

TENTERDEN TOWN COUNCIL



MINUTES OF THE EXTERNAL COMMITTEE **MEETING HELD AT TENTERDEN TOWN HALL ON 8TH JANUARY 2018**

Councillors Present: M. Carter (Chair), Mrs. J. Curteis, Mrs. S. Ferguson, Miss. N. Gooch, C. Knowles and Mrs. P. Smith. Substitutes: R. Isworth and Dr. L. Lovelidge.

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

Others Present: Cllrs. J. Nelson and A. Sugden (not members of this committee), Cllr. M. Hill (KCC) and seven members of the public.

0102 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.** H. Hickmott, and K. Mulholland (Vice-chair). Non-members: Cllrs. H. Edwards, R. Knight and R. Lusty.

0103 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.** Cllr. Knowles declared that although the Leisure Centre (Agenda Item 8) is owned by ABC, he himself was not a member, therefore will take part in the debate and vote; Cllr. Dr. Lovelidge declared an interest in Agenda Item 8 as a Trustee and would not vote; Cllr. Mrs. Ferguson declared that she was the Town Council's Representative on the Leisure Centre Trust, however there would be no conflict of interest and would take part in the discussion and vote; Cllr. Sugden declared an interest in Agenda Item 10 and would not take part in the discussion; Cllr. Miss. Gooch declared an interest in Agenda Item 14 and would not take part in the debate or vote; and Cllr. Isworth declared he was the Council Representative for the Day Centre (Agenda Item 14) and Chairman of the Day Centre, therefore he is involved but there was no conflict of interest.

0104 **MINUTES.** The minutes of the meeting held on 20th November 2017 and Special Meeting held on 11th December 2017 were confirmed and signed as correct records.

0105 **MATTERS ARISING.** None.

0106 **PERSONAL REPRESENTATIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.** None.

0107 **COUNCILLORS' QUESTIONS.**

- (a) Potholes. Cllr. Mrs. Ferguson raised her concerns at the state of the roads in Tenterden and the number of potholes appearing. The pothole at East Cross was at least 6" deep. Cllr. Mrs. Ferguson requested that the Council monitor the potholes and follow up with Kent County Council (KCC).

Cllr. Knowles reported there were 17 potholes down Recreation Ground Road and he had written to KCC direct. Cllr. Knowles suggested that the Town Clerk raised the issue of Recreation Ground Road at the next Tent1 Steering Group meeting. Cllr. Ferguson reported that some of the potholes down Recreation Ground Road were scheduled to be filled this

week and suggested Cllr. Knowles double checked how many were not filled the following week.

0108 **SUB-COMMITTEES & WORKING GROUPS.**

- (a) May Fayre. Next meeting to take place on 23rd January 2018.
- (b) Donations. Nothing to report; no recent meetings.
- (c) Sports Review. Nothing to report; no recent meetings.
- (d) Village Halls Focus Group. Nothing to report; no recent meetings.
- (e) Cinema Focus Group. There had been no recent meeting, however, Craigmount Consulting were currently conducting Stage 1 of the Pre-Feasibility Study.
- (f) Christmas Events. Mrs. N. Mahoney and Ms. S. Welch, Organisers of the Christmas Market, would be conducting a presentation regarding the successful Christmas Market on Monday, 29th January at 6.20 pm, prior to the Council meetings. Cllr. Carter thanked the Organisers for putting on a fantastic event.

Cllr. Mrs. Smith asked that thanks to Capt. J. Slegg and his team were recorded for providing first aid cover for the market, of which the Friday was provided for free.

- (g) Tourism & Business. Next meeting to take place on 16th January 2018.
- (h) War Memorial. The report of the meeting held on 14th December 2017 was **NOTED**. It was **RESOLVED** to approve the following recommendations:
 - (i) the commemorative bricks would remain in position until a further brick is awarded. The new position for all bricks would be agreed by the Sub-Committee (ideally well in advance of the centenary);
 - (ii) the Burslem quotation of £950.00 for cleaning the War Memorial would be accepted which would take place in the Spring. A decision would be taken thereafter on whether to pick out the name lettering in black;
 - (iii) the Sub-Committee should advise on the re-positioning of the St. Mildred's War Memorial when it arises.

Cllr. Knowles requested that the Council approach him as Borough Councillor for a donation towards the cleaning costs.

0109 **TENTERDEN LEISURE CENTRE TRUST**. It was **AGREED** to award a grant of £75,000 to Tenterden Leisure Centre Trust. The Town Clerk confirmed that the donation would come from land receipts, not the Community Chest fund. It was also agreed that the Leisure Centre should be advised to produce a press release with regard to their proposals for the expansion.

0110 **SMALLHYTHE ROAD SPEED LIMIT**. The update on action by KCC was **NOTED**. KCC advised that a report including proposed measures would be available around the end of January 2018.

- 0111 **NEXT GENERATION YOUTH CAFE.** It was **AGREED** to award a £2,000 revenue grant to the Zion Baptist Church towards the continuing employment of Youth Workers, with ABC and KCC being approached to each fund a third in order to meet the full request of £6,000. Progress will be reviewed by the Town Council to ensure the Youth Café receives the full £6,000 grant either from the Town Council or a combination of authorities. Cllr. Dr. Lovelidge suggested that other parishes be approached for future funding as the Youth Cafe does cover many surrounding villages.
- 0112 **CHRISTMAS MARKET.** It was agreed that this item would be **DEFERRED** to the Town Council meeting on 29th January 2018.
- 0113 **CHRISTMAS LIGHTING.** It was agreed that the proposal to take down the Christmas lights from the trees each year should be **REFERRED** back to the Christmas Lights Sub-Committee for discussion. Advice would also be sought from the experts on the best procedure.
- 0114 **SPEED INDICATOR DEVICES (SIDs).** Cllr. M. Hill (KCC) informed the Committee that the advice from the professionals should be taken into account when making the decision regarding SIDs. The Committee advised Cllr. Hill that the Town Council only required advice from KCC as they would be funding the SIDs. It was **RESOLVED** that Woodchurch Road, Smallhythe Road and St. Michaels speedwatch representatives would be invited to meet with a KCC Representative to talk about the issues in each area. Cllr. Hill agreed to assist with setting up the meeting.
- 0115 **COMMUNITY TRANSPORT.** Cllr. M. Hill pointed out that the recently publicised list of services were simply those subsidised by KCC. However, these bus services would not necessarily be withdrawn. It was **RESOLVED** that Cllrs. Miss Gooch, Knowles and Mulholland would be the Council representatives on the Steering Group to liaise with the Tenterden Social Hub (Day Centre) and Ashford Volunteers Centre.
- 0116 **PARKING AT THE CHRISTMAS MARKET.** The report produced by Cllr. Mrs. Ferguson was **NOTED**. A full public presentation would be made by the Organisers at 6.20 pm on 29th January 2018.
- 0117 **CORRESPONDENCE.** None.
- 0118 **MINOR MATTERS.** None.
- 0119 **ANY OTHER BUSINESS.**
- (a) Meet your Town Councillors Coffee Morning. Cllr. Carter reminded the public and Councillors of the Coffee morning on Saturday, 13th January from 10am to midday. All are very welcome to attend.
 - (b) Burglaries in Tenterden. Cllr. Carter asked people to be vigilant as there had been a spate of burglaries in the West end of Town between the hours of 4&5pm and 6&7pm.

The meeting opened at 7.52pm and closed at 8.59pm.

The foregoing Minutes and Reports were confirmed and signed at the External Meeting held on the 19th day of February 2018.

Chairman _____ (19.02.2018)