

TENTERDEN TOWN COUNCIL



MINUTES OF THE EXTERNAL COMMITTEE **MEETING HELD AT TENTERDEN TOWN HALL ON 14TH JANUARY 2019**

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

Officers Present: Town Clerk Mr. P. Burgess, Deputy Town Clerk Mrs. C. Gilbert and Administrative Assistants Ms. S. Ratcliffe and Mrs. L. Owers.

Others Present: Cllrs. H. Edwards, M. Freeman, M. Hickmott, R. Isworth, Mrs. P. Smith and Mrs. C. Walder (not members of this committee) and 3 members of the public.

0277 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** Cllr. C. Knowles and Cllr. Dr. L. Lovelidge (not a member of this Committee).

0278 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.** None.

0279 **MINUTES.** The minutes and reports of the meeting held on 10th December 2018 were confirmed and signed as a correct record.

0280 **MATTERS ARISING.** None.

0281 **REPRESENTATIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.** None.

0282 **COUNCILLORS' QUESTIONS.** Cllr. Ferguson requested to talk about rubbish over the Christmas period at the next meeting.

0283 **SUB-COMMITTEE & WORKING GROUP REPORTS.**

- (a) Tourism and Business Committee. Minutes of a meeting held on 11th December 2018 were **NOTED**. The Deputy Town Clerk, Mrs. C Gilbert and Ms. S. Welch updated the Committee on their meeting earlier in the day with Ashford Borough Council and the information received will be taken back to the next meeting of the Tourism and Business & High Street Regeneration Sub-Committee on 22nd January 2019.

The following recommendation was **RESOLVED**:

- (i) the setting up of digital content linked to Ashford Borough Council at an overall cost of £2,000 plus VAT.
- (ii) The recruitment of a Town Manager/Co-ordinator will be **DEFERRED** until a job description has been produced.

Cllr. Mrs. Ferguson abstained from voting.

(b) Police Forum. Minutes of a meeting held on 17th December 2018 were **NOTED**.

(a) Due to enhanced technicalities they are building in, the new CCTV systems should be installed by the end of the financial year.

(b) An initiative has been taken by Ashford Borough Council in the Kingsnorth Ward, in terms of the use of Electric Bikes for the use of PCSO's. They have 2 Electric Bikes that are now being used by PCSO's. They have a range of 100 miles and cost between £1250 and £1500 and give a lot of scope to PCSO's, particularly in the more rural areas of Ashford. The PCSO's have been consulted and it would be a big enhancement and would help them in their role to get even closer to young youths and bikers. With the maintenance facility being put in at St. Michaels, the bikes could be stored there but there would need to be a charger. The Council are keen but need more information is required on funding, insurance and security.

0284 **ADDITIONAL DEFIBRILLATOR**. It was **RESOLVED** to match fund the Trinity Baptist Church at a cost of £867.30 for an external AED Unit which will be located on the Church at the top of Turners Avenue. The total AED price is £1734.60.

0285 **ADMINISTRATION LISTS**. Issues reported to KCC on Administrative List 177 were **NOTED**.

0286 **FINANCIAL REPORT**. The Income and Expenditure Report for the period ended 31st December 2018 was **APPROVED**.

0287 **CORRESPONDENCE**.

(a) A letter from the TDRA in support of the grant application from St. Mildred's Church was **NOTED**.

(b) A letter of thanks for the light display this year was **NOTED**.

(c) A positive letter from a resident regarding the Mayor's letter to the Kentish Express was **NOTED**.

0288 **MINOR MATTERS**. None.

0289 **ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS PREVIOUSLY NOTIFIED TO THE CHAIRMAN**. None.

The meeting opened at 9.40pm and closed at 10.10pm.

The foregoing Minutes and Reports were confirmed and signed at the External Meeting held on the 11th day of February 2019.

Chairman _____ (11.02.2019)