

# TENTERDEN TOWN COUNCIL



## **MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL HELD AT TENTERDEN TOWN HALL ON 30<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2017**

**Councillors Present:** M. Carter, Mrs. J. Curteis, H. Edwards, Mrs. S. Ferguson, Miss N. Gooch, M. Hickmott, R. Isworth, R. Knight, C. Knowles, Dr. L. Lovelidge, R. Lusty, K. Mulholland, J. Nelson (Town Mayor), Mrs. P. Smith and A. Sugden

**Officers Present:** Town Clerk P. Burgess, Deputy Town Clerk Mrs. C. Gilbert, Accounts Clerk Mrs. J. McCollum.

**Others Present:** Reverend Canon L. Hammond, Cllr. Mr. P. Clokie (ABC), Cllr. J Link (ABC) and seven members of the public.

**Reverend Hammond said prayers.**

3113 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.** Cllr. T. Thorpe.

3114 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.** None

3115 **MINUTES.** Minute 0046(b) – Tenterden Leisure Centre was re-worded to 'proposed' loan. The minutes of the meetings held on 18<sup>th</sup> September 2017 were then confirmed and signed as correct records

3116 **MATTERS ARISING.** None

3117 **QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC AND COUNCILLORS.**

- (a) Cllr. M. Carter made an apology for any confusion over whether he had a personal or financial interest in trying to arrange facilities for sports and a cinema in Tenterden. He stated that his interest and involvement had only been to ensure that adequate facilities were available. This had involved talking to people but not committing to anything on behalf of the Council.

3118 **COMMITTEE REPORTS.** Subject to any specific questions or objections, the Minutes and Reports of the under-mentioned Committees were taken as read and, being duly seconded, were approved and **ADOPTED** as part of the proceedings of the Town Council subject to the following recommendations which were voted upon by a show of hands.

**Internal Committee; 18<sup>th</sup> September 2017.** Presented by Cllr. Dr. Lovelidge.

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**External Committee; 9<sup>th</sup> October 2017.** Presented by Cllr. Carter

Cllr. Mrs. Smith asked that the next meeting of the Tourism and Business Subcommittee should take place as soon as possible.

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**Planning Committee; 18<sup>th</sup> September 2017 and 9<sup>th</sup> October.** Presented by Cllr. Lusty and Cllr. Edwards.

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3119 **COMMUNITY WARDEN.** Ms. J. Vos reported that she had a busy month. She had been working with the Dementia Friendly Group attending a weekly event at Highbury Hall and carrying out welfare visits to the elderly. She had attended several Focus Group meetings in town. She gave an internet safety talk at St. Michael's School and is working closely with a family to provide support to a vulnerable teenager. Visits and support had been given to various groups including CARM and the Youth Café. She had also been involved in reporting fly tipping and pot holes.

3120 **KENT POLICE.** Apologies were sent from PCSO O. Welch and the following report was presented by Cllr. Nelson.

"Crime has continued to remain low throughout October in Tenterden and the surrounding villages with very few incidents reported. However recently we have seen a slight increase in burglaries across the division so I would like to remind all residents to stay vigilant and report anything suspicious via the Kent Police non-emergency number 101 or if you do witness a crime in progress then please do call 999.

Below are some basic steps to help secure your property:

- Keep front gate closed at all times
- Lock all external doors.
- Spotlights can help deter offenders.
- Alarm System - particularly those linked to the police can deter offenders and help police attend incidents swiftly.
- Timer switchers- for lights when you are out at night or on holiday.
- Alarms for out buildings
- Lock sheds and garages
- Mount CCTV to deter and capture evidence of offences.

There have been 2 reports of anti-social behaviour in the Abbott way, Kiln field area of the town. These reports related to youths being noisy late in the evening. I am pleased to report that since the football dugouts have been removed from the recreation ground I have seen a decline in the number of youths hanging around in that area. However, I have been made aware that large groups of youths are now gathering at St Michael's recreation ground. I will be showing a hi-visibility presence in the area to deter and disrupt any potential criminal activity. Full in-depth crime statistics are freely available by visiting [www.police.uk](http://www.police.uk) Finally I would like to draw your attention to the new online crime reporting system on the Kent Police website. This is now live and gives members of the public the ability to report crime online rather than by phone which some may find easier, faster and more convenient."

Cllr. Mrs. Ferguson asked if the Town Clerk could investigate whether PCSO Welch was still holding his monthly Police Surgery at the Zion Baptist Church.

3121 **REPORTS FROM APPOINTED TRUSTEES AND REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS.**

- (a) Extraordinary Meeting ABC Citizens Advice. Cllr. Mulholland reported on new rules regarding auditing of the charity and the impact this will have on the workload. A move to a new company: 'Advice UK' is being considered and the implications on ABC funding are being investigated.

Citizens Advice will consider applying for a Community Chest Grant to cover the cost of room rental.

- (b) St Michael's Village Hall. Cllr. Mulholland reported that some of the Village Hall repairs were now complete: a new tiled roof, LED lighting and re-decorated ceiling; all in time for the Hall's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations on 18<sup>th</sup> November 2017.
- (c) Annual Ashford Forum. Cllr. Mulholland reported on items discussed:
  - (i) ABC is now one of the top councils for 'Recycling'
  - (ii) The benefits of, and importance of, volunteering
  - (iii) The new criteria for defining Gypsies and Travellers means there are no-longer enough traveller sites in the 2030 Local Plan. All parish councils are being asked to look at new appropriate sites.
- (d) KALC Meeting. Cllr. Lusty reported that he had attended the last KALC meeting which discussed medical matters and Cllr. Isworth provided a report.
  - (i) Cllr. Isworth is now a representative on the Ashford Health and Wellbeing Board.
  - (ii) An excellent presentation was made on the anti-smoking strategy and anti-obesity strategy. This acknowledged that tackling these issues early: at school, is essential. Cllr. Isworth questioned whether local schools had agreed to participate in these strategies.
  - (iii) Unused facilities at East Cross clinic and West View Hospital. A failure to liaise between authorities and local facility providers together with a failure of the CCG to attend meetings continues to cause difficulties.
- (e) Christmas Market. Mrs. N. Mahoney reported that the arrangements for the Christmas Market were going well and they were currently sorting out stall positions. The market is now full.

3122 **MAYORAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**. Cllr. Nelson reported that he will be attending the following events:

- (a) Remembrance Service at St. Johns the Baptist, Smallhythe on 5<sup>th</sup> November 2017 at 11.15 am;
- (b) Remembrance Service at Homewood School on 10<sup>th</sup> November 2017;
- (c) Act of Remembrance at Tenterden War Memorial on 11<sup>th</sup> November 2017 at 11.00 am;
- (d) Remembrance Service at St. Michaels & All Angels on 12<sup>th</sup> November 2017 – Cllr. Mulholland agreed to attend on behalf of the Council;
- (e) Remembrance Service at Tenterden War Memorial on 12<sup>th</sup> November 2017;
- (f) KALC Crime Prevention and Safety Conference on 7<sup>th</sup> December 2017;
- (g) Community Litter Pick at 11.00 am on Sunday, 5<sup>th</sup> November 2017 at the Pavilion.

**The meeting opened at 7.00pm and closed at 7.30pm**

The foregoing Minutes and Report were confirmed and signed at a meeting of the Town Council held on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of December 2017.

Chairman \_\_\_\_\_ (11.12.2017)