

TENTERDEN TOWN COUNCIL



MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE HELD AT TENTERDEN TOWN HALL ON 13th MARCH 2017

Councillors Present: Mrs J. Curteis, H. Edwards, Miss N. Gooch, R. Isworth, C. Knowles, Dr. L. Lovelidge, R. Lusty, J. Nelson (Chairman), Mrs. P. Smith and A. Sugden.

Officers Present: Town Clerk Mr. P. Burgess, Deputy Town Clerk Mr. R. Parham and Administrative Assistant Mrs. C. Gilbert.

Others Present: Cllr. Carter (not a member of this committee) and Ashford Borough Councillor P. Clokie.

3634 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.** Cllrs. Mrs. Ferguson, Hickmott, Knight, Mulholland and Thorpe.

3635 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.** None.

3636 **PERSONAL REPRESENTATIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.**

- (a) Changes to Committee Structure. Cllr. Clokie asked whether more detail of the responsibilities of the proposed replacement standing committees would be circulated. The Chairman replied that the proposed delegated authority of the committees had been included in background papers.

3637 **CHANGES TO COMMITTEE STRUCTURE.** The Committee Structure Sub-Committee had recommended that the Finance & General Purposes, Highways & Amenities, Public Buildings and Tourism & Business Committees be replaced by two new committees; An *Internal Committee*, delegated to deal with matters which would usually not involve outside organisations, and an *External Committee* which would be delegated to deal with matters affected by outside organisations.

It was **AGREED** that;

- (a) The two new standing committees should be formed to replace those above-mentioned.
- (b) The new committees should be restricted to eight members, plus three substitutes who would fill spaces in the event of members not being able to attend a meeting.
- (c) members and substitutes should be assigned by drawing lots.
- (d) Members not serving on a committee should have an assigned space at meetings and could contribute to the debate, but not vote. These non-members should submit apologies should they be unable to attend.
- (e) Standing Orders in respect of election to committees, and the delegated authority of the committees, should be amended as required.
- (f) The Planning Committee should remain unchanged, and as many Councillors as possible should be encouraged to join.

The meeting opened at 8.07pm and closed at 8.27pm.

The foregoing Minutes and Reports were confirmed and signed at a meeting of the Finance & General Purposes Committee held on the 3rd day of April 2017.

Chairman _____ (03.04.2017)