

TENTERDEN TOWN COUNCIL



MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE TOURISM & BUSINESS COMMITTEE HELD AT TENTERDEN TOWN HALL ON 4th JULY 2016

Councillor Members Present:

K. Mulholland (Vice-Chairman), J. Nelson and Mrs. P. Smith.

Non-Councillor Members Present:

Ms. S. Barber (Ashford Borough Council), Cllr. Mrs. C. Bell (ABC) and Mr. J. Crawford.

Officers Present:

Town Clerk Mr. P. Burgess and Deputy Town Clerk Mr. R. Parham.

Others Present:

Cllr. Mrs. Ferguson (not a member of this committee) and Mr. R. Hardingham.

Cllr. Mulholland was in the chair.

0175 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.** Cllr. Carter, Mr. Barlett (Chamber of Commerce) and Cllr. Galpin (ABC).

0176 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.** None.

0177 **APPOINTMENT OF NON-COUNCILLOR MEMBERS.** It was confirmed that Mr. Crawford had signed to acknowledge that he would abide by the code of conduct, allowing him to become a voting member.

0178 **MINUTES.** The minutes and reports of the meeting held 23rd May 2016 were confirmed and signed as a correct record.

0179 **MATTERS ARISING.** None.

0180 **PERSONAL REPRESENTATIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.** None.

0181 **QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS.**

(a) Poster Display Policy. Cllr. Mrs. Smith stated that she felt that the Town Council's policy for display of posters and banners should be reviewed, and stated that she would raise this with the Highways & Amenities committee.

(b) Diary of Events. Mr. Crawford asked whether the Town Council published a diary of events which would indicate when local events were taking place, and therefore the availability of local venues such as the recreation grounds. It was stated that the Town Council did not provide this service, but the idea could be referred to the new events sub-committee which was being formed. Cllr. Mrs. Ferguson reported that she had launched a new website, www.mytenterden.co.uk which included an up-to-date events diary.

- 0182 **COOMBE LANE SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT.** No meeting had been held.
- 0183 **TOWN MAP.** It was **RESOLVED** that a budget of £500.00 would be allocated to the updating and printing of the town map every six months. If businesses were to open up between printings and wanted to be included, they would be invited to pay for an additional update.
- 0184 **TOURIST INFORMATION CENTRE.** Members concurred that a member of staff should be taken on for 12 hours per week to man the TIC at weekends and bank holidays between May and October, with the Easter weekend to be considered. This recommendation would be referred to the Staff and Employment Sub-Committee for consideration before being put to the Finance & General Purposes Committee.
- 0185 **IMPROVEMENTS TO THE HIGH STREET.** It was **NOTED** that a request had been submitted to Kent County Council to make some changes to the High Street to improve conditions for businesses and to allow space for occasional markets.
- 0186 **ANY OTHER BUSINESS.**

- (a) Station Road Coach Park Signage. Cllr. Mrs. Ferguson requested that improvements be made to the signage at the coach park to make it explicit that cars could not park there during the "summer season". Mrs. Barber stated that ABC was investigating the possibility of opening the coach park to cars in the evenings.
- (b) Station Road Coach Park Photo Display. Cllr. Nelson enquired whether any progress had been made toward mounting large-format photographs in the coach park depicting local tourist attractions. Mrs. Barber pointed out that the planning department at ABC would require further details of materials etc. before they would be able to give an idea whether it would require planning permission. The matter would be added to the next agenda for consideration.

The Meeting opened at 5.00 p.m. and closed at 5.42 p.m.

The foregoing Minutes and Reports were confirmed and signed at a meeting of the Tourism & Business Committee on the 15th day of August 2016.

Chairman..... (15.08.2016)