

TENTERDEN TOWN COUNCIL – EXTERNAL COMMITTEE

COMMUNITY TRANSPORT SUB-COMMITTEE

NOTES OF A MEETING ON 27.02.2019

Present: Cllr. Mulholland. Non-council members: Owen South (TSH), Jeremy Smith (Wittersham PC.) and Lesley Owers taking notes.

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** Cllrs. Mrs. N. Gooch and C. Knowles, Graham Tiltman and Denise Curtain (Rolvenden PC), Spencer Goddard (TSH) and Brad Bradford (ABC).

2. **MINUTES.**

AGREED subject to one correction: On item 2 of the Minutes regarding the update of the new hub bus, TSH has 3 vehicles in use; and it should read all 15 seaters not 5 seaters.

3. **MATTERS ARISING**

None.

4. **UPDATE FROM ROLVENDEN ROCKET**

Cllrs. Graham Tiltman and Denise Curtain reported that although early days yet, they are satisfied that the Rolvenden Rocket Pilot scheme is very much on course financially. They are into their third quarter of the scheme and are achieving their required targets. With the warmer weather months ahead of them they are confident that bookings and memberships are on the increase, in addition, they are at present involved with the Tenterden Social Hub who are using the Rocket to cover some of their trips which adds to their mileage requirement. They have discussed and implemented changes to their structure to ensure that registered groups of the scheme are encouraged to provide their own drivers as opposed to The Host providing a bank driver, in line with the wellbeing purpose of the scheme. Going forward they are keen for the Rocket to be part of any proposed transport scheme.

5. **UPDATE FROM TENTERDEN SOCIAL HUB**

Owen South advised that he is working part-time for the Social Hub but will be doing extra hours from April. Owen had been speaking to a number of people about their local needs and it was noted that some villages have well serviced bus routes and others have hardly anything. Owen will speak to KCC to find out if there are any further cuts to bus routes planned and maybe

tweak the timetables slightly. Clarification is also needed as to whether D1 classification is needed to drive a minibus. Kent County Council provide a one day course for drivers that have D1 classification through history and it was suggested that all drivers will be asked to volunteer to do the one day course as good practice. Owen advised that they have a Section 19 already and will be applying for a Section 22 but will check. Tenterden Town Council, KCC and the Rolvenden Rocket should all come under The Tenterden Community Transport brand. Information should be put on the website and in Parish magazines. This should include scheduled bus services, Tenterden services, the Social Hub and the Rolvenden Rocket. Cllr. Ken Mulholland made a suggestion that the name for the taxi bus could be The Tenterden Traveller.

6. **UPDATE FROM KCC**

There was no update from KCC.

7. **PUBLIC COMMUNICATION**

It was far too early.

8. **FUTURE & SCOPE OF SUB-COMMITTEE**

As there was such a small turn out it was decided that there would be no date for a further meeting as all the mechanisms are now in place and any delivery can be done through Owen rather than sitting in a meeting. Jeremy Smith will tie up with Owen South and have discussions about Wittersham. The sub-committee would be suspended and would maybe have a catch up meeting in the summer.