

TENTERDEN TOWN COUNCIL



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

Councillors Present: Cllrs. M. Carter, J. Crawford, Mrs. J. Curteis, J. Nelson (Chair), R. Parkin, R. Quinton and Substitutes: Mrs. S. Ferguson and Dr. L. Lovelidge.

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

Others Present: Cllrs. V. Cole, Miss. A. Gardner, C. Knowles, Mrs. P. Smith and A. Sugden (not members of this Committee) and one member of the public.

0355 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** Cllr. M. Hickmott, K. Mulholland, Mrs. C. Walder and Cllr. P. Clokie (ABC).

0356 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.** None.

0357 **MINUTES.** The minutes and reports of the meeting held on 10th June 2019 were confirmed and signed as a correct record.

0358 **MATTERS ARISING.**

- (a) Cllr. Parkin raised the issue of rubbish bags being put out too early on the High Street which are then destroyed by seagulls. It was noted that the flyer to be distributed to households had been approved and would be hand delivered to all properties mainly along the High Street and side streets.

0359 **REPRESENTATIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.** None.

0360 **COUNCILLORS' QUESTIONS.** None.

0361 **SUB-COMMITTEE & WORKING GROUP REPORTS.**

- (a) Caretaker Scheme. The report of the meeting held on 4th July 2019 was tabled. It was **RESOLVED** to purchase three new strimmers, a roller mower and bowser pump at a total cost of £7,494.00.

Cllr. Carter suggested bringing forward to the current financial year the purchase/contract hire of the new tractor. A temporary home for the tractor should be sought and he suggested approaching Homewood School.

It was also **RESOLVED** to bring forward the contract hire of a new tractor, which would mean trading in the newer Gator buggy and the current tractor. The cost per month would be £405.00 plus VAT. This would be undertaken if secure accommodation could be found for the tractor.

- (b) Donations. The report of the meeting held on 1st July 2019 was **NOTED**.
- (c) Tent1 Steering Group. The report of the meeting held on 25th June 2019 was **NOTED**. Cllr. Carter stated that with regard to the removal of the BMX Track, the Town Council should be speaking to the users of the site.
- 0362 **TOURISM & BUSINESS SUB-COMMITTEE**. Following discussion at the Internal Committee meeting earlier in the evening, it was agreed to **DEFER** this item until further information was provided by the Town Clerk.
- 0363 **FOOTBALL FUNDING**. It was **RESOLVED** to provide the local football teams with a further budget of £1,500.00 for the 2019/20 Football Season; this would include further seasons until the Smallhythe Road plot is ready. The Teams would be consulted on a sensible split of the funding which would take into account their usage and ability to pay. Cllrs. Parkin and Quinton abstained from voting.
- 0364 **YOUTH CLUB PROVISION**. Cllr. Sugden reported that there were between 20 and 35 attendees at the Youth Café which is run twice per week at Highbury Hall. Cllr. Carter asked whether Kent County Council or Ashford Borough Council were willing to contribute towards funding; the Town Clerk reported that both Councils were willing to support morally. It was **RESOLVED** to fund a top-up fee of £4,000.00 towards the continuation of the Youth Café.
- 0365 **TOWN MANAGER**. It was **NOTED** that a job description for the new Town Manager role would be put together for approval at the next Tourism & Business Sub-committee meeting which will be scheduled in the next two months.
- 0366 **CORRESPONDENCE**. None.
- 0367 **MINOR MATTERS**. None.
- 0368 **ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS PREVIOUSLY NOTIFIED TO THE CHAIRMAN**.
- (a) Cllr. Carter thanked all the organisers of The Spirit of Tenterden Festival, which took place on 5th, 6th and 7th July 2019, for putting on a great event.

The meeting opened at 8.20pm and closed at 8.34pm.

The foregoing Minutes and Reports were confirmed and signed at the External Meeting held on the 12th day of August 2019.

Chairman _____ (12.08.2019)