

# TENTERDEN TOWN COUNCIL



## **MINUTES OF A HIGHWAYS & AMENITIES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT THE TOWN HALL ON 30<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2017**

**Councillors Present:** M. Carter, Mrs. J. Curteis, Mrs. Ferguson, Miss N. Gooch, M. Hickmott, R. Isworth, Dr. L. Lovelidge, K. Mulholland, J. Nelson, Mrs. P. Smith (Chairman), A. Sugden and T. Thorpe.

**Officers Present:** Town Clerk Mr. P. Burgess, Deputy Town Clerk Mr. R. Parham and Administrative Assistant Mrs. C. Gilbert and Site Manager Mr. L. Jarvis.

**Others Present:** Mr. P. Chapell and Mr. R. Filmer of Maylands Consulting.

3121 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.** Cllr. Dr. Lovelidge.

3122 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.** None.

3123 **MINUTES.** The minutes of the meetings held on 19<sup>th</sup> December 2016 were confirmed and signed as a correct record.

3124 **MATTERS ARISING.** None.

3125 **PERSONAL REPRESENTATIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.** None.

3126 **COUNCILLORS' QUESTIONS.**

- (a) Street Furniture. Cllr. Mrs. Ferguson stated that street signs and lights, particularly those located on traffic islands, were looking tired and dirty, and asked that this be raised with the appropriate authority.
- (b) Pedestrian Crossings. Cllr. Mulholland had been made aware of examples of vehicles continuing through red lights at pedestrian crossings, and asked whether consideration could be given to installing cameras on the lights to catch the culprits. Cllr. Nelson suggested that it might be better to request that the lights be made more visible through the use of reflective yellow backings, to prevent such incidents occurring in the first place. This would be raised with Kent County Council.
- (c) Pavement between 7 and 19 Ashford Road. The chairman asked that KCC be contacted to ask them again to tarmac this stretch of pavement, as there were a large number of broken paving slabs, and it was deemed more sightly to use tarmac than to continually have broken paving slabs.

3127 **SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS.** None.

3128 **KCC SPEED SURVEY.** The results of a speed survey carried out by KCC, which showed no need for further action to be taken, were **NOTED**.

- 3129 **ARMED FORCES DAY CELEBRATION.** It was **RESOLVED** that a request for free-of-charge use of the Recreation Ground for a celebration of Armed Forces Day would be granted.
- 3130 **MAINTENANCE EQUIPMENT.** The Site Manager reported the importance of obtaining a second buggy, as the existing vehicle could only transport two of the four members of the Maintenance Team at a time. Cllr. Thorpe advised that lease-hiring a buggy could be a cheaper option. A budget of £16,687.93 for a new buggy was **AGREED**, subject to Cllr. Thorpe finding quotations for leasing; whichever option presented the best value would be pursued.
- 3131 **EAST CROSS GARDEN.** Maylands consulting presented a proposal for the East Cross Garden, based on the specification given by the East Cross Garden Sub-Committee. Consideration of the matter was deferred to wait for more information. Maylands Consulting would provide a quote for edging and paving works which would be submitted to the Sub-Committee for their comments, and subsequent referral to the Committee. The Committee discussed the state of the paving in front of the Fairings shops, which was not under the ownership of any individual or authority. The Clerk was instructed to make enquiries regarding the Town Council formally taking ownership of this pavement.
- 3132 **ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION.** List number 173 was **NOTED**.
- 3133 **FINANCIAL REPORT.** The income and expenditure report to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2016 was **APPROVED**.
- 3134 **CORRESPONDENCE.** A letter had been received requesting the Council's support for improved directional signage toward the car park at the southern end of Bridewell Lane. It was **RESOLVED** that support would be given to such an application.
- 3135 **MINOR MATTERS.**
- (a) Kent Police and Crime Commissioner. Information about a consultation regarding an increase in the police precept was **NOTED**.
  - (b) Kent Fire and Rescue. Details of dates for presentations relating to the Kent hydrant initiative were **NOTED**.
  - (c) Neighbourhood Watch East Division. A newsletter about identity theft was **NOTED**.
  - (d) Fields in Trust. Details of the launch of the community asset fund, which offered grants of up to £150,000 projects to enhance spaces in the local community for physical activity, were **NOTED**. It was suggested that this might be useful if the relocation of the football pitch were to be progressed soon.
  - (e) Kent County Council Drug and Alcohol Strategy. An invitation to participate in a consultation was **NOTED**.
  - (f) KCC Freight Action Plan. An invitation to participate in a consultation regarding lorry parks was **NOTED**.
  - (g) Kent in WW1. Information on the "100 miles for 100 years" project was **NOTED**.

(h) Ashford Health Network. Details of health care seminars were **NOTED**.

3136 **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**. None.

**The meeting opened at 8.35pm and closed at 9.22pm.**

The foregoing Minutes and Report were confirmed and signed at a meeting of the Highways & Amenities Committee held on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of March 2017.

Chairman \_\_\_\_\_ (13.03.2017)