

TENTERDEN TOWN COUNCIL



MINUTES OF THE INTERNAL COMMITTEE **MEETING HELD AT TENTERDEN TOWN HALL ON 26TH JUNE 2017**

Councillors Present: H. Edwards, M Hickmott, R. Isworth, R. Knight, Dr. L Lovelidge (Chair) R. Lusty, J. Nelson and A. Sugden.

Officers Present: Town Clerk Mr. P. Burgess, Senior Administrator Mrs. C. Gilbert, Accounts Clerk Mrs. J. McCollum and Administrator Ms. S. Ratcliffe.

Others Present: Cllrs. M. Carter, Mrs. J. Curteis, Mrs. S Ferguson, Miss. N. Gooch, K. Mulholland and Mrs. P. Smith, (not members of this committee), Reverend Canon L. Hammond, Cllr. Mr. P. Clokie (ABC) and two members of the public.

0022 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.** Non-Members: Cllr. T. Thorpe.

0023 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.** None.

0024 **MINUTES.** The minutes of the meeting held on 5th June 2017 were confirmed and signed as a correct record.

0025 **MATTERS ARISING.** None.

0026 **PERSONAL REPRESENTATIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.** None.

0027 **COUNCILLORS' QUESTIONS.** None.

0028 **SUB-COMMITTEES & WORKING GROUPS.**

(a) Website Sub-committee. A report of the final meeting of this sub-committee on 12th June 2017 was received and it was **RESOLVED** that the sub-committee would be closed. It was **RESOLVED** that a day's additional training for administrative staff would be booked with WebBox.

0029 **CONFEDERATION OF CINQUE PORTS.** It was **RESOLVED** that three Confederation of the Cinque Ports umbrellas would be purchased at a cost of £28.00 each for use at Confederation and Civic events. Cllr. Knowles suggested that councillors might like to purchase their own umbrellas and it was agreed that those interested should contact the Town Clerk.

0030 **KENT WILDLIFE TRUST.** Cllr. Knowles requested that the land behind Abbots Way be included in the survey as the wildlife here had not been investigated. It was **RESOLVED** to increase the budget to £4,500 for the wildlife surveys at Hales Place, Land to the Rear of Westwell Court, large area of land between Appledore Road and Woodchurch Road, Glebe Field and land to the rear of Abbots Way.

0031 **RECREATION GROUND PLAY AREA.** It was **RESOLVED** to replace the "wetpour" rubberised surface under the swings at a cost of £3,964 after the summer holidays to avoid disruption.

0032 **POTENTIAL GIFTING OF LAND TO REAR OF WESTWELL COURT.** It was agreed to **DEFER** this discussion until more news had been received about the development.

0033 **ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR ON THE RECREATION GROUND.** Ms. S. Lees, Principal of Homewood School & Sixth Form Centre, had attended the meeting to discuss the issues that arose on the Recreation Ground/Football Pitch on 16th June 2017 and to try and resolve the matter. Ms. Lees reported that it was a minority of Homewood students present and that their behaviour (i.e. littering) did not reflect that of all the 2,000 students at the School. Ms. Lees also reported that once students are dismissed from School, the School had no jurisdiction over the students only influence. Councillors raised their concerns with Ms. Lees and it was agreed that the following would be put in place for future 'red flag' days:

- (a) the School would inform the Council of the 'red flag' days and these would be reported to the PCSO requesting their presence;
- (b) the students would be let out later to avoid more time available to socialise on the recreation ground;
- (c) the School would provide manpower for any clean up the following day.

The Committee congratulated Ms. Lees on the School receiving a 'Good' Ofsted Report and commiserated on the unfortunate timing of the litter issue in the press.

The Committee moved into closed session. *Under the Public Bodies (Admissions to meetings) Act 1960, the public and press will be excluded from the closed meeting session due to the confidential nature of this part of the meeting which involves the discussion of confidential staffing matters and confidential financial negotiations.*

0034 **STAFFING ISSUES.** Confidential document 589 refers.

End of closed session.

0035 **CORRESPONDENCE.**

- (a) A complaint from a resident of Elmfield regarding the recent Fair had been received.

0036 **MINOR MATTERS.**

- (a) Electoral review of Ashford: a report from the Local Government Boundary Commission setting out the final recommendations for Ashford Borough Council. Interactive map: <https://consultation.lgbce.org.uk/node/8512> had been received and Councillors were encouraged to look at the new boundaries.

0037 **ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS PREVIOUSLY NOTIFIED TO THE CHAIRMAN.** None

The meeting opened at 8.12pm and closed at 9.22pm.

The foregoing Minutes and Reports were confirmed and signed at the Internal Meeting of the Town Council held on the 17th day of July 2017.

Chairman _____ (17.07.2017)