

TENTERDEN TOWN COUNCIL



MINUTES AND REPORTS OF A TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT TENTERDEN TOWN HALL ON 4th JULY 2016

Councillors Present:

Mrs J. Curteis, H. Edwards, Mrs. S. Ferguson, Miss N. Gooch, R. Isworth, Dr. L. Lovelidge, R. Lusty, M. Hickmott, K. Mulholland, J. Nelson, Mrs. P. Smith (Town Mayor) and A. Sugden.

Officers Present:

Town Clerk Mr. P. Burgess and Deputy Town Clerk Mr. R. Parham.

Others Present:

The Reverend Canon L. Hammond, Sergeant-at-Mace Mr. M. Winter and two members of the public.

Rev. L. Hammond said prayers.

2967 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.** Cllrs. Carter, Mrs. Hannett, Knowles and Thorpe.

2968 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.** None.

2969 **MINUTES.** The minutes of the meetings of the Town Council held on 16th May, 23rd May and 13th June 2016 were confirmed and signed as correct records.

2970 **MATTERS ARISING.** None.

2971 **QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC AND COUNCILLORS.**

(a) Advertising Boards. Cllr. Hickmott stated that he thought that the A-board advertising the Fat Ox public house, which was put out on the green near the pub, was not appropriate at the location, particularly in light of the work that local people (and the Council) had put into improving the green as a useable space. The Town Mayor stated that this could be considered for a future Highways & Amenities committee agenda.

2972 **COMMITTEE REPORTS.** Subject to any specific questions or objections, the Minutes and Reports of the under-mentioned Committees were taken as read and, being duly seconded, were approved and **ADOPTED** as part of the proceedings of the Town Council subject to the following recommendations which were voted upon by a show of hands;

Finance & General Purposes: 13th June 2016.

Presented by Cllr. Nelson.

Minute 3517 – Tentertainment Grant.

To hold £1,000.00 in reserve to be made available to the organisers of Tentertainment in the event of disappointing receipts (in addition to the established grant). **RESOLVED.**

Highways & Amenities: 23rd May 2016.

Presented by Cllr. Hickmott.

Minute 3009 - Maintenance Facility. To accept a quote of £14,000.00 from Clague LLP for initial work on a maintenance facility, as far as deemed useful by the Town Clerk, with no commitment to be made at present to any build costs. **RESOLVED.**

Planning: 23rd May and 13th June 2016.

Presented by Cllr. Lusty.

Public Buildings: 13th June 2016.

Presented by Cllr. Isworth.

Tourism & Business: 23rd May 2016.

Presented by Cllr. Mulholland.

Minute 0165 – Appointment of Non-Councillor Members. To appoint Ashford Borough Council officer Ms. S. Barber, Cllr. Ms. C. Bell, and Mr. J. Crawford to the committee. **RESOLVED.**

2973 **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT COUNCILLOR.** Cllr. Mrs. Ferguson was appointed as Community Engagement Councillor for the Council year 2016-2017.

2974 **KENT POLICE REPORT.** A written report had been received from PCSO Mr. O. Welch in which he detailed statistics on reported crime for the previous month; three instances of shoplifting, three instances of theft, once instance of criminal damage, four instances of assault and three domestic incidences. In addition to dealing with these issues, Mr. Welch had been working to reduce traffic offences, both through the speed watch scheme on Woodchurch Road, and a road check which had identified an illegal vehicle – the owner of the vehicle would face prosecution. The report went on to make members aware that summer months typically saw an increase in thefts from sheds and outbuildings, and urged that steps be taken to properly secure them and mark property stored within. The next police surgery was scheduled for 22nd July 2016 at the Zion Baptist Church. Cllr. Isworth stated that he had read a news article which pointed at a link between police foot patrols and a reduction in crime statistics, and suggested that this be brought to the attention of the Police and Crime Commissioner when he was available to attend a meeting. Cllr. Dr. Lovelidge however noted that the article related more specifically to higher-crime, urban areas. Cllr. Lusty expressed his disappointment that the PCSO had not attended in person, as he felt that attending Town Council meetings should be a priority for the police force.

2975 **REPORTS FROM APPOINTED TRUSTEES AND REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS.**

- (a) Dr. Curteis Charity. Cllr. Mrs. Curteis reported that the trustees had met on 28th June 2016, and made grants to Benenden church for the Sunday School and the return of the "messy church" from the village hall.
- (b) Tenterden & District Day Centre. Cllr. Isworth reported that he had been appointed chairman of the day centre. Cllr. Miss Gooch reported that work had been undertaken to the balcony of the day centre thanks to a donation from the Town Mayor's charity account. The Town Mayor added that she had taken on a paid role as a fundraiser for the day centre.
- (c) Tenterden & District Museum. The Town Mayor reported that the museum's 40th anniversary celebration had been held on Sunday 26th June 2016, and had been well attended.
- (d) Tenterden & District Twinning Association. Cllr. Edwards reported on the successful visit to Avallon by members of the association. It was thought that a lack of applicants for committee positions within the organisation could lead to difficulties continuing the association, and this would be investigated at an Extraordinary General Meeting to be held on Thursday 14th July 2016.
- (e) Tenterden Leisure Centre. Cllr. Nelson reported that the leisure centre had been working with Dandara (one of the developers of the Tent 1 site) to ensure road safety during, and on completion of, building work.

2976 **MAYORAL ANNOUNCEMENTS.**

- (a) Annual Civic Service. Members were urged to give a response to their invitations to the annual civic service. Councillors were asked to arrive from 10.00am to be present to greet visiting dignitaries from 10.30am.
- (b) Mayor's Cadet. A cadet had been assigned to the Town Mayor to act as "Mayor's Cadet"; Cadet Staff Sergeant Martin.
- (c) Expression of Gratitude. The Town Mayor thanked members and officers for their support throughout the 2015-2016 Mayoral year.
- (d) Flower Beds outside Boots on the High Street. A number of compliments on the flower beds had been received, and these had been passed on to the volunteer gardeners.
- (e) Veterans' Luncheon. A number of letters of gratitude had been received from veterans who had attended the luncheon on Friday 13th May 2016.

The meeting opened at 7.00pm and closed at 7.36pm

The foregoing Minutes and Report were confirmed and signed at a meeting of the Town Council held on the 15th day of August 2016.

Chairman..... (15.08.2016)