

TENTERDEN TOWN COUNCIL

MAY FAYRE SUB-COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD 9th January 2019 at 6pm

PRESENT:

Town Councillors: M. Hickmott, Miss N. Gooch, H. Edwards

Non-Councillors: Mr. C. Marsh and Mr. J. Mills

Tenterden Town Council Staff: Ms. S. Ratcliffe

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.** Cllr. Mrs. Pam Smith
2. **MINUTES.** The minutes of the last meeting held on 14th September 2018 were agreed.
3. **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES.**
 - Mr. Mills was absent from the last meeting and queried the unexpected doubling up of Slush Puppie vendors at last year's event. Harry advised that both vendors made very good sales.
 - Mr. Mills also commented that it was disappointing that a Family Dog Show would not be taking place this year, Cllr. Gooch advised that unfortunately, after asking many people, nobody could be found who was willing to run it.
4. **CORRESPONDENCE.** An email was received from Cllr. Mrs. Smith apologising for being unable to attend. She confirmed that the falconers have been booked but the jugglers are no longer available. Emma Brookes Dance Academy has confirmed attendance and is preparing a show based on Peter Pan. She suggested that this year bookings and payments be done via the office and BACS payments can then be accepted, also if booking enquiries came through the office this would smooth things out. The Sea Cadets are hoping to join us again and have provisionally accepted.
Mr. Mills suggested that some organisations may be unable to pay by BACS. He also stated that currently Cllr. Hickmott can just tick off when payment has been received. Cllr. Miss Gooch advised that the committee needs to go paperless. Cllr. Hickmott stated that he would prefer to continue as we are. He suggested that it would be a lot of work for the office. Cllr. Edwards suggested that the committee continues with Cllr. Hickmott's system until he steps down. When the Chairman changes the change can be made to the Mayor's request. It was agreed to carry on as it is for the time being. Cllr. Hickmott confirmed that all the forms for the PA system, parking at the doctors and free emergency services have been completed and are ready to send out.
5. **FINANCIAL REPORT.** No update. Cllr. Gooch confirmed that Tenterden Town Council will again be donating £1500.
6. **PLANS AND SUGGESTIONS FOR 2019 EVENT.**
 - Firstly, the committee congratulated Carey on being honoured with a British Empire Medal.
 - The event will be taking place on Bank Holiday Monday 6th May.
 - Mr. Mills asked if the Scouts were being asked to attend again this year and Cllr. Hickmott confirmed that they were.

- Mr. Mills asked if May Pole dancers from a local school had been organised, Cllr. Hickmott advised that confirmation has not yet been received.
- As agreed at the last meeting Cllr. Miss Gooch had researched purchasing a Maypole and brought along details of two that she had found. It was agreed to purchase the more robust of the two. Cllr. Edwards commented that as it's the 20th May Fayre it would be lovely to have one. It was decided that it would need to be supervised at all times. Cllr. Edwards suggested that a dance group may like to take a turn with it.
- Cllr. Gooch suggested that as the arena area for the Family Dog Show is now not needed, Sandra's Dancing Dogs use that corner for when they are not performing. This was agreed.
- It was noted that the Falconry cost had risen from £525 last year to £675 this year.
- It was agreed not to replace the jugglers who are no longer available.
- The food stalls will consist of Forest Fairs, Scouts, Ice Cream Man and Highbury Hall Tea Tent (Cllr. Gooch will contact Carolyn). Cllr. Hickmott advised that five more stalls had shown an interest. It was agreed to invite Nature's Way Holistic Food – a vegan stand.
- It was decided to ask The Old Dairy to provide a beer tent.
- Cllr. Hickmott will get the invitations out as soon as possible and will request prompt replies so that the layout can be organised.
- Cllr. Gooch suggested inviting the usual vintage tractors and cars and advertising in local newspapers and with flyers.
- Cllr. Edwards suggested inviting the Town Freeman to open the event and for them to travel in the cavalcade again this year. The committee agreed that an invitation letter would be written.
- Mr Mills suggested advertising the event in the Wealden Advertiser nearer the time.
- Mr. Marsh will lead the cavalcade again.

7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS: Mr. Mills suggested that the maintenance team are asked to assist with the setting up and clearing up. Cllr. Gooch asked that the team are also asked to collect and return the tables and chairs to Highbury Hall again. The use of sand, wheelbarrows and post hole thumpers will be required too. The Army Cadets will also be asked to help again. Cllr. Edwards commented that the new bollards on the recreation ground will add to the security.

8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING. Wednesday 20th February 2019 6pm. Mr. Mills gave his apologies that he will not be able to attend this meeting.

The meeting closed at 7.10pm.