

TENTERDEN TOWN COUNCIL



MINUTES OF THE EXTERNAL COMMITTEE **MEETING HELD AT TENTERDEN TOWN HALL ON 19TH FEBRUARY 2018**

Councillors Present: M. Carter (Chair), Mrs. J. Curteis, Mrs. S. Ferguson, Miss. N. Gooch, C. Knowles and K. Mulholland. Substitutes: M. Hickmott and Dr. L. Lovelidge.

Officers Present: Town Clerk Mr. P. Burgess, Deputy Town Clerk Mrs. C. Gilbert and Administration Assistant Ms. S. Ratcliffe

Others Present: Cllrs. J. Nelson and A. Sugden (not members of this committee), Cllr. P. Clokie (ABC) and one member of the public.

0120 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.** Mrs. P. Smith. Non-members: Cllrs. H. Edwards and R. Lusty.

0121 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.** None

0122 **MINUTES.** The minutes of the meeting held on 8th January 2018 were confirmed and signed as a correct record.

0123 **MATTERS ARISING.** None.

0124 **PERSONAL REPRESENTATIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.** None.

0125 **COUNCILLORS' QUESTIONS.**

- (a) Cllr. Carter passed on Cllr. Edwards request that the upcoming Royal Wedding celebrations be put on the next agenda.

0126 **SUB-COMMITTEES & WORKING GROUPS.**

- (a) May Fayre. Cllr. Hickmott reported that thirty-five organisations had been invited to this year's event. More craft stands and old vehicles would be welcome, along with volunteers to help on the day. Cllr. Hickmott also extended an invitation to the Royal British Legion to have a stand.

It was decided that Tenterden Town Council would have a stand again this year at Cllr. Mrs. Ferguson and Cllr. Mulholland's request.

- (b) Donations. Cllr. Mulholland reported that two applications had been received, one from Glenn Thompson of Tenterden Tigers Junior Football Club for £1,500 for replacement goalposts. He advised that the club have been invited to make a presentation to the Committee. Cllr. Mrs. Ferguson asked if Tenterden Tigers were aware of Community Chest money, and the Town Clerk advised that they were as Glenn was on the Steering Group committee. The second application was from the Methodist

Church who requested £500 for improving their hireable space. The grant was refused due to the Church having significant cash reserves.

Two unofficial applications had been received, one from St. Michael's Primary School regarding their 5K and 10K run. The organisers have been asked to present at a Council meeting and consideration would then be given to classifying the event as a Town event. The second request was regarding replacement steps at Coombe Lane Cemetery; this is to be covered by the Council's Maintenance budget.

- (c) Sports Review. No recent meetings had taken place. Cllr. Carter suggested arranging a meeting to re-assess the situation.
- (d) Village Halls Focus Group. Nothing to report; no recent meetings.
- (e) Cinema Focus Group. Cllr. Mrs. Ferguson reported that the next meeting will take place on Thursday, 22nd February 2018. The pre-feasibility study, conducted by Craigmount Consulting, will be discussed and the decision made as to whether the group would like to progress to Stage 2. Cllr. Ferguson requested that a special meeting of the External Committee take place on 12th March 2018 should the Group wish to move forward.
- (f) Christmas Lights. The report of the meeting held on 15th February 2018 was **NOTED**. Cllr. Carter suggested that it may be worthwhile installing car chargers on the High Street which could then be used for the Christmas Lights. It was **RESOLVED** to remove the main High Street Christmas lights each year.
- (g) Tourism & Business. Nothing to report; no recent meetings.
- (h) War Memorial. Nothing to report; no recent meetings. The next meeting will be held on 6th March 2018.
- (i) Community Transport Team. The report of the meeting held on 12th February 2018 was **NOTED**. Cllr. Mulholland reported a very enthusiastic first meeting. An application to Kent County Council will be submitted at the end of March. A paper and online survey to identify passenger transport needs will be carried out. The next meeting will be held on 14th March 2018.

0127 **FINANCIAL REPORTS**. The Income and Expenditure reports to 31st December 2017 were **NOTED**.

0128 **UPGRADE OF TOWN'S CCTV**. The update regarding the upgrading of the Town's CCTV was **NOTED**. Installation of the new cameras will take place as early as July 2018, but definitely in 2018.

0129 **PROPOSED TENTERDEN COMMUNITY LAND TRUST**. Cllr. Nelson presented the proposal. Cllr. Knowles reported that he was aware of two other Towns that had set up Community Land Trusts. Cllr. Dr. Lovelidge expressed her concerns regarding 'free' land being put forward to development. Cllr. Clokie (ABC) advised that land which had been refused for the Local Plan could not be put forward. It was **RESOLVED** that Cllrs. Carter and Nelson would represent the Town Council should a Steering Group be set up.

- 0130 **PRIORY WAY PLAY AREA.** It was agreed to **DEFER** this item until the next meeting. Cllr. Knowles reported that Chelgate, the Consultants on behalf of Redrow Homes, were asking for opinions on a draft design of the new Tilden Gill development. Parents in the area had been spoken to regarding the current play area, all of whom were concerned at the its positioning near what would be a busy junction. Chelgate were asking for the play area to be moved into the new development.
- 0131 **FUTURE YOUTH PROVISION.** It was **RESOLVED** that: (i) the Town Council would engage a specialist youth worker to advise on the implementation of the Council's Youth Policy and source funding for this and (ii) the Town Clerk liaised with Youth Services at ABC and KCC with a view to putting forward specific, costed proposals for consideration by the Town Council for that engagement. Cllr. P. Clokie (ABC) suggested the Council asked Cllr. M. Hill (KCC) for help.
- 0132 **SPEED INDICATOR DEVICES (SIDs).** It was **RESOLVED** that the Council would fund a mini-SID subject to local consultations at a cost of between £6,920 and £7,145. Ground surveys would be ordered for the two new locations. The mini-SID would roam between five potential locations: Woodchurch Road (2ways), Beacon Oak Road (2ways) and Smallhythe Road.
- 0133 **WEEKEND POLICING FOR TENTERDEN.** It was **RESOLVED** to write to the Chief Constable Alan Pughsley requesting regulated focused patrols on Friday and Saturday nights between pub closing times and 2am. Cllr. Knowles suggested liaising with Cllr. M. Hill (KCC) who is on the Panel for Policing.
- 0134 **CORRESPONDENCE.** None.
- 0135 **MINOR MATTERS.**
- (a) Kent County Council (KCC) Consultations. Information received from KCC regarding proposals for the future of the Homelessness Support Service was **NOTED**.
- 0136 **ANY OTHER BUSINESS.** None.

The meeting opened at 8.12pm and closed at 8.56pm.

The foregoing Minutes and Reports were confirmed and signed at the External Meeting held on the 3rd day of April 2018.

Chairman _____ (03.04.2018)