



TDRA MINUTES

On 25th February 2016 at Tenterden Day Centre

1. Present

S. Nepp (Chairman), N. Webb, T. Pearlman, M. Winiberg, R. Isworth, K. Grant, A. Bates.

2. Apologies

M. Lyons, I. Marsden, C. Parkin, H. Burnside, W. Chantler.

The Meeting commenced with a presentation by Tenterden Savers and Community Hub representatives, explaining their work, and exploring how we might help promote them. The Secretary to include item for discussion on next Agenda. **NW1**

3. Minutes of the Last Meeting

Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

4. Matters Arising

- i. S. Nepp reported that personal TDRA email addresses seemed not to be working. M. Winiberg to investigate. **MW2**
- ii. Flyers – these have now been approved. C. Parkin to deposit them at various outlets, including Estate Agents, in the next month or two. **CP3**
- iii. Tenterden Cinema – Carol to update at next meeting.
- iv. Ivy Court – R. Isworth reported that he had heard from Mike Hill's Office, who said that County Council Cabinet Member had spoken to various parties, but to no avail as yet. He had however attended the Ashford Rural Stakeholders Group (NHS) suggesting a urology clinic at East Cross. This was well received and a further meeting will follow. If this can be achieved other surgeries may follow.
- v. Neighbourhood Plan Sub-Committee – S. Nepp has asked Cllr. Lusty why this was disbanded. Apparently the Council have an understanding with Ashford Borough Council meaning they are abiding by the core strategy for the time being. S. Nepp to write to the Mayor asking why the sub-committee was not set up whilst grants were available, and what the implications of this are. The matter will then be brought up at the next Council Meeting. **SN4**
- vi. Scheduled Litter Picking – C. Parkin will post this item on the web **CP5**
- vii. Speedwatch – S. Nepp to update on progress. **SN6**
- viii. Parkwood, Appledore – M. Hill has said that the council's proposals for the potential sale are to be suspended due to strong public objection. S. Nepp is awaiting confirmation from M. Hill that no other local woodland sites are being considered for potential sale.

5. AGM

S. Nepp to invite Cllr. Justin Nelson as guest speaker. **SN7**

6. Newsletter and Resident

It was agreed to drop the next Newsletter and concentrate on The Resident. Subjects to be included are:

- Ivy Court Expansion (R. Isworth)
- Tree Planting (W. Chantler)
- Tenterden Cinema Initiative (C. Parkin)
- Tenterden Savers and Community Hub
- Parking

Articles will be needed by mid-March. **A118**

7. Tilden Gill

Public Enquiry is underway. Those attending reported that the appellant's barrister was very forceful and to some extent had been unchallenged. R. Isworth did his best to counter this and made a number of points in his verbal presentation. Their key argument is that the borough has not met its housing targets.

8. Queen's Birthday

S. Nepp to post any news on the website. **SN9**

9. Correspondence

Letter from P. Laos, with reference to Clover Bank. He was concerned about a decision notice that has appeared on the website, but has been assured that this only applies to the environmental impact of the proposed buildings. A Public Hearing to review the appeal is to be held on March 22nd, 2016. S. Nepp will advise him that we will attend and ask him to encourage other interested parties to do likewise. **SN10**

10. Tenterden Town Council Minutes

- Youth Project Group. S. Nepp to make enquiries from Cllr. Nelson. **SN11**
- Investment of funds following the sale of TENT1 land has been adjourned and will be decided largely through the participatory budgeting process, proceeds will need to be invested prudently until required.
- TENT1 – Dandara, the preferred buyer, has unresolved issues, particularly concerning drainage.
- There are 45 new litter bins positioned around the Town.

- Parking issues – Wayside and Borsisle provision for more laybys.
- A boards – S. Nepp to circulate correspondence from M. Hill by email. **SN12**
- Market stalls – TTC have a subgroup looking at the Ashford Borough Council stalls. S. Nepp to contact and express our concerns over untidy appearance of high Street during the Friday market. **SN13**

11. Treasurers Report

See report.

12. Any Other Business

Coombe Lane – proposal to improve the facilities and appearance of Coombe Lane and the Church Yard. This would make an attractive link between the railway and the High Street. The Church would like to landscape the disused churchyard and the Council would like to maximise use of the toilet block. There are no formal proposals yet, but a meeting with the local residents raised concerns that not all of them want it.

Woolpack Hotel – it was reported that the Landlord has lost his appeal with regard to the colour of the building and will have to return it to white. It was generally felt that there was some sympathy for him, although he should have followed the planning regulations regarding a listed building. S. Nepp to enquire of the Town Council what their strategy for the appearance of High Street Buildings is, as there are several incongruities. **SN14**

13. Date of Next Meeting

31st March, 2016 – S. Nepp gave apologies, N. Webb coffee monitor.

5th March, 2016

TENTERDEN & DISTRICT RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION
Income and Expenditure for the period to
GENERAL FUND

Income	31/03/2014	31/03/2015
Members Voluntary Donations	£2,222.20	£3,050.50
Income Tax Recovered	£558.78	£714.65
Bank Interest	£38.44	£19.10
Total	£2,819.42	£3,784.25
 Less Expenditure		
Hire of Halls	£370.00	£320.00
Printing – General	£56.04	£40.00
Stationery	£107.02	£57.23
Photocopying	£29.25	£33.60
Typing	£130.00	£175.00
Printing – Newsletters / The Resident	£1,116.00	£1,086.76
Postage	£181.00	£49.29
Advertising	£124.20	£135.00
Web Site	£154.17	£25.00
Sundries	£152.64	£490.76
Total	£2,420.31	£2,412.64
 Surplus for the year	 £399.11	 £1,371.61
Add Balance from previous year	£2,911.96	£3,311.07
	£3,311.07	£4,682.68

TREE PLANTING FUND

Income	£0.00	£0.00
Balance from previous year	£664.29	£664.29
Total	£664.29	£664.29

Represented by			
Bank Current Account	£358.59		£1,923.06
Plus credits minus cheques outstanding	£156.96	£515.55	-£55.00 £1,868.06
Business Bonus Saver Account		£3,459.81	£3,478.91
Total	£3,975.36		£5,346.97

Original signed 25/04/2015

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Howard Burnside, Hon. Treasurer
April 2015

I have examined the books and accounts for the year ended 31st March 2015 and have found them to be in accordance with the vouchers and other documentary evidence. I agree the bank balances.

Original signed 01/05/2015

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David Walshe, Independent Examiner, May 2015

Members will note that, due to the decision to raise the suggested donation per household to £5.00, income (including Gift Aid tax reclaimed) rose substantially in 2014/2015. Overall expenses were maintained at around £2,400, arising in a material surplus for the year. The Committee is in the course of finalizing proposals to utilize the bulk of the surplus for good causes in the town.