

TENTERDEN TOWN COUNCIL



MINUTES OF THE INTERNAL COMMITTEE **HELD BY VIRTUAL MEETING ON MONDAY, 12 OCTOBER 2020**

Councillors Present: V. Cole, Mrs. S. Ferguson, C. Knowles, Dr. L. Lovelidge, Mrs. P. Smith (Chair) and A. Sugden, M. Carter (Substitute), J. Crawford (Substitute) and M. Hickmott (Substitute)

Officers Present: Mr. P. Burgess (Town Clerk), Mrs. C. Gilbert (Deputy Town Clerk) and Mrs. S. Smith (Admin Assistant)

Others Present: Cllrs. Miss A. Gardner, Mrs. J. Curteis (Mayor), J. Nelson, R. Parkin and P. Clokie (ABC North Ward Member).

691 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.**

Cllr. V. Cole. Cllr. Miss. A. Gardner joined the meeting after it had started and due to a substitute already being assigned, she was not a voting member on this occasion. Non-Members: Cllrs. K. Mulholland and R. Quinton.

692 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.**

None.

693 **MINUTES.**

The minutes of the meeting held on 14th September 2020 and the Special meeting held on 14th September 2020 were agreed and would be signed at the earliest opportunity.

694 **MATTERS ARISING.**

None.

695 **REPRESENTATION FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.**

Mr. R. Isworth, Chair of the Recreation Ground Focus Group, asked if the planning permission application and the tendering process for the Recreation Ground project could happen at the same time, so that once planning permission has been secured, work can start right away. Mr. Isworth felt that from the point of view of young people it would be good if work could finally start in Spring of next year, as it is a huge thing for them to look forward to and the talking and debating has been going on for a long time. Ivy Court Surgery have said that they hope to have the cabins vacated by February and the money is available for the re-ordering, so it would be good to start work straight away.

696 **COUNCILLORS' QUESTIONS.**

None.

697 **HEDGE TRIMMER.**

As was resolved by the External Committee on 12th October 2020, this Committee **RESOLVED** to purchase the hedge trimmer at a cost of £12,334.

THE COMMITTEE MOVED INTO CLOSED SESSION.

Under the Public Bodies (Admissions to meetings) Act 1960, the public and press will be excluded from the closed meeting session due to the confidential nature of this part of the meeting which involves the discussion of confidential staffing matters and confidential financial negotiations.

It was **RESOLVED** to move the Committee into closed session under Standing Order 10a(xi).

698 **MAINTENANCE FACILITY.**

- (a) It was **AGREED** to install perimeter stockade fencing around the new Maintenance Facility up to the cost of £15,000 subject to planning permission.
- (b) It was **AGREED** to purchase a steel door for the rear of the toilet block at St Michaels Recreation Ground.

END OF CLOSED SESSION.

699 **RECREATION GROUND PROJECT.**

- (a) It was **AGREED** that the schedule of consultancy quotations totalling £47,375 to take the project to full planning permission be accepted.
- (b) It was **AGREED** that the tender process should be run for appointment of a Project Manager in line with the scope provided.

700 **IVY COURT SURGERY PORTACABINS.**

It was **RESOLVED** to allow Ivy Court Surgery to install a structure to protect patients from the elements whilst attending the portacabins, subject to no objections from ABC Planning.

701 **TENTERDEN RECREATION GROUND SAFETY MATTING.**

It was **RESOLVED** to replace the damaged safety matting on Tenterden Play Park at a cost of £2,465.80 plus VAT.

702 **MINOR MATTERS.**

None.

703 **CORRESPONDENCE.**

None.

704 **ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS PREVIOUSLY NOTIFIED TO THE CHAIRMAN.**

None.

The meeting opened at 7.35 pm and closed at 8.10 pm

The foregoing Minutes and Report were confirmed and signed at the Internal Committee Meeting held on Monday, 9 November 2020.

Chairman _____ (Monday, 9 November 2020)