

# TENTERDEN TOWN COUNCIL



## **MINUTES OF A TOURISM & BUSINESS COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT TENTERDEN TOWN HALL ON 19<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2016**

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

**Non-Councillor Members Present:** Mrs. S. Barber and Mr. J. Crawford.

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

**Others Present:** Cllr. C. Knowles (not a member of this committee), Mr. S. Robinson (on behalf of Tenterden & District Chamber of Commerce) four members of the public.

0226 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.** Cllrs. Mrs. Ferguson and Smith, Cllrs. Mrs. Bell and Galpin (ABC).

0227 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.** None.

0228 **MINUTES.** The minutes of the meeting held 7<sup>th</sup> November 2016 were confirmed and signed as a correct record.

0229 **MATTERS ARISING.** None.

0230 **PERSONAL REPRESENTATIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.** None.

0231 **MEMBERS' QUESTIONS.** None.

0232 **GREAT BRITISH HIGH STREET COMPETITION SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT.** A report was given on a meeting of the sub-committee which had been held on 12<sup>th</sup> December 2016. It was **RESOLVED** that £1,000.00 of the committee's budget would be assigned to cover expenditure arising from the town's participation in the competition.

0233 **REVITALISATION OF THE HIGH STREET AND THE AREA AROUND WAITROSE CAR PARK.** A sub-committee consisting of Cllrs. Carter and Nelson, Mr. Crawford, Pierre Edmonds as well as representatives of ABC and Ivy Court Surgery (in light of the future extension of the surgery) was appointed to come up with possible regeneration schemes. It was intended that they should meet early in 2017, when Cllr. Galpin was expected to have returned to council work.

0234 **COMMITTEE PRECEPT.** A precept request of £5,000.00 for 2017-2018 was **AGREED.**

0235 **CHRISTMAS MARKET.** Cllr. Carter reported that the Christmas market had been largely successful, and a report from Cllr. Mrs. Ferguson was read which echoed this. It was considered important that a debrief session be held to identify strengths and weaknesses of the event in preparation for any possible 2017 event. It was hoped that this meeting would take place in late January 2017, at the Town Hall.

0236 **MINOR MATTERS.** A leader's briefing from Cllr. Clarkson of ABC had been received, detailing a marked improvement in the borough's performance as a tourist destination, and this was **NOTED.**

0237 **ANY OTHER BUSINESS.** None.

**The Meeting opened at 5.00 p.m. and closed at 5.28 p.m.**

The foregoing Minutes and Reports were confirmed and signed at a meeting of the Tourism & Business Committee on the 30<sup>th</sup> day of January 2017.

Chairman \_\_\_\_\_ (30.01.2017)