

# TENTERDEN TOWN COUNCIL



## **MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE TOURISM & BUSINESS COMMITTEE HELD AT TENTERDEN TOWN HALL ON 23<sup>rd</sup> MAY 2016**

### **Councillor Members Present:**

M. Carter (Chairman), K. Mulholland, and J. Nelson.

### **Officers Present:**

Deputy Town Clerk Mr. R. Parham.

### **Others Present:**

Cllrs. Mrs. Ferguson and Knowles (not members of this committee), Ashford Borough Councillor Mrs. C. Bell and Mr. J. Crawford.

0163 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.** Cllr. Mrs. Smith and Cllr. G. Galpin and Ms. S. Barber of ABC.

0164 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.** None.

0165 **APPOINTMENT OF NON-COUNCILLOR MEMBERS.** It was **AGREED** that Cllr. Mrs. Bell and Mr. Crawford would be appointed to the committee, as would Ms. S. Barber who had expressed a willingness to stand.

0166 **ELECTION OF A VICE-CHAIRMAN.** It was **RESOLVED** that Cllr. Mulholland would be appointed to the role of Vice-Chairman.

0167 **MINUTES.** The minutes and reports of the meeting held 18<sup>th</sup> April 2016 were confirmed and signed as a correct record.

### **0168 MATTERS ARISING.**

(a) Minute 0160 – Cycling in Tenterden. Cllr. Nelson reported that part of his proposal regarding cycling in Tenterden had been omitted from the minutes and asked that this be included on the next agenda.

(b) Minute 0162(a) – Town Map of Businesses. Cllr. Carter asked that the Town Map displays be cleaned or have the plastic windows replaced prior to the installation of the new map, as they had become very discoloured.

0169 **PERSONAL REPRESENTATIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.** None.

0170 **QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS.**

- (a) Leader Fund. Cllr. Carter asked whether a date had been set up for a presentation on the Leader Fund as discussed under minute 0159. It was reported that this had been discussed with Ms. Barber who had indicated that such a presentation would be targeted at local businesses, as they would be able to apply for funding (rather than the Town Council). A date would be put forward by ABC for a meeting, which would be held in the Town Hall. This could not be progressed until after the referendum on UK membership of the European Union, as the fund in question was an EU grant.

0171 **COOMBE LANE SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT**. No meeting had been held.

0172 **TOWN GUIDE**. It was **RESOLVED** that consent would be given for the production of a town guide (minute 0157 refers), but that it would be a requirement that the marketing of the guide (particularly to potential advertisers) carried a disclaimer to make clear that it was a commercial enterprise rather than a Town Council publication.

0173 **LEIGH GREEN FIGHTER BASE**. The Town Council had been approached by a member of the public who wished to place a plaque to commemorate the site of a fighter base at Leigh Green, and members concurred that this would be acceptable. Cllr. Mrs. Bell reported that Ashford Borough Council had a grant scheme in place for memorials of the First and Second World War. Information on this would be supplied to the applicant.

0174 **ANY OTHER BUSINESS.**

- (a) Cinque Ports. Cllr. Nelson reported that he had attended a meeting of the Cinque ports Standing Joint Committee, where it had been reported that the Confederation was working on a scheme to promote member towns, and sought information on tourist destinations in them. Information on local attractions would be collated for the next meeting.
- (b) Time of Meetings. Cllr. Carter asked whether 5.00pm was the best start time for the committee's meetings as far as members were concerned, suggesting that as meetings tended to be brief they could be held slightly later in the day. Feedback would be sought from members and potential members as to whether they would prefer a different time.

**The Meeting opened at 5.01 p.m. and closed at 5.34 p.m.**

The foregoing Minutes and Reports were confirmed and signed at a meeting of the Tourism & Business Committee on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of July 2016.

Chairman..... (04.07.2016)