



ROYAL TUNBRIDGE WELLS TOWN FORUM

Thursday 25 November 2010

Agenda

Venue: Council Chamber, Town Hall

Time: 6.30pm

1. Apologies
2. Royal Tunbridge Wells Town Forum "Terms of Reference Working Group"

The group will undertake to as follows:-

- examine the Terms of Reference/constitution of the Town Forum covering:
 - confirmation that the Town Forum is a non political grouping;
 - entitlement to formal membership of the Town Forum;
 - entitlement of the Town Forum to invite other bodies to attend even if they do not qualify for formal membership;
 - governance of annual general meetings and election procedures;
 - duration in the Chair/Vice chair;
 - voting rights;
 - demonstration of formal mandate from the represented organisation;
 - suggestions on how feedback between the representative and the represented organisation might take place
(this could cover asking for views on town issues, explaining town issues and developments and giving information on how responses can be made to TWBC consultations.)

The working group to revert with proposals, aiming for either the January or February 2011 meeting.

The results of the working group will be passed by the TWBC legal department. During this period no new Members will be allowed into the Town Forum owing to the fact membership is being looked at by the working group.

Members of the Working Group are:

Matt Goodwin – Chair of Working Group; Village Residents Association, Chairman

Altan Omer – Benhall Mill Land Association

Michael Holman – Tunbridge Wells Twinning Friendship Association, Chairman

Catherine Mayhew – Tunbridge Wells Borough Councillor, Park Ward

Jane Fenwick – Calverley Park Residents Association

A further person is expected to join the working group, but has yet to officially confirm.

3. Membership Changes (*standard item*)

New Representative Request – Alastair Tod, Poona Road Residents' Association, would like to become a representative of Poona Road RA at the Town Forum..

This application is subject to the findings of the working group and therefore no decision can be made. Poona Road Residents' Association is naturally welcome to attend in the interim.

Temporary Replacement - Jonathan Clarke will be temporarily replacing David Morris as the Rusthall Village Association representative until January/February 2011.

4. Minutes of 28 October 2010 meeting

<http://www.townforum.org.uk/minutes/minutes28102010.pdf>

(Please advise Lee O'Brien, TWBC Local Democracy Officer, of any amendments prior to the meeting)

Amendment to Item 1 'Present'

Remove Michael Holman to 'apologies' in the 30 September minutes, not Michael Doyle as stated in 28 October's minutes.

On-going Action Outstanding from meeting dated 27 May 2010

Remove this following item from 'outstanding actions':

- Graham Goddard to find out if the hospital is to be named 'Acute or General'.

Matters arising.

5. Reports from Councillors (verbal if any)

6. Changes in the Police Authority and how cuts and funding will affect Kent region

- Chief Inspector Martin Wilson, Kent Police Authority.

7. Briefing on the Library

- Des Crilley and Sue Sparkes from Kent County Council.

8. Reports from Champions/Vision Committee

(As per former Director of Services to the Community's request - all Town Forum members should bring forward ideas where the Council could save money or even do the same job at the same price but in a better way.)

9. Any other business (*Community issues - this section is for any association/members to provide*

details of activities they have undertaken, activities they want promoted in written format prior to the meeting; dates for receipt of items for the next Town Forum will be given at the meeting. Any association/member wishing to make a short verbal comment need to raise that fact and be aware it must be short.)

10. Dates of future meetings for the Town Forum's information;
please make a note in your diaries:

2010

- 16 December 2010 meeting – cancelled

2011

- 27 January 2011 at 6.30pm
– Briefing on the Assembly Halls,
Paul Taylor, TWBC Director of Change and Communities
- 24 February 2011 at 6.30pm
- 31 March 2011 at 6.30pm
- 28 April 2011 at 6.30pm
- 26 May 2011 at 6.30pm
- 30 June 2011 at 6.30pm
- 28 July 2011 at 6.30pm
- August – no meeting
- 29 September 2011 at 6.30pm
- 27 October 2011 at 6.30pm
- 24 November 2011 at 6.30pm
- 15 December 2011 at 6.30pm

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