

TENTERDEN TOWN COUNCIL



MINUTES OF THE EXTERNAL COMMITTEE **MEETING HELD AT TENTERDEN TOWN HALL ON 11TH JUNE 2018**

Councillors Present: M. Carter, J. Crawford, Mrs. J. Curteis, Mrs. S. Ferguson, Miss N. Gooch, C. Knowles, K. Mulholland (Chair) and A. Sugden.

Officers Present: Town Clerk Mr. P. Burgess, Deputy Town Clerk Mrs. C. Gilbert and Administration Assistant Ms. S. Ratcliffe.

Others Present: Cllrs. H. Edwards, M. Freeman, H. Hickmott, R. Isworth, Dr. L. Lovelidge, J. Nelson (not members of this committee), and two members of the public.

0156 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** Cllr. Mrs. P. Smith (Non-Member).

0157 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.** None.

0158 **MINUTES.** The minutes of the meeting held on 3rd April 2018 were confirmed and signed as a correct record.

0159 **MATTERS ARISING.** None

0160 **PERSONAL REPRESENTATIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.**

- (a) Mr. J. King of Boresisle expressed his concerns regarding the pavement parking along Boresisle and Wayside Flats in St. Michaels. He said it is causing the elderly, and people using pushchairs and wheelchairs to walk in the road and is a serious danger to the public. He asked if the green could be turned into hard standing as there are nineteen vehicles vying for eight spaces. It was agreed to raise the issue with KCC.

0161 **COUNCILLORS' QUESTIONS.**

- (a) Cllr. Mrs. Ferguson reported that local residents have raised several issues regarding the unofficial BMX site at Six Fields path, Bells Lane. She said that noise is a problem with loud music and swearing, rubbish is being left and the site is being used by motorbikes. The Town Clerk stated that the site is part of the Tent1 development. The Tent1 Steering Group would be asked to revisit this.

0162 **VICE-CHAIRMAN.** Cllr. Miss N. Gooch was appointed Vice-Chairman for the 2018-2019 Council year.

0163 **FINANCIAL REPORT.** The Income and Expenditure report for this committee for the year ended 31st March 2018 was **APPROVED**.

0164 **SUB-COMMITTEE & WORKING GROUP REPORTS.**

- (a) May Fayre. Cllr. Hickmott reported that this year's event was tremendous with many acts taking part. He thanked Cllr. Edwards, Cllr. Miss Gooch, Cllr. Mrs. Smith and Cllr. Mrs. Curteis for their help. Cllr. Mulholland reported that the Town Council stand had lots of interest and put the Town Council in a positive light. Cllr. Edwards thanked Cllr. Hickmott for all his hard work and reported that this was the nineteenth May Fayre.
- (b) Donations.
- (i) Cllr. Mulholland reported that Mr. G. Thompson of Tenterden Tigers had been interviewed regarding funding to buy equipment to continue to play. It was **RESOLVED** that a grant of £1,500 would be awarded.
- (ii) Tenterden Museum was awarded their annual grant of £1,000 and the request from Citizens Advice had been deferred until the correct paperwork was received.
- (iii) It was **RESOLVED** to adopt the Town Events Policy.
- (iv) Cllr. Mulholland reported that the Tenterden 5k & 10K Run was a huge success. There were 280+ runners and there was a great community atmosphere.
- (c) Sports Review. Several councillors and the Clerk will be attending a meeting at Homewood School on 12th June 2018.
- (d) War Memorial. The location of bricks had been agreed and are being laid on 14th June 2018, which will mean they will be in place before Armed Forces Day. Cllr. Sugden stated that the inner planting was being removed in readiness for Remembrance Day and that this would give the box hedge time to regenerate.
- (e) Community Transport Scheme. Cllr. Mulholland reported that Ms. Thorne did a tremendous job with the application which resulted in Tenterden Social Hub being awarded £68,300 for a new bus. He said that Ms. Thorne was soon moving on to a new position with Age Concern and the Trustees were seeking a replacement.

Cllr. Isworth reported that the funds had already been received by the Social Hub and the new bus ordered. Ms. Thorne had agreed to work one day per week until her replacement was recruited and trained. In the meantime, Operations Manager Ms. S. Pettengell will be available to help.

0165 **SUB-COMMITTEE & WORKING GROUPS.** The following members were appointed to the following sub-committees.

- (a) May Fayre.
Cllrs. Edwards, Miss. Gooch, Hickmott and Mrs. Smith.
- (b) Donations.
Cllrs. Mrs. Curteis, Miss. Gooch, Mulholland, Mrs. Smith and Sugden.

- (c) Sports Review.
Cllrs. Carter, Isworth, Mulholland, Nelson and Sugden.
- (d) Christmas Lights.
Cllrs. Carter, Mrs. Ferguson, Knowles, and Sugden.
- (e) Tourism & Business.
Cllrs. Carter, Crawford, Mrs. Ferguson, Mulholland, Nelson and Mrs. Smith
- (f) Community Transport Scheme.
Cllrs. Miss. Gooch, Knowles and Mulholland.

0166 **WATER FOUNTAINS.** It was **RESOLVED** to install water fountains outside Station Road and Recreation Ground toilets as these were covered by CCTV. If successful, a location on the High Street and liaison with Kent & East Sussex Railway will take place.

0167 **ADMINISTRATION LISTS.** The issues reported to Kent County Council on Administration List 176 were **NOTED**. Cllr. Mrs. Ferguson commented that there were a lot of blocked drains on the list and asked if the relevant authority was not clearing them anymore. The Town Clerk informed Cllr. Mrs. Ferguson that KCC tackle the drains every six months and in the interim the Council help with issues. He said that the amount of blocked drains had not grown but the list was over five months this time. Cllr. Miss. Gooch reported that the drains in both Bridewell Lane car park and Waitrose car park required attention.

0168 **CORRESPONDENCE.** None.

0169 **MINOR MATTERS.** None.

0170 **ANY OTHER BUSINESS.**

- (a) Cllr. Mrs. Ferguson announced that KCC will be holding a meeting on 11th July at 7pm at Homewood School, regarding the future of rural bus services; meetings are to be held in various locations across Kent. Cllr. Mrs. Ferguson requested that this meeting be moved to the Town Hall and perhaps to an earlier time so that those with transport issues can attend; the Town Clerk agreed to contact KCC.
- (b) Cllr. Mrs. Ferguson reported that with the new bus cuts, and the rule that a bus pass can only be used after 9.30am, passengers in Tenterden will have to wait until the 11.25am service due to the previous bus leaving at 9.10am, which is before the passes become valid. However, Arriva are increasing their bus service to Maidstone and buses will now stop in Tenterden on a Sunday.

The meeting opened at 7.51pm and closed at 8.50pm.

The foregoing Minutes and Reports were confirmed and signed at the External Meeting held on the 9th day of July 2018.

Chairman _____ (09.07.2018)