

# TENTERDEN TOWN COUNCIL

MAY FAYRE SUB-COMMITTEE

## MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD 18<sup>th</sup> September 2019 at 6pm

### PRESENT:

**Town Councillors:** Mrs. J. Curteis, M. Hickmott and Mrs. P. Smith

**Non-Councillors:** Miss N. Gooch, Mr. C. Marsh and Mr. J. Mills

**Tenterden Town Council Staff:** Mr. P. Burgess, Mrs. S. Smith

### 1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.** Mr. H. Edwards.

- Jean read out a letter from Henry in which he gave his apologies and also suggested that as it is the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of VE Day on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May next year, and there is no early Bank Holiday Monday, that the May Fayre misses a year to make way for the celebrations.  
Nikki commented that Highbury Hall is being used on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup>, so if the May Fayre was held on that day Highbury Hall would not be able to provide a cake stall or lend tables and chairs.  
John commented that a letter would need to be written to the stallholders to explain if there was no May Fayre.  
Phil said it could also be included in the Newsletter with the reason for not having a May Fayre.  
Pam suggested that the Scouts could be included in the VE celebrations.  
Harry suggested that the May Fayre committee could help to organise the celebrations.  
Jean offered to take a proposal to council.
- The committee agreed with Henry's proposal to miss next year. Jean advised that currently the Town Council are considering an afternoon tea for the Veteran's and lighting the Beacon in the evening. She said that there are currently no plans to have a funfair but it would be nice for the May Pole to be present.

### 2. **ELECTION OF CHAIR.** Harry was elected Chair.

### 3. **MINUTES.** The minutes of the last meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> June 2019 were agreed with the following amendment:

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#### **4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES.**

- It was agreed that to comply with Health & Safety regulations vehicles will not be allowed to drive on the rec when the public are on there.
- John commented that the photographer was still showing on the expenditure. Phil agreed to take this off as the committee did not request photos.
- John commented that Sam would have liked to have run the Fun Dog Show for the 2020 Fayre with all proceeds going to the Alzheimers Society.

#### **5. FINANCES.**

- Phil advised that for the next May Fayre all finances should go through the Town Council office and the committee agreed to this.
- Pam commented that stalls need to be charged £20 to be paid to the May Fayre and not to agree to donations to individual charities.
- Pam commented that no donation has been received from the Ancient Boro for having the bar at the last event and that next time a set fee should be charged.
- Nikki commented that the Falconry is too expensive to have again.
- Phil advised that the overspend of last year will be absolved.
- Pam suggested that next time the cost of the maintenance staff should be requested as well as the £1500 donation so that their wages do not come out of the budget.

**6. DATE AND FORMAT OF NEXT EVENT.** This was decided under apologies for absence.

**7. CORRESPONDENCE.** A letter from Henry was read out under apologies for absence.

**8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS.** Harry will contact all stallholders to let them know that there will not be a May Fayre next year and to advise of the new financial procedure. He will also notify the cadets.

**9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING.** TBC

The meeting closed at 6.45pm.