



## **TDRA MINUTES**

**On 29<sup>th</sup> September 2016, 7.30pm at Tenterden Day Centre**

### **1. Present**

A Bates (Chairman), K. Grant, S. Nepp, C. Parkin, M. Lyons, W. Chantler, N. Webb. Mike Carter sat in as TTC Representative for the first part of the meeting.

### **2. Apologies**

I Marsden, H. Burnside

### **3. Minutes of the Last Meeting**

Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

#### **The first part of the meeting was used to discuss planning with M. Carter.**

A Bates explained that there had been a meeting with P Burgess, R Lusty and J Nelson to discuss a Neighbourhood Plan. The feeling was that this was going to be resisted by the Council so consequently there was no strategy. M. Carter explained the Council's position was that they did not think it would be worth the £40,000 expense in view of the uncertainty of its usefulness. A Bates responded that it would identify our priority sites, and stop random applications to which there was little defence. It would show a structure and something to put before an Inspector. M. Carter replied that Ashford Borough Council had advised that it was not worth doing, and there might be more merit in having a Master Plan.

There was then a discussion about the consultation by the Lipton Group. A Bates complained that there had been little notice given, and that most of those who had attended did so because of our involvement. The general feeling was that they were doing a good job, and although costing in the region of £40,000, Mike Carter felt that we would get ten times that back from other funding. Its initial finding was that there was a lack of activities for young people, and support for a cinema. This will no doubt be looked at in more detail.

Tranche of meetings to be held in October. S. Nepp stressed that we should press them to identify suitable buildings and advise accordingly. M. Carter invited us to send a representative to a committee he wanted to form to push the cinema idea forward. Other matters that had been discussed included the lack a community hub; and the need to liaise with St. Mildred's Church, who are undertaking a similar project of their own, with a view not to overlap. M. Carter pointed out that there is a Public Works Loan Board providing very cheap borrowing, and this should be considered. The group also heard about how difficult it had been for local organisations to use the Homewood facilities, and the state of the High Street generally. It was agreed we would let them have a copy of Sir Terry Farrell's Master Plan for information.

#### **On the conclusion of this part of the meeting, Mike Carter left.**

### **4. Matters Arising**

None.

## 5. Correspondence

Letter from Sylvia Elsie regarding the speed of traffic in the Smallhythe Road. She felt that 40 mph was too fast, but it was noted that this is probably because there are not houses on either side, and neither are there any shops. A Bates to refer this letter to Kent Highways suggesting the possibility of a Speedwatch. **AB1**

Complaint received by M. Lyons about the grey copy on our website being difficult to read. S. Nepp to ask Tim to change the font. **SN2**

## 6. Committee Reports

Planning

Breton Court – we objected but no decision has been made yet.

Westwell Court – we objected and the application has been refused.

McCarthy and Stone, Smallhythe Road has now been accepted.

Clover Bank – we objected but it has been accepted on appeal, but with a three year limit.

Hales Place – TTC objected and it is now waiting for a decision.

Application for amendments to TENT1 Consent, this involved largely small movements of buildings and additions, but little of substance. The Steering Group will look at this in due course. It was significant that there was no contact from Tony Russell who has been keeping an eye on this.

Local Plan - this is progressing, S. Nepp to write to R. Lusty explaining the need for a list of exception sites. **SN3**

Membership

We have six new members and the Newsletter is out. This will be posted on the website by S. Nepp. **SN4**

## 7. Any Other Business

Trees – W. Chantler has spoken to his contact at KCC as this is now becoming the tree planting season. Three sites have been identified on Rolvenden Hill, for which there is £664 in the fund. It was agreed that this should go ahead. However they would like to know where else we feel trees should be planted, and the Committee agreed that the most pressing priority was London Beach where the flowering cherry trees were coming to the end of their life. It was agreed that should these be planted they would need to be protected, which we understand would double the cost, but it was felt would be cost effective in the long run. It was agreed to raise the idea of individual donations for trees in the next Newsletter, and a presentation at the Coffee Morning.

Coffee Morning – 15<sup>th</sup> October, the Committee to meet at 9.15. K Grant to draft an article for the Kentish Express promoting the cinema and inviting people to the coffee morning in order to discuss this. He would also advertise in the Wealden Advertiser. Mike Lyons has the display boards which will feature the year's newspaper articles. S. Nepp to raise awareness of the invitation by twitter and by email. A banner is to be hung outside the White Lion and an A board outside Webbs, and A Bates to ask TTC for permission to put our banner on the railings by the Recreation Ground. **KG/SN/AB5**

## **8. Date of Next Meeting**

27<sup>th</sup> October, 2016, 7.30pm at Tenterden Day Centre. N. Webb and K Grant gave apologies.

12<sup>th</sup> October, 2016