



TDRA MINUTES

On 30th March, 2017, 7.30pm at Tenterden Day Centre

1. Present

A Bates (Chairman), M. Lyons, S. Nepp, H. Burnside, W. Chantler, I Marsden, N. Webb, Mike Carter on behalf of TTC.

2. Apologies

K Grant, M. Winniberg, C. Parkin.

3. Minutes of the Last Meeting

Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

4. Matters Arising

Resident – there is now some urgency to get articles in order to print before the AGM. A. Bates to speak to K. Grant. A. Bates will also speak to the Dandara representative about a possible article. H. Burnside to see if Adrian Greaves would do brief history of Tenterden. A. Bates to speak to the developers to see if there is an article to be done on the Environmental aspect of TENT1. **AB/HB1**

AGM – Hall booked for the 10th May. K. Grant to do the publicity. We still do not have a speaker, A. Bates to approach the TENT1 developers to see if they would give a talk about the project and an update. **KG/AB2**

Cranbrook Road development – A. Bates reported that they seem to have abandoned the idea of a new build, and are concentrating on restoring the original house.

Liaison with Mike Carter.

The Tenterden Regeneration Project needs volunteers for the Focus Groups by the end of April. We agreed to highlight this on our website as well as the Town Meeting to be held on the 10th of April. He asked how TTC could improve the format of the meeting, and we suggested a return to Robin Wade's personable formula. We also suggested that a statement be made on the Regeneration Project and about how the money would be spent. There should also be a summary of the Lipton Report and how this was shaping into future plans. In particular reiterate the self-sustaining investment policy that Mike had suggested in his paper for investing some of the money. On this subject it was agreed that A. Bates would write confirming our agreement to this principal to the Town Council. This would be to help counter the impression given by the Lipton Report that somehow investing the money for future income was a negative proposition. At present the sum is standing at about £4.25 million but could amount to nearer £12 million with other funding. It was also suggested that the public be encouraged to ask more questions. M. Carter asked if we could assist in disseminating the information in the TTC Weekly News, and we agreed to post this on the website. **AB3**

A Bates reported that he had attended the Strategic Planning Sub Committee and that Central Government has dictated that they want the Borough to have 12,000 new builds completed within 5 years. This is additional to anything already proposed. If the Borough fails to meet this target it will be carried on into the next 5 year Plan. S. Nepp reaffirmed the need for a Neighbourhood

Plan, but M. Carter replied that he had raised this with Simon Cole who had said that this would have no influence.

M. Carter then left the meeting.

5. Committee Reports

Planning

Colina House application to convert to apartments.

Hales Place – no further news, S. Nepp to check status.

SN4

Westwell Court – there was concern about the proposal to put a care home at the back of Westwell Court, access being the particular issue here. It was agreed that we would wait for the application to be made and then we would consider our position.

Treasurer's Report

The Committee agreed the draft accounts for the year, subject to a small addition of interest to be added at the end of March.

H. Burnside reported that £700 had been added to the Tree Fund, which would use most of the surplus. The Committee also considered what else could be funded and it was agreed that the planting of flower bulbs on the main entrances to the Town should be considered.

6. Any Other Business

The Chairman reiterated the need for members to support the Regeneration Project Committees.

Emails – it was reported that the directing of emails to Committee Members had now been sorted out but needed to be tested.

A-boards – there was concern about the proliferation of boards throughout the Town, but the feeling was that KCC were not interested in enforcing the control, and that therefore there is little we can do about it.

7. Date of Next Meeting

27th April, 2017, 7.30pm at Tenterden Day Centre. Coffee monitor – W. Chantler. I Marsden gave his apologies.

5th April 2017