

TENTERDEN TOWN COUNCIL



MINUTES OF THE EXTERNAL COMMITTEE **MEETING HELD AT TENTERDEN TOWN HALL ON 9TH JULY 2018**

Councillors Present: M. Carter, J. Crawford, Mrs. J. Curteis, Mrs. S. Ferguson, Miss N. Gooch, K. Mulholland (Chair) and A. Sugden. Substitute: Cllr. M. Hickmott.

Officers Present: Town Clerk Mr. P. Burgess and Deputy Town Clerk Mrs. C. Gilbert.

Others Present: Cllrs. M. Freeman, R. Isworth, J. Nelson and Mrs. P. Smith (not members of this committee), and one member of the public.

0171 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** Cllrs. C. Knowles and Dr. L. Lovelidge (non-Member).

0172 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.** None.

0173 **MINUTES.** The minutes of the meeting held on 11th June 2018 were confirmed and signed as a correct record.

0174 **MATTERS ARISING.** Cllr. Mulholland asked for an update on Minute 0160 – hard-standing on grassed areas near Boresisle. The Town Clerk reported that he would contact Kent County Council regarding the suggestion.

0175 **PERSONAL REPRESENTATIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.** None.

0176 **COUNCILLORS' QUESTIONS.** None.

0177 **SUB-COMMITTEE & WORKING GROUP REPORTS.**

- (a) Police Forum. Cllr. Mulholland reported on the first meeting that took place on 27th June 2018. It was a very productive meeting and the discussions were very encouraging. Tenterden is a very low crime area and a safe place to live. Not all crimes are being reported and residents are encouraged to do so. The main area for the Council to help promote is the setting up of Neighbourhood Watch (NHW) Schemes throughout the whole Town. The next meeting of the Police Forum will be towards the end of September 2018.

Cllr. Ferguson reported that a change in tactics was required to recruit NHW Co-ordinators and deputies and suggested targeting small areas. On the NHW website, there are only three NHW Schemes showing in Tenterden. If there are more than those listed, they need to be added to the police website via Mr. A. Judd. Each Councillor was asked to promote NHW in their areas.

- (b) Sports Review. Cllr. Carter reported that the next meeting would be taking place on 11th July 2018. A pre-meeting site visit at Homewood

School took place in June 2018 and it is hoped that a reasonable conclusion will be reached. Cllr. Sugden urged Councillors to speak to those on the Sports Review as the Council would be required to make an important decision regarding funding the 3G pitch.

- (c) Community Chest Task Group. The task group had had their initial meeting and were meeting again on 16th July 2018 to interview some of the applicants and then make their recommendations.
- (d) Community Transport Scheme. Cllr. Mulholland reiterated that funding had been secured for a new bus (£68,300) which will mean there will be four fully working in the fleet. He also reported that a further application for funding of a part-time Development Officer had been submitted. Cllr. Isworth reported that some of the saved funds from Ms. Thorne leaving would be used towards this post.
- (e) Tourism & Business. A presentation of the Destination Management Plan was given on 21st June 2018 to Councillors and members of the Chamber of Commerce. A meeting is to be arranged for the next steps.

0178 **FRIDAY MARKET**. It was **RESOLVED** that the Council should join the National Association of British Market Authorities and review in two years time.

0179 **PROMOTING WILDLIFE**. The Wildlife Management Advice Report for Coombe Lane Cemetery was reviewed and the following was **RESOLVED**:

- (a) the recommendations contained in the report should be carried out;
- (b) an interpretation board would be installed at a cost of approximately £400.00;
- (c) that a Sub-committee be formed to consider other areas suitable for wildlife promotion.

The following Councillors were appointed to the Sub-committee: Cllrs. Mrs. Curteis, Miss. Gooch, Dr. Lovelidge and Mrs. Smith. It was suggested that resident representatives from Coombe Lane be invited to attend. Cllr. Carter suggested that a representative from the Tourism & Business Sub-committee should also attend given the link between the High Street and Railway.

Cllr. Miss. Gooch suggested that children be encouraged to take part in making the wildlife habitats.

0180 **FLOWER BEDS OUTSIDE BOOTHS**. Cllr. Mrs. Smith suggested setting up a working group to get the project underway and seek sponsors, not just from Horticultural businesses. It was **RESOLVED** that the following actions would be taken:

- (a) a budget of £150.00 was agreed to cover a gift for each of the two volunteer gardeners;
- (b) applications would be invited from local horticultural businesses to sponsor and maintain the Boots flowerbeds;
- (c) a quotation for installing a water tap near the flowerbeds would be sought.

- 0181 **YOUTH PROVISION.** It was **RESOLVED** to form a Sub-committee to discuss with the Youth Club trustees, ABC and other interested parties, youth provision and uses for Highbury Hall. Cllrs. Freeman, Nelson, Mrs. Smith and Sugden were appointed to the Sub-committee.
- 0182 **REGENERATION PROJECTS.** It was **RESOLVED** that each of the Focus Groups would complete the proposed monitoring form and forward them to the Town Clerk's office for displaying in the notice boards and on the Council's website.
- 0183 **CORRESPONDENCE.** None.
- 0184 **MINOR MATTERS.** None.
- 0185 **ANY OTHER BUSINESS.** None.

The meeting opened at 9.58pm and closed at 10.28pm.

The foregoing Minutes and Reports were confirmed and signed at the External Meeting held on the 13th day of August 2018.

Chairman _____ (13.08.2018)