

TENTERDEN TOWN COUNCIL



MINUTES OF A TOURISM & BUSINESS COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT TENTERDEN TOWN HALL ON 7th NOVEMBER 2016

Councillor Members Present: M. Carter (Chairman), Mrs. S. Ferguson, K. Mulholland and J. Nelson.

Non-Councillor Members Present: Mrs. S. Barber.

Officers Present: Town Clerk Mr. P. Burgess and Deputy Town Clerk Mr. R. Parham.

Others Present: Mr. R. Hardingham (Little Dane Court), Mr. M. Yonge (Kent & East Sussex Railway) and one member of the public.

0213 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.** Cllrs. Mrs. Bell and Galpin (ABC), Cllr Mrs Smith (TTC) and Mr. T. Streeter.

0214 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.** None.

0215 **MINUTES.** The minutes of the meeting held 26th September 2016 were confirmed and signed as a correct record.

0216 **MATTERS ARISING.** None.

0217 **PERSONAL REPRESENTATIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.** None.

0218 **MEMBERS' QUESTIONS.** None.

0219 **COOMBE LANE SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT.** Further meetings were postponed pending the findings of the public consultation being carried out by the Lipton Group.

0220 **GREAT BRITISH HIGH STREET COMPETITION.** A sub-committee consisting of Cllrs. Carter, Mrs. Ferguson (Chairman) and Mulholland, and Mrs. Barber was appointed to come up with ideas for the promotion of Tenterden for the 2017 competition.

0221 **HEADCORN CYCLEWAY.** A presentation showing the route of the old railway line from Headcorn to Tenterden, which could be adapted into a cycleway, was postponed until Mr. T. Streeter was available to attend.

0222 **REVITALISATION OF THE HIGH STREET.** Consideration of various ideas to revitalise the High Street was **DEFERRED** until members of ABC were in attendance. Cllr. Nelson had attended a seminar on the subject, and a number of possible proposals were up for consideration.

0223 **FRIDAY STREET MARKET.** Following an informal approach by a member of ABC's licencing team, members concurred that the Town Council should express agreement in principle to the idea of taking responsibility for the street market (with ABC continuing to deal with licensing and enforcement aspects). This would be conveyed to ABC in order for them to consider the idea in detail.

0224 **ALLEY BETWEEN THE FACTORY SHOP AND COSTA COFFEE.** It was **NOTED** that a significant amount of waste material had built up in this area, which was frequently on show due to the gates to the alley being open. The environmental health department at ABC had been made aware of the issue, but had reported that as this was on private land it was not under its jurisdiction. Mrs. Barber would make further enquiries to see what could be done, and the Town Clerk would establish the ownership of the alley and contact the proprietor to request that the situation was addressed.

0225 **ANY OTHER BUSINESS.**

- (a) Christmas Market. Cllr. Mrs. Ferguson reported that arrangements for the three-day event were progressing well. It was expected that around 100 stalls would be in attendance, as well as events taking place on the recreation ground and in St. Mildred's Church.
- (b) Link Between Tenterden Station and Coombe Lane. Cllr. Carter expressed concern that there seemed to be resistance from the station to possible steps up onto Coombe Lane from the Station. Mr. Yonge agreed to consult with the Chairman of the K&ESR to establish whether this was the case.
- (c) Rother Valley Railway. Mr. Yonge reported that work on the extension of the line to Robertsbridge was progressing well. A final planning application had been submitted to Rother District Council, and a decision was anticipated on 20th January 2017. The possibility of sending a letter of endorsement from the Town Council would be referred to the Planning Committee at its next meeting, to be ratified by the Town Council by the end of 2016 if agreed.

The Meeting opened at 5.00 p.m. and closed at 5.54 p.m.

The foregoing Minutes and Reports were confirmed and signed at a meeting of the Tourism & Business Committee on the 19th day of December 2016.

Chairman _____ (19.12.2016)