

TENTERDEN TOWN COUNCIL

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FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

Notice is given that a meeting of the **FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES** Committee will be held in the Mayor's Parlour at the Town Hall on **MONDAY 9th JANUARY 2017** following a special meeting of the Town Council which begins at **7.00pm**.

All members of this committee 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) Mrs. J. Curteis (2) H. Edwards, (3) Mrs. S. Ferguson, (4) Miss N. Gooch, (5) M. Hickmott, (6) R. Isworth, (7) C. Knowles, (8) Dr. L. Lovelidge, (9) R. Lusty, (10) K. Mulholland, (11) J. Nelson (Chairman), (12) Mrs. P. Smith, (13) A. Sugden and (14) T. Thorpe.

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 28th November 2016 and the special meeting held on 19th December as a correct record.
4. **MATTERS ARISING.**
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.
7. **SUB-COMMITTEE & WORKING GROUP REPORTS.**
 - (a) Emergency Planning.
 - (b) May Fayre.
 - (c) Participatory Budgeting.
 - (d) Standing Orders, Financial Regulations and Donations. Report of meetings held on 12th December 2016 and 22nd December. *
 - (e) Website.
 - (f) Youth Policy.

8. **INVESTMENT POLICY.** To consider the report from an Independent Financial Adviser regarding investment strategy. *
9. **PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND HIGHWAYS & AMENITIES COMMITTEES.** To consider a merger of these two committees. *
10. **TOWN NET RADIO.** To consider a proposal to encourage membership of this crime prevention scheme. *
11. **TOWN EVENTS & TOWN PARTNERSHIP.** To consider a sub-committee to determine terms of reference. *
12. **PUBLIC CONSULTATION.** To approve the final report from The Lipton Group. *
13. **IT CONTRACT.** To consider quotations from 3 alternative IT providers. *
14. **2015-16 ANNUAL RETURN.** To note the comments by the external auditor on the annual return for 2015-16. *
15. **VOLUNTARY SUPPORT WARDEN.** To consider retaining the Voluntary Support Warden for a further 2 years following the pilot scheme. *

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.*

16. **LAND ISSUES.** Confidential Document 567 refers. *

End of closed session.

17. **CORRESPONDENCE.**

(a) A letter of complaint from a resident regarding the Christmas Market.

18. **MINOR MATTERS.**

(a) National Association of Local Councils. Bulletins (x3) on National Developments and meetings.

(b) Kent Association of Local Councils (KALC). Notification regarding appointment of auditors.

(c) KALC. Parish Newsletter.

(d) UK Power Networks. Details of a vulnerable persons register to be used in the event of power cuts.

(e) Pageant Master. Notification of a World War 1 Centenary Tribute event on 11th November 2018. An invitation to take part in a beacon lighting event on that date.

19. **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.