

**TENTERDEN TOWN COUNCIL  
EXTERNAL COMMITTEE**

**Donations Sub-Committee**

Notes of a meeting held at the Town Hall at 5.00pm on 24<sup>th</sup> Aug 2017.

<i>No</i>	<i>Item</i>	<i>Action</i>
1	<b>Present:</b> Cllrs Mrs Curteis, Mulholland, Mrs Smith & Sugden	
2	<b>Apologies.</b> Cllr Miss Gooch	
3	<b>Declarations of interest.</b> None	
4	<b>Chairman.</b> Cllr Mulholland was elected as chair.	
5	<b>Minutes of Last Meeting.</b> Agreed.	
6	<b>Matters arising.</b> At the last meeting, the request from the Tenterden Leisure Centre had been considered but information was not available as to whether a loan to TLC could be treated as capital expenditure. This has now been confirmed by NALC. The request from TLC was for a grant of £75,000 or a loan for £450,000 repayable over 15 years at an interest rate of 1%. This latter option would bring the council £33,750 in interest over the period and would tie in with the council's policy to set aside some capital for long term projects. For this reason, the loan was the preferred option of the sub-committee.	
7	<p><b>Donations for consideration.</b></p> <p>a) Church Piano. The Grand Piano at the church was actually gifted to the town. The cost of replacement hammers for the piano was £1070 and the petitioner had raised £800 from local businesses. A grant of £270 recommended.</p> <p>b) Mascot Dog. Matched funding of £1200 for the capital expenditure subject to testimonials from organisations which the dog will be visiting and DBS check confirmation. Following further proven benefits from these organisations the sub-committee suggests that revenue contributions could be considered. <i>The following issues were discussed although appropriate to the main committee.</i></p> <p>c) St Michaels "Tributes in the park" The Safety Advisory Group recommended security be used but the committee felt that the event should be considered each year for assistance. Cllr Curteis would give factual information to the External committee although declaring an interest.</p> <p>d) Xmas market – members agreed the new format favouring local producers should be encouraged.</p>	
8	<b>Any other business.</b> None.	
9	<b>Date of next meeting.</b> TBA	