

TENTERDEN TOWN COUNCIL – EXTERNAL COMMITTEE

COMMUNITY TRANSPORT SUB-COMMITTEE

NOTES OF A MEETING ON 03.10.2018

Present: Cllrs. Mulholland, Knowles, Mrs. Gooch. Non-council members: Spencer Goddard (TSH), Jeremy Smith (Wittersham PC.), Brad Bradford (ABC), Graham Tiltman and Denise Curtain (Rolvenden PC), and Julie McCollum taking notes.

Apologies for Absence: Lorraine Burley

Minutes. Already forwarded by email to all members.

Matters Arising. None.

1. **WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS.**

Welcome and introductions were made. New members: Spencer Goddard, Tenterden Social Hub. Mrs. Denise Curtain and Graham Tiltman from Rolvenden PC were introduced.

2. **ROLVENDEN ROCKET.** Mrs Denise Curtain and Graham Tiltman gave an insight into Rolvenden Rocket (RR). This is a pilot scheme run by ABC and Rolvenden P.C.

Brad Bradford, from ABC, explained the idea of this locally run scheme which aims to meet the needs of local the community. The pilot scheme will run for at least 18 months with the view that the bus service will continue once the pilot is finished. It is hoped that there will eventually be 5 buses running locally following the completion of the pilot.

RR is advertised locally in Parish magazines, Facebook and social media. Costs for becoming a member and using this service can be found at: www.rolvendenparishcouncil.org.uk/community/rolvenden-parish-council-10423/rolvenden-rocket-minibus/

2. **UPDATE ON NEW HUB BUS.**

Spencer (TSH) reported that the delivery of the new vehicle has been delayed and is now due to be ready in early 2019. There are problems with the reliability of older mini buses and TSH are currently using Wealden Wheels minibuses to provide cover.

ACTION: Spencer Goddard and Denise Curtain to liaise over TSH becoming a member of the Rolvenden Rocket.

3. **UPDATE ON PROGRESS WITH DEVELOPMENT MANAGER AND GRANT.**

The members agreed that a co-ordinator for the community transport scheme is needed. This is something that Liz Thorne had already been looking in to.

ACTION: Spencer will investigate what progress has been made on the application for a grant from 'Awards for all' to cover the cost of this and update the group.

4. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS.**

None.

5. **NEXT MEETING.**

2pm Wednesday 5th December