

FORTHCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS

All meetings are held at the Town Hall and are open to the public, and participation from members of the public is encouraged. For details contact the Town Clerk's office.

AUGUST 2014	
04/08/14	Town Council and Planning, Highways & Amenities and Public Buildings committee meetings, 7pm.
18/04/14	Finance & General Purposes and Planning committee meetings, 7pm.
SEPTEMBER 2014	
01/09/14	Planning, Public Buildings and Highways & Amenities committee meetings, 7pm.
15/09/14	Tourism & Business committee meeting, 5pm. Town Council and Finance & General Purposes and Planning committee meetings, 7pm.
29/09/14	Planning, Highways & Amenities and Public Buildings committee meetings, 7pm.
OCTOBER 2014	
13/10/14	Finance & General Purposes and Planning committee meetings, 7pm.
27/10/14	Town Council and Planning, Highways & Amenities and Public Buildings committee meetings, 7pm.
NOVEMBER 2014	
10/11/14	Tourism & Business committee meeting, 5pm. Finance & General Purposes and Planning committee meetings, 7pm.
24/11/14	Planning, Highways & Amenities and Public Buildings committee meetings, 7pm.

GETTING IN TOUCH

The Town Clerk's office is located in the Town Hall, and is open to the public between 9am and 5pm from Monday to Friday. You can call us on **01580 762271**, or email us at townhall@tenterdentowncouncil.gov.uk. Councillors' and officers' direct numbers and email addresses are listed below.

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Mike Pearson (South)	155 High Street. TN306JS	01580 764413	mikepearson03@yahoo.com
Pam Smith (St. Michaels)	The Old Malthouse, Swain Road. TN30 6PS	01580 765081	cllr.smith.tenterden@hotmail.co.uk
Alan Sugden (St. Michaels)	60 Rogersmead. TN30 6LF	01580 765581	alan@aejf-sugden.co.uk
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Town Clerk: Phil Burgess Deputy Town Clerk: Robert Parham Site Manager: Andrew Clifton Maintenance Worker: David Bourner	Town Hall, 24 High Street, Tenterden, Kent. TN30 6AN	01580 762271	townhall@tenterdentowncouncil.gov.uk

TOWN CLERK - Phil Burgess

I have recently moved to the town from Nottinghamshire to take up the post as Clerk to Tenterden Town Council, having



previously served on two councils in that county and run a rural Post Office prior to that, where I cultivated an interest in local affairs. I am looking forward to the challenges presented by the various projects in the pipeline and have found Tenterden to be a vibrant and welcoming town.

FITNESS CLASSES AT THE TOWN HALL

Weekly fitness classes are held at the Town Hall. If you would like to attend, please contact the instructors on the following numbers; pilates with Liz on Mondays and Wednesdays—07958 708874, yoga with Maureen on Tuesdays—01233 861362, chi ball/keep fit with Ally on Wednesdays and Fridays—07709 052808, pilates with Annie on Thursdays: 07989 869217.

If you are interested in holding a fitness class at the Town Hall please contact the Town Clerk's office.



RECREATION GROUNDS

A great deal of time and tax-payers' money is spent picking up litter dropped on the recreation grounds. While you are enjoying these spaces this summer, please remember to use the rubbish bins provided.



TENTERDEN TOWN COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

SUMMER 2014

TOWN MAYOR'S UPDATE

Jennifer Crickmore-Porter.

The Tent 1 development must be very much in everyone's mind as the initial planning application has been submitted with the target decision date of 22nd September. Plans are still available to view at the Town Hall if you have not seen them yet. Many of you have had the opportunity to be involved in the planning process which has been time consuming, but in so doing we have tried to achieve the best build for everyone. The Council is negotiating with A.B.C. for improvements to parking in the town, particularly regarding how many more yellow lines need to be painted to ensure people do not obstruct the roads and pavements. Arrangements for coach parking have already been improved. Running the three public toilets has not been without its difficulties but we are having some success, despite vandalism. Earlier this year we welcomed our new Clerk, Phil Burgess, who has had a steep learning curve which he has tackled with good humour and dedication, and Robert Parham was appointed Deputy Town Clerk. Our Site Manager, Andy Clifton, and Maintenance Worker David Bourner have been kept extremely busy with their varied tasks, which include the Millennium Garden - a hidden oasis in the town - and upgrading the area around the War Memorial (to mention but two of their many activities). Malcolm Winter, our Sergeant-at-Mace has been invaluable to me when visiting other towns and of course during official council business in Tenterden.

I was very encouraged by the attendance at the Annual Civic



Service, which was a happy event. The Reverend Lindsay Hammond adopted the theme of trust at the Service and therefore I followed this example saying that the Town Council had Tenterden at the heart of all it does and it is up to all of us who live and work here to be aware of our surroundings, to acknowledge visitors, speak with the elderly and encourage good behaviour in our youngsters.

The results of the Sport review are still being considered which means we cannot make plans for football pitches and the pavilion until agreement has been reached on the most suitable area of land. Redesign and reconfiguration of the Town Hall are still under discussion to make the building fit for purpose. One event to put in your diary is a Centenary Concert at 7.30pm on Friday 19th September played by the Band of the Royal Engineers Association, raising money for the Tenterden Day Centre and R.B.L. Poppy Appeal.

Research by a small group in Smallhythe into the Great Fire of 500 years ago which demolished the hamlet has been of great interest. The exhibition will remain for all to see at the Church, and also at Ellen Terry's home. Smallhythe is of course the reason for Tenterden's status as a Cinque Port, and the most impressive warships used to be built and sailed by residents of the area in the defence of our land in the name of the King. This is hard to imagine now that the waterway has silted over.

It is a great honour and privilege to be Mayor of Tenterden, a role I undertake in all sincerity and in the hope that we as Councillors will be able to perform our tasks with encouragement from all of you who live and work in Tenterden.



Photographs of the Annual Civic Service by Stuart Kirk—Tenterden Photography.

TOURISM & BUSINESS COMMITTEE

The Tourism and Business Committee had its inaugural meeting on the 21st July and will meet on an 8 weekly cycle at 5.30pm on a Monday. Our aim is to increase tourism to the area and promote Tenterden as a place to visit. In addition to Town Councillors, tourism specialists from Ashford Borough Council and Kent County Council will take part and we are hoping to increase representation from a variety of businesses and organisations with an interest in tourism and who would clearly benefit from an increase in visitor numbers. Please contact us if you would like to contribute to this committee.

COMMUNITY RESPONSE TEAM

We are recruiting a "Community Response Team" to help in emergencies – not to replace the emergency services, but to support them and give on-the-spot help to victims.

If you – or an organisation to which you belong – might be interested in helping, please get further details and a volunteer form from the **Town Hall, 24 High Street, Tenterden TN30 6AN**, by phone on **01580 762271** or by email at townhall@tenterdentowncouncil.gov.uk.

The form can also be read and completed online at www.tenterdentown.co.uk\TCRT, or you can download it and return it to the Town Hall.

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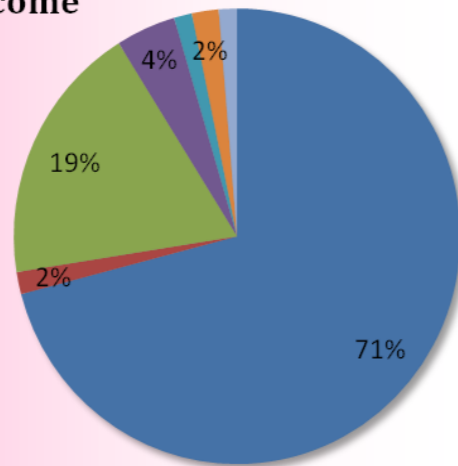
ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

Tenterden Town Council's accounts are in a healthy position with a good amount in reserves and a healthy excess of income over expenditure for the year. This was mainly attributable to a one-off grant from Ashford Borough Council on transfer of the toilets in St. Michaels, Station Road and Tenterden Recreation Ground. We expect future years to be more in line with budget however (i.e. a fairly balanced income and expenditure) as the recurring expense of the toilets takes full effect. The Council is looking into ways to mitigate this expense.

FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE 2013-14

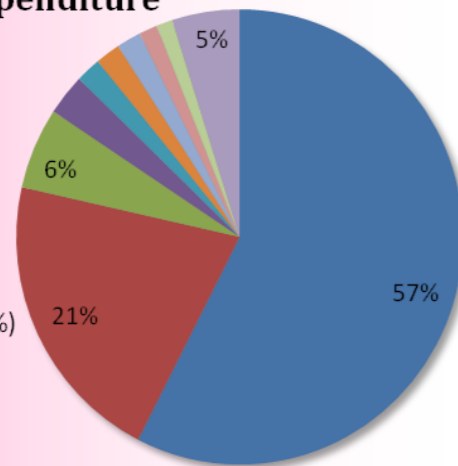
Finance & General Purposes Income

- Precept, £304,650
- Concurrent Functions Grant, £6,740
- Facility Transfer Funding, £80,000
- Council Tax Support Grant, £18,610
- Joint Venture Partnership, £5,579 (1%)
- Donations (benches, lights etc.), £8,338
- Insurance Claims, £5,661 (1%)



Finance & General Purposes Expenditure

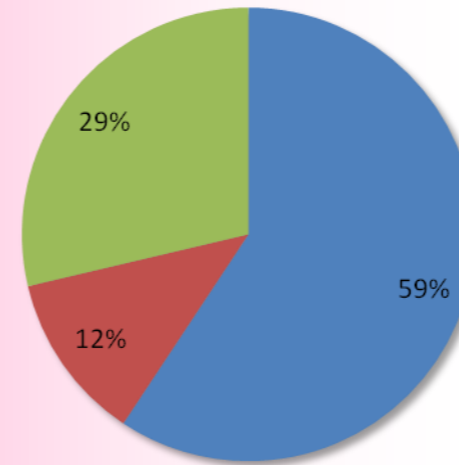
- Staff Costs, £128,905
- Professional Fees, £47,038
- Insurance, £13,000
- Subscriptions & Donations, £6,525
- Printing, Stationery etc., £4,079 (1%)
- Advertising & Publicity, £4,016 (1%)
- Folk Festival & Tentertainment, £4,000 (1%)
- Telephone, Fax, Internet, £2,934 (1%)
- Councillor & Staff Training, £2,667 (1%)
- All Other Expenditure, £10,944



HIGHWAYS & AMENITIES COMMITTEE 2013-14

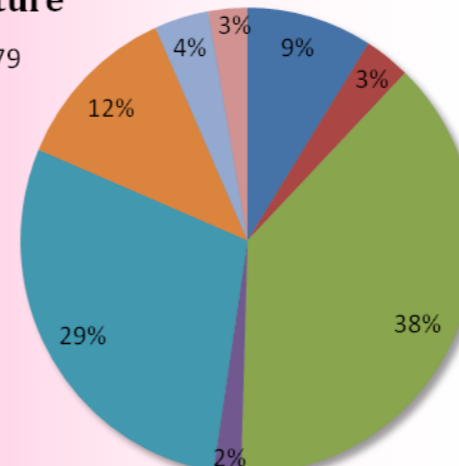
Highways & Amenities Income

- Recreation Ground Hire, £6,358
- Football Pitch Hire, £1,287
- Tennis Court Hire, £3,074



Highways & Amenities Expenditure

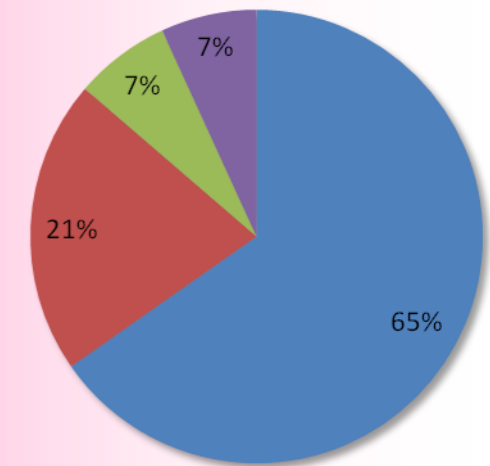
- Repairs / Maintenance of Machinery, £3079
- Fuel, £1127
- General & Ground Maintenance, £13,188
- Benches, £668
- Play Areas, £9,984
- Tools, Accessories & Sundries, £4124
- Pest Control, £1,337
- War Memorial, £958



PUBLIC BUILDINGS COMMITTEE 2013-14

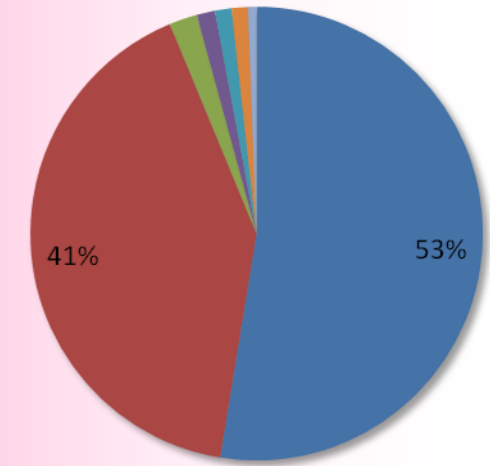
Public Buildings Income

- 55 High Street Tenants, £34,184
- Town Hall Lettings, £11,001
- Ceremonies, £3,590
- Town Hall Tenants, £3,585



Public Buildings Expenditure

- Town Hall, £60,870
- Public Toilets, £47,644
- Misc., £2,331 (2%)
- 55 High Street, £1,500 (1%)
- Pavilion, £1,370 (1%)
- Ceremonies, £1,348 (1%)
- Storage Facility, £702 (1%)



TENNIS LESSONS

Weekly tennis lessons are held on Tenterden Recreation Ground throughout the summer, run by Tom Carlton of Bethersden Tennis Club. If you would like more information, please contact Tom on 07759 622273 or 01233 820983.

COUNCILLOR PROFILE - Callum Knowles

My wife Lisa and I moved to Tenterden nearly 11 years ago. We both love the town dearly and are very passionate about maintaining its unique character and charm. I own and run two companies within the Town; a management consultancy and an IT consultancy. I like to take an active part in town life and am a member of various committees; the Royal British Legion, Tenterden Club and Highbury Hall. I am also the Business Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce. I have many years' experience working with councils helping them provide better services, and hope to use that knowledge in my role as Town Councillor to improve our town.



"PADS" IN TENTERDEN

The Town Council will soon install three publicly accessible defibrillators (PADs) in Tenterden, St Michaels and Smallhythe (suggestions for exact locations are welcome). South East Coast Ambulance Service has recommended that councils should supply PADs in their areas for use in cases of sudden cardiac arrest, which affects 270,000 people in the UK each year. Defibrillation within minutes of a heart attack can save a life, so waiting for an ambulance is not an option. PADs do not require training, as the machine talks the user through the process and ensures defibrillation cannot be carried out inappropriately, but anyone interested in training to become a Community First Responder (to provide a wider range of first aid until an ambulance arrives) should notify the Town Hall, as there is still a space available for CFR training in the area. The Town Council will publicise the location of the PADs, and will tell the ambulance service so they can direct emergency callers and responders to them. There is scope for other organisations and individual businesses to provide PADs of their own - for details, contact the Town Hall.

PARTICIPATORY BUDGETING

The Town Council is seeking ways to involve the community in decisions on funding for future projects. One method is "Participatory Budgeting". The Town Council has resolved to use this scheme to allocate funds arising from the TENT1 development. The main features of the scheme are as follows:

- The Town Council sets a fund available for new projects,
- A public meeting is held to explain the scheme,
- Community representatives are enlisted to a task group to plan the project and invite proposals for funding from any local group or organisation,
- Proposals are vetted by the task group to ensure they are within the Council's power to support,
- Open public voting will be used to decide which projects are supported.

The Town Council will monitor the process throughout.

NEWSLETTER SUBSCRIPTION

Email newslettersubscribe@tenterdentowncouncil.gov.uk to receive a copy of the newsletter by email each quarter.

ELECTORAL REGISTRATION CHANGES

The way that the electoral register is compiled has changed. Everyone must register in order to be able to vote in elections and referenda. The government campaign advertisement can be seen at this URL: <http://goo.gl/Q1M1jh>

The new system of registration means that you can register quickly and easily online, rather than using a paper form. You can do this at: <https://www.gov.uk/register-to-vote>. You will need to provide your National Insurance number and date of birth when you register. Previously the "head" of each household registered everyone who lived at their address, but now everyone is now responsible for registering themselves.

