

TENTERDEN TOWN COUNCIL



MINUTES OF THE EXTERNAL COMMITTEE **MEETING HELD AT TENTERDEN TOWN HALL ON 11TH MARCH 2019**

Councillors Present: Cllrs. M. Carter, Mrs. J. Curteis, Mrs. S. Ferguson, Miss. N. Gooch (Vice-Chair), A. Sugden and Substitutes: Dr. L. Lovelidge and J. Nelson.

Officers Present: Town Clerk Mr. P. Burgess and Deputy Town Clerk Mrs. C. Gilbert.

Others Present: Cllrs. H. Edwards, M. Freeman, R. Isworth and Mrs. P. Smith (not members of this Committee) and eight members of the public.

0305 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** Cllrs. J. Crawford, C. Knowles and K. Mulholland (Chair). Cllrs. Hickmott and Mrs. Walder (not members of this Committee).

0306 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.** None.

0307 **MINUTES.** The minutes and reports of the meeting held on 11th February 2019 were confirmed and signed as a correct record.

0308 **MATTERS ARISING.**

Minute 0251 – Smallhythe Road Speed Limit. It was **NOTED** that following requests from residents that KCC review the speed limit between Small Hythe village and the point on the Smallhythe Road at Tenterden where the 30 limit starts, KCC has responded as follows:

I have been informed by the Highways Officer that 50MPH has been recommended as currently most traffic captured in the survey is travelling between 40 to 50MPH and there is a requirement in national legislation (setting local speed limits) that new speed limits must be self-enforcing. If we try to set a lower speed limit we would then need to consider traffic calming measures on Smallhythe Road. The costs of the works are currently being produced and we are awaiting a response from the police on the proposed speed limit reduction. If the speed limit reduction is progressed it will need to go through the formal consultation process.

The Town Clerk reported that there is no formal report at present, but copies of the surveys are available from the Town Clerk's office.

0309 **REPRESENTATIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.**

(a) Mr. M. Dalton of Smallhythe 500 reported that Cllr. M. Hill (KCC) had feedback to the group that the traffic surveys showed that the speed limit should be 50mph. To state that traffic calming measures would have to be put in place if the speed limit was lowered was surprising compared the speed limits across the rest of the Town. Mr. Dalton reported that a meeting would be taking place with Cllr. Hill and the Traffic Officer in April where

this would be investigated further. It was suggested that Cllr. Mulholland attend this meeting on behalf of the Town Council.

0310 **COUNCILLORS' QUESTIONS.** None.

0311 **SUB-COMMITTEE & WORKING GROUP REPORTS.**

- (a) Community Transport Scheme Sub-committee. The report of the meeting held on 27th February 2019 was **NOTED**.
- (b) Donations Sub-committee. The report of the meeting held on 4th March 2019 was **NOTED** with one correction: Cllr. Miss. Gooch had declared an interest, not Cllr. Mrs. Curteis.

Cllr. Isworth reported that the Town Council would be paying for the balance of the installation of the solar panels; most of the costs have been met by donations. If the Social Hub signs up for the panels by the end of March, they would be able to sell electricity back to the grid.

The External Committee **AGREED** to fund £3,430 towards the installation of PV panels at the Tenterden Social Hub. As the budget for 2018/19 was depleted, funds would be allocated from reserves.

- (c) Cinema Focus Group. The report of the meeting held on 29th January 2019 was **NOTED**.
- (d) May Fayre Sub-committee. The report of the meeting held on 20th February 2019 was **NOTED**. Cllr. Edwards asked the Committee for permission to attach a stability band to the Beacon post on the Recreation Ground to support a sign marking the 20th anniversary of May Fayre. It was **RESOLVED** that a metal band would be attached to the Beacon post to support the sign, on the understanding that the post would not be damaged in any way.

0312 **FRIDAY MARKET DURING TOWN EVENTS.** It was **RESOLVED** to add a clause to the Terms and Conditions for Friday Market Traders from 1st April 2019 stating that Town Events which cover the High Street will take priority and Market Traders could apply to the Organisers direct if they wished to participate.

0313 **SPIRIT OF TENTERDEN.** It was **RESOLVED** to provide up to £1,000 towards expenses, which would be payable on receipt of invoices. It was agreed that, given this is the event's first year and is a not-for-profit organisation, the event will be treated in the same way as other town events in their infancy. Cllrs. Mrs. Ferguson and Nelson abstained from voting.

0314 **A FESTIVAL FOR TENTERDEN.** The proposal from a resident for a Festival of Tenterden was **NOTED**. Cllr. Mrs. Ferguson reported that Mr. Dalton has been invited to the next Spirit of Tenterden meeting to discuss his proposal.

0315 **NEW RESIDENTS' WELCOME PACK.** The final version of the 'New Residents Welcome Pack' was **NOTED**. The pack will be available for distribution mid-March.

0316 **TENTERDEN VISITOR MAP.** It was **RESOLVED** to fund the production and printing of the new Tenterden Visitor Map at a cost of £600.00.

- 0317 **PARKING ON GRASS VERGES & FOOTWAYS.** Permission granted from Kent County Council to allow Tenterden Town Council to issue 'parking on grass verges and footways notices' on their behalf was **NOTED**.
- 0318 **ICE CREAM CONCESSION.** It was **RESOLVED** that the Ice Cream Concession would be awarded to Mr. E. Hughes of Cranbrook Ices subject to conditions and submission of the relevant documentation.
- 0319 **CORRESPONDENCE.** None.
- 0320 **MINOR MATTERS.**
- (a) The information provided by a resident regarding Tesco selling part of their land was **NOTED**.
- 0321 **ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS PREVIOUSLY NOTIFIED TO THE CHAIRMAN.** None.

The meeting opened at 9.50pm and closed at 10.22pm.

The foregoing Minutes and Reports were confirmed and signed at the External Meeting held on the 8th day of April 2019.

Chairman _____ (08.04.2019)