



TDRA MINUTES

On 27th July, 2017, 7.30pm at Tenterden Day Centre

1. Present

H. Burnside (Chairman), S. Nepp, C. Parkin, I. Marsden, M. Winniberg, N. Webb.

2. Apologies

A Bates, M. Lyons, K. Grant, W. Chantler.

3. Minutes of the Last Meeting

Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

4. Matters Arising

Focus Groups – no update as Mike Carter was not present.

C. Parkin reported that the first meeting of the Cinema Committee is due in the next week. Forty people applied and it will now have 16 members. She will post a report on the website. **CPI**

Club Day, Highbury Hall – poor attendance and little interest. This may have been down to the fact that there was poor signage and advertising, and also clashed with Tentertainment. As a result there were no new recruits.

5. Correspondence

None.

6. Committee Reports

Planning

The Hales Place application has been refused by Ashford Borough Council who upheld the listed status of curtilage, however it was felt that they were bound to appeal.

Covered Market Stalls have been approved. Whether or not they take into account our observations remains to be seen.

Applications include an extension of retirement home at London Beech, this is a generally uninteresting design, and not visible.

There was also an application to build a three storey property on the land facing Recreation Ground Road behind Café Nero. This is to be ground floor retail and upper floor residential. The Committee agreed that this was of a poor design and we should object. S. Nepp excused herself from involvement. A. Bates to write on behalf of the Committee.

AB2

Care Home at Breton Court – the development has been passed.

Treasurers Report

Rogersmead – Jean Sugden the collector for this round, has resigned, having failed to collect the subs for the second year. The need for new distributors is becoming more urgent and the Committee discussed possible solutions. One was to hire a firm to undertake this task, but it was felt that the personal connection with distributors meeting members was important. It was felt that although we have 25 distributors we need more and that they should be properly appreciated. With this in mind it was suggested hosting a lunch for them at Christmas, perhaps at the Railway. M. Winniberg to enquire. It was agreed there should also be a mailshot asking for volunteers. We also need to be ready to recruit from the Tent1 Development residents. A Bates to liaise with Dandara to include membership forms in the welcome pack. **MW/AB3**

7. Any Other Business

Tentertainment – the Committee noted a statement issued by the Tentertainment organisers expressing their argument was with the Town Council and not the residents of Tenterden. There have been no complaints this year other than that the music was sometimes not loud enough. It was agreed that as a Committee we would support Tentertainment, as we would not wish to see it cancelled for next year. With this in mind A Bates to write to the Council, expressing our disappointment with the situation and asking what they intend doing about reinstating it, and offering help to resolve the situation. This letter to be released to the press and posted on the website. The Committee also discussed the possibility of making a financial contribution should this help. **AB4**

Coffee Morning – M. Lyons to book the White Lion room for the 14th October. **ML5**

Future Projects – the Committee discussed possible projects on which we could use our funds. I Marsden suggested silk flags to be hung from shops in the High Street using the Christmas Tree holders, which could be used during events in the summer months. There was interest in running a front garden competition in conjunction with the Horticultural Society, offering a cash prize. Perhaps there could be a TDRA garden? To be discussed at the next meeting.

8. Date of Next Meeting

Next Committee Meeting 28th September, 2017, 7.30pm Tenterden Day Centre. Apologies C. Parkin and H. Burnside.

1st August, 2017