

# TENTERDEN TOWN COUNCIL

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## **EXTERNAL COMMITTEE**

Notice is given that a meeting of the **EXTERNAL** Committee will be held in the Assembly Room at the Town Hall on **TUESDAY 29<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2017** following a special meeting of the Town Council, a meeting of the Planning Committee, and a meeting of the Internal Committee starting at **7.00pm**.

All members are summoned to attend for the purpose of considering and resolving upon the business to be transacted at the meeting.

 Phil Burgess, Town Clerk.

Councillors Serving: (1) M. Carter (Chair), (2) Mrs J. Curteis, (3) Mrs S. Ferguson, (4) Miss N. Gooch, (5) C. Knowles, (6) K. Mulholland, (7) Mrs P. Smith & (8) T. Thorpe.  
Substitutes in the event of members' absence: Cllrs M. Hickmott, R. Isworth, Dr L. Lovelidge.

## **AGENDA**

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.**
2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.**
3. **MINUTES.** To consider and, if approved, confirm and sign the minutes and reports of the meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> July 2017 as a correct record.
4. **MATTERS ARISING.** Minute 0034 refers to Ashford Borough Council (ABC) Housing Policy. Following intervention by Tenterden Town Council, this issue has now been satisfactorily resolved and ABC will allow priority on the first let to residents with a local connection to Tenterden and St Michaels
5. **REPRESENTATION FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.**  
*Members of the public may make personal representations at this meeting by giving written notice of a request to speak and indicating briefly the matter of interest or relevant agenda item to the Town Clerk or Deputy Town Clerk no later than 12 noon on the day of the meeting. Provided always that speakers are resident in a ward of the Council and, give their full name and address prior to speaking, the committee Chairman may (or may choose not to) invite individuals to speak at the relevant point in the meeting. Speeches may not exceed three minutes duration and speakers may not participate in any subsequent debate between committee members. At the Chairman's discretion, only one speech may be made in support of each side of any contentious issue.*
6. **COUNCILLORS' QUESTIONS.**  
*At the Chairman's discretion, Councillors may ask a question about any item relevant to this committee that is not on the agenda. Every question shall be put and answered without discussion. An answer may take the form of a direct oral answer or reference to a Town Council publication. Where a reply cannot be conveniently given at this meeting, an oral or written answer may be circulated at a later date. All councillors present will be permitted to contribute to the debate on agenda items but only members of this committee will be permitted to vote.*
7. **SUB-COMMITTEE & WORKING GROUP REPORTS.**
  - (a) May Fayre. No Recent Meetings.
  - (b) Donations. Report of a meeting on 24<sup>th</sup> August. (see also agenda item 9).
  - (c) Sports Review. Report of a meeting on 18<sup>th</sup> July. (see also agenda item 9). \*
  - (d) Village Halls Focus Group. Report of a meeting on 24<sup>th</sup> July.

- (e) Cinema Focus Group. Report of a meeting on 1<sup>st</sup> August.
  - (f) Christmas Lighting. Report of meetings on 31<sup>st</sup> July and 21<sup>st</sup> August and report of meeting with Scott Mitchell. \*
  - (g) Christmas Events. Report of a meeting on 15<sup>th</sup> August (see also agenda item 9). \*
  - (h) Tourism & Business Report of a meeting on 1<sup>st</sup> August. \*
8. **TOWN NET RADIO**. Notification from the Ashford and Weald Partnership Against Crime (AWPAC) that the scheme is to be abandoned. \*
  9. **GRANT FUNDING REQUESTS**. To consider the following requests for funding assistance:
    - (a) Mascot Dog. \*
    - (b) Artificial Turf Pitch at Homewood. Consultancy fees. \*
    - (c) Christmas Market. \*
    - (d) St Michaels "Tributes in the Park" Event. \*
  10. **CARETAKER SCHEME**. To consider removal of overgrown shrubs in residential areas. \*
  11. **WAR MEMORIAL**. To consider the formation of a sub-committee to oversee changes to the war memorial area following representation from a resident. \*
  12. **FIRE STATION PATH AT ST MICHAELS**. To consider whether the council should support the re-opening of this path. \*
  13. **PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT**. To consider suggestions for improved public engagement. \*
  14. **REFUSE BIN**. To consider a request for a bin at Hales Close.
  15. **SERVICING OF MAINTENANCE VEHICLES**. To consider a quotation for servicing these vehicles. \*
  16. **ALLOTMENTS**. To consider future provision of allotments. \*

**The Committee will be moved into closed session.** *Under the Public Bodies (Admissions to meetings) Act 1960, the public and press will be excluded from the closed session due to the confidential nature of this part of the meeting which involves the discussion of confidential staffing matters and confidential financial negotiations.*

17. **CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS**. Confidential document 589 refers.

**End of closed session.**

18. **CORRESPONDENCE**.
  - (a) A copy of an email from a resident to Ashford Borough Council Engineering regarding inadequate street lighting between Cherry Orchard and Longfield.\*

19. **MINOR MATTERS.**

- (a) Ashford Borough Council Open Space Strategy. An invitation from Ashford Borough Council to take part in the consultation regarding the open space provision following the review. \*
- (b) Rights of Way Improvement Plan. An invitation from Kent County Council requesting the views, via an online survey, of residents who use public rights of way. \*

20. **ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS PREVIOUSLY NOTIFIED TO THE CHAIRMAN.**

*No decision may lawfully be made under this item but matters which involve no more than an exchange of information may be discussed.*

End.

*\*Attachments and tabled documents can be obtained from the Town Clerk's office or downloaded from [www.tenterdentowncouncil.gov.uk](http://www.tenterdentowncouncil.gov.uk).*