

# TENTERDEN TOWN COUNCIL



## **MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL HELD AT TENTERDEN TOWN HALL ON 13<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2017**

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

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

**Others Present:** Sergeant-at-Mace Mr. M. Winter, Reverend Canon L. Hammond, Police Community Support Officers Mr. O. Welch and Mr. D. Smith, and Ashford Borough Councillor Mr. P. Clokie.

**Reverend Hammond said prayers.**

3040 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.** Cllrs. Mrs. Ferguson, Hickmott, Knight, Mulholland and Thorpe.

3041 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.** None.

3042 **MINUTES.** The minutes of the meeting held on 30<sup>th</sup> January 2017 were confirmed and signed as a correct record.

3043 **MATTERS ARISING.** None.

3044 **QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC AND COUNCILLORS.** None.

3045 **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;

**Finance & General Purposes: 20<sup>th</sup> February 2017.** Presented by Cllr. Nelson.

Committee recommendations:

Minute 3627 – Town Clerk Ad-hoc Expenditure. It was **RESOLVED** that the financial regulations should be amended as follows;

4.5 The Clerk may authorise revenue expenditure on behalf of the council which in the Clerk's judgement it is necessary to carry out to pay for repair, replacement or other work whether or not there is any budgetary provision for the expenditure, subject to the Clerk's Emergency Limit. The Clerk shall report such action to the appropriate chairman as soon as possible and to the council as soon as practicable thereafter.

Minute 3628 – Staff Issues. Confidential document no. 570 refers. **RESOLVED.**

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**Highways & Amenities: 19<sup>th</sup> December 2016.** Presented by Cllr. Mrs. Smith.

Committee recommendation:

Minute 3130 – Maintenance Equipment. A budget of £16,687.93 for a new buggy was **RESOLVED**.

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**Planning: 30<sup>th</sup> January and 20<sup>th</sup> February 2017.** Presented by Cllr. Lusty.

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**Public Buildings: 20<sup>th</sup> February 2017.** Presented by Cllr. Carter.

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**Tourism & Business: 30<sup>th</sup> January 2017.** Presented by Cllr. Carter.

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3046 **COMMUNITY WARDEN.** No report.

3047 **KENT POLICE.** Mr. Welch reported that he had been investigating some instances of senseless vandalism (such as the smashing of a window, damage to a defibrillator and youths throwing stones at a derelict building). He would be holding a surgery at the Zion Baptist Church on 24<sup>th</sup> March 2017 from 9.30am. Cllr. Lusty suggested that Mr. Welch contact the Town Clerk's office to assist in promoting his surgeries.

Cllr. Isworth asked when the town's CCTV cameras would be upgraded; once again, Mr. Welch explained that this was the responsibility of Ashford Borough Council as the owner and operator of the system. Cllr. Carter asked whether footage from the CCTV system was useful. Mr. Welch said that it was useful if an incident took place in daylight hours and the camera was pointing the right way, but this was often not the case.

Cllr. Carter asked whether Mr. Welch endorsed the Town Net Radio scheme. Mr. Welch reported that it was very useful in Ashford as it improved communication between PCSOs and retailers (and between retailers themselves), and he had been actively encouraging Tenterden businesses to sign up for the programme.

3048 **REPORTS FROM APPOINTED TRUSTEES AND REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS.**

(a) Tenterden & District Museum. The Town Mayor reported that the museum was preparing for the open season, which would commence in April.

(b) Tentertainment. The Town Clerk reported that an agreement had been reached with the organisers of Tentertainment regarding the terms and conditions of hire for Tenterden Recreation Ground. Ashford Borough Council had agreed the noise levels indicated in the event's plans. The Sunday's programme would commence later than it had in the past in response to feedback from residents.

- (c) Tenterden & District Twinning Association. Cllr. Edwards reported that the AGM had been held on 8th March, and all committee roles had been filled. A visit by representatives of Avallon had been booked in for 23<sup>rd</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> June 2017, with a locally-based programme (as opposed to the trip to London which had been included in 2015). The Association had expressed its gratitude for the Town Council agreeing to pay its insurance costs, rather than this cost coming from the annual grant,

3049 **MAYORAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**. None.

**The meeting opened at 7.00pm and closed at 7.16pm**

The foregoing Minutes and Report were confirmed and signed at a meeting of the Town Council held on the 24<sup>th</sup> day of April 2017.

Chairman \_\_\_\_\_ (24.04.2017)