

TENTERDEN TOWN COUNCIL

MAY FAYRE SUB-COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD 23rd January 2018 at 7pm

PRESENT:

Town Councillors: M. Hickmott, Mrs. P. Smith, Miss N. Gooch, H Edwards

Non-Councillors: Mr. C. Marsh, Mr. J Mills

Tenterden Town Council Staff: Ms. S Ratcliffe

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** Mr. R. Finniss, who has stepped down as a member of this committee.
2. **MINUTES:** The minutes of the last meeting held on 4th July 2017 were agreed.
3. **CORRESPONDENCE:** An enquiry has been received from Denise Bridger, of The Fairings Barber Shop regarding a 'Shear Off' between sheep and human head. This will be looked into.
Emma Brookes of Brookes Dance Academy has enquired about running a stall and putting on a ballet display, providing all the boarding herself.
4. **FINANCIAL POSITION:** Cllr. Mrs P Smith advised that the current balance is £776 and will be made up to £1500 by Tenterden Town Council.
5. **PLANS AND SUGGESTIONS FOR 2018 EVENT:**
 - It was queried why the water tank is needed and Cllr. Edwards advised that it is needed so that the Scouts and the Tea Tent have a fresh water supply.
 - Mr. Mills advised that Sam Foreman's parents have notified him that they will not be running the Dog Show this year so an alternative organiser needs to be found. Cllr. Mrs. Smith will contact Evelyn Luck to see if she would like to take over, if not, Cllr. Miss Gooch will approach Julie Michaels from In The Dog House.
 - It was noted that two dance groups dropped out at the last minute last year and suggested that this year fewer groups are invited.
 - Cllr. Miss Gooch will contact Tenterden School to arrange to borrow the May Pole.
 - Cllr. Edwards advised that the equipment has not been unloaded from the trailer since last years event and can stay there until the Fayre. Afterwards, all the equipment will need to be stored on site. The kiosk is available for the smaller equipment until the Recreation ground has been re-ordered but the larger items will need to be stored elsewhere. Mr. Mills suggested buying a container to store the larger items. It was agreed that future storage needs thought.
 - Cllr. Mrs. Smith will contact Jon Slegg to request First Aid and to ask for the cadets help in setting up and taking down along with Lee from the Maintenance Team.
 - The committee are keen to have stalls that sell local crafts, Cllr. Miss Gooch will contact Carolyn Hickmott to invite Crafters.
 - Stalls that sell produce or are non-charitable will pay a charge, as will business stalls (amount to be decided).
 - Cllr. Mrs. Smith will contact Rachael Woods of the Kentish Express, Emma Isworth and Sue Ferguson to invite craft stall holders and to advise of the date of the Fayre – May 7th. Cllr. Hickmott will contact Sandra at the Vet's.

- Cllr. Hickmott will contact last years stall holders and print out blank sheets to hand out to interested parties.
- The Falconry Display from Eagle Heights is booked.
- It was agreed to ask the Flying Bazazi Brothers to return as they were very well received last year.
- Mr Doodle, Museum Cars and the Fire Service will be invited.
- Special Constable Graham Richards will be asked to lead the cavalcade, which will leave Morths Field (next to the Railway Crossing in Station Road) at 11.45am.
- Careys Car will be in the procession.
- Sharon Ratcliffe will ask the Mayor and Mayoress to open the event at 12 noon.
- The Mayor and Mayoress will ride in Mr. Marsh's car from the Town Hall
- Juliet from Flowercraft will be invited to bring her Pony and Trap.
- Cllr. Hickmott will be doing the compering this year and will contact Matt Curteis from Kent PA to organise the PA equipment.
- Cllr. Hickmott will contact Ivy Court Surgery to request extra parking.
- Cllr. Hickmott will contact Police, Fire and Ambulance to request attendance.
- Air Ambulance will be invited to have a stall.
- Mr. Marsh suggested asking Dandara and Taylor Wimpey for their support. Perhaps they would like a stall?
- Mr. Marsh suggested a petting corner of guinea pigs, gerbils and rabbits. Hand washing facilities and a gazebo would be necessary. Cinque Ports Vets will be asked if they would like to support and the Kentish Express will be asked to invite owners.
- Cllr. Mrs. Smith suggested inviting Rare Breeds to take part.
- Cllr. Hickmott will be contacting the Fairground.
- Mr. Mills will ask the Scouts to provide a copy of their food certificate and to ensure food temperature is checked.
- Ashford Sea Cadets Marching Band will be invited again.
- The Bowls Club will be invited to open their gates again.
- The Lindy Hop Dancers will be invited again.
- Adverts will be arranged to ask for volunteers.
- Carolyn Hickmott will be running a Vintage Tea Tent, she will provide her own tables and chairs and will have a laminated sheet detailing ingredients used in the cakes.
- It was agreed that the Tenterden Town Council tent would not be needed this year.
- Mr. Mills suggested that a post thumper should be purchased, Cllr. Edwards advised it would need to be five inches in diameter and two handled. Cllr. Mrs. Smith will ask if the maintenance team would lend a wheelbarrow for the sand.
- The Gazebo's are still in good order.
- Mr. Marsh to provide the flag pole.

6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS: Tremendous thanks was given to Mr. Carey Marsh for his PA over the years.

7. DATE OF NEXT MEETING. Wednesday 21st March 2018 at 7pm.

