hotel Hampdens and Hilton, Travel Lodge, KENT House. The station carpark roof.

Solar is much more pleasing than win for a residential area and for the maintenance and servicing would seem safer and more practical.

Do you think that some parts of your Neighbourhood, parish, community or village, might be suitable for development? 1 strongly disagree

To add SWANCC are being tasked by residents to protect green spaces and the feel and look of the area and to be able to have a voice on the style character and amount of building in the area. Particularly the lack of affordable and social housing.

The public transport infrastructure in SWANCC as of 17th April 2022 is non-existent. Residents have no route within the boundaries of the SWANCC Parish.

It had a viable and useful Bus Service which is now being cut and leaves 2000+ residents without public transport and with no means of access to travel on public transport due to the announcement Stage Coach has made that it will cut 17th April 2022. This is in conjunction with the KCC announcement that the Kent Karrier line is up for consultation which if cut would remove any option or Community transport and even Patient transport

Could the public transport infrastructure in your area, or to and from your location, especially bus routes, be improved, and, if so, how?

in our area. The Council are extremely concerned by this and are lobbying Stagecoach and KCC on this matter. ABC have not to date made any communication that they are aware of this matter and SWANCC and residents urgently hope this is also a high priority for them as much as it is for SWAN.