

TENTERDEN TOWN COUNCIL



MINUTES OF THE EXTERNAL COMMITTEE **MEETING HELD AT TENTERDEN TOWN HALL ON 8TH APRIL 2019**

Councillors Present: Cllrs. M. Carter, J. Crawford, Mrs. J. Curteis, Mrs. S. Ferguson, Miss. N. Gooch (Vice-Chair), C. Knowles, A. Sugden and Substitute: M. Hickmott.

Officers Present: Town Clerk Mr. P. Burgess, Deputy Town Clerk Mrs. C. Gilbert and Administrative Assistant Ms. L. Owers.

Others Present: Cllrs. H. Edwards, M. Freeman, R. Isworth, Dr. L. Lovelidge and J. Nelson, Mrs. P. Smith and Mrs. K. Walder (not members of this Committee) and seven members of the public.

0322 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** Cllr. K. Mulholland (Chair).

0323 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.** None.

0324 **MINUTES.** The minutes and reports of the meeting held on 11th March 2019 were confirmed and signed as a correct record.

0325 **MATTERS ARISING.** None.

0326 **REPRESENTATIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.** None.

0327 **COUNCILLORS' QUESTIONS.** None.

0328 **SUB-COMMITTEE & WORKING GROUP REPORTS.**

- (a) Kiln Field. The report of the meeting held on 18th March 2019 was **NOTED**. The Town Clerk drew the Committee's attention to the expenditure of £800 that he had authorised under his delegated powers for the Kent Wildlife Trust to produce a maintenance plan for Kiln Field.
- (b) Cinema Focus Group. The report of the meeting held on 14th March 2019 was **NOTED**. Cllr. Carter reported that the Group were waiting for a report from Heritage England follow a site visit to The Pebbles on 22nd March 2019.
- (c) May Fayre Sub-committee. The report of the meeting held on 20th March 2019 was **NOTED**. Cllr. Hickmott reported that the final meeting before the event will take place on 17th April 2019. The Committee were currently looking for maypole dancers, therefore, if Councillors or the public have contacts, the Committee would be grateful to hear from them.
- (d) Police Forum. The report of the meeting held on 25th March 2019 was **NOTED**.

- (e) Tourism & Business. The report of the meeting held on 12th March 2019 was **NOTED**.
- 0329 **ADMINISTRATION LISTS**. The Administration List No. 178, which shows all faults reported to either Kent County Council or Public Rights of Way, was **NOTED**. Cllr. Mrs. Ferguson raised the issue of the bollard near Montalbano; this had been repaired, however, it was cemented at an angle and required straightening.
- 0330 **ADDITIONAL BINS**. Cllr. Mrs. Smith had highlighted the need for further waste bins in Tenterden, particularly at the Woodchurch Road/Knockwood Road junction and Ingleden Park Road cut through to Knockwood. It was agreed that potential sites be investigated by the Maintenance Team and Administrative staff. It was **RESOLVED** that the results of the investigation would be brought back to the External Committee in the new Council year.
- 0331 **CIVIL SOCIETY**. Mrs. J. Gandolfo, who was representing a small group of residents in Tenterden, presented the idea of the Civil Society, which would be an umbrella group hoping to pull together the resources of smaller groups/organisations in the Town. The idea is to help unlock funding for projects and events and provide support to the Town Council and local groups. Mrs. Gandolfo circulated a leaflet which the Group would like to distribute to local groups and organisations. The Committee **RESOLVED** to approve the idea in principle; a Town Council representative will be assigned to the Group at the Annual Town Council meeting on 13th May 2019.
- 0332 **TENTERDEN FESTIVAL**. The Committee discussed the proposals put forward by Mr. M. Dalton, however, the Councillors were currently in purdah due to the forthcoming elections therefore no financial decisions could be made. Mr. Dalton reported that he had spoken to many venues around the Town and had received an enormous amount of positive responses. The Committee agreed to support the event in principle, however, the proposals would be **DEFERRED** to the 10th June 2019. The Committee thanked Mr. Dalton for putting the festival together. It was also suggested that Mr. Dalton might like to liaise with Mrs. J. Gandolfo as the Civil Society discussed earlier in this meeting.
- 0333 **CORRESPONDENCE**. None.
- 0334 **MINOR MATTERS**.
- (a) Proposed Amendments to Parking Controls – Tenterden. The amended parking controls near Homewood School and St. Michaels Primary School and submit the Town Council's comments were noted. It was **RESOLVED** to support the amendments.
- (b) Kent County Council – Smallhythe Road Speed Limit. The proposed reduction in the speed limit to 50mph from Dumbourne Lane junction to 225 meters South East of Longfield junction was **NOTED**.
- 0335 **ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS PREVIOUSLY NOTIFIED TO THE CHAIRMAN**. None.

The meeting opened at 8.25pm and closed at 9.01pm.

The foregoing Minutes and Reports were confirmed and signed at the External Meeting held on the 10th day of June 2019.

Chairman _____ (10.06.2019)