

## **TENTERDEN TOWN COUNCIL – INTERNAL COMMITTEE**

### **XMAS EVENTS SUB-COMMITTEE**

#### **MINUTES OF A MEETING ON 26<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2017**

**Present:** Cllrs Carter, Mrs Ferguson & Mrs Smith. Representatives from Tenterden Market, various retailers and food establishments, small businesses, crafters & pubs were present. John Crawford and Seren Welch attended, as did Terry Thorpe and Mike Bartlett representing TDCC and Kelvin Williams from the Rotary.

The Town Clerk, Phil Burgess (PB) was present and took notes.

No Food stalls unless local and not burgers – site any “smelly” stalls away from static businesses

Focus on quality of stalls – Market Square Group offering last year was poor

Local shops should be given chance to have stalls

Restrict to Kent products

Fair rides restricted to smaller equipment for younger children

Seren suggested pay local coordinator for first year.

CIC for town events should be investigated for future years

Jean Sugden agreed to notify the “chains” and other retailers on the High Street Friday and Saturday only 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> of November – staying open until 9pm on the Friday

The event would be locally organised and the Chamber offered support.

Town council assistance was offered for the placement of the rotary tree on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> and if additional expense was incurred because the tree needed to be put in on a weekday the council would consider contributing.

Make the Balcony available for performers on the evening.

A smaller group would co-ordinate events, Christmas tree, service, switch on etc would comprise: Sue Ferguson, Pam Smith, Tara (crafter), Tasha (Rising Star), Caroline (Woolpack), Margaret (Secret Pantry) & a representative from TDCC. This would be arranged by the Town Council.

Next meeting Tues 15<sup>th</sup> August at 6pm

Meeting Closed at 7.10 pm