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**NOTICE OF A MEETING OF PADDOCK WOOD TOWN COUNCIL TO BE HELD ON Monday
17th October 2022 at 7.45 pm in The Day Centre, Commercial Road, Paddock Wood**

Residents do not need to attend a meeting to ask a question of the Council. Questions can be sent at any time to the Council offices using the details above.

QUESTIONS FROM RESIDENTS (15 minutes)

If you wish to speak to the Council about any item on the agenda, please see the updated Protocol for the Public attending Town Council and Committee meetings, which can be found on the website or can be obtained from the Town Council offices.

BOROUGH & COUNTY COUNCILLORS UPDATE (10 minutes)

Town Councillors should submit questions a week in advance, if possible, to the Borough/County Councillor concerned (copied to the Town Clerk).

APOLOGIES: Cllrs D Sargison, T Bisdee

C69 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

C70 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING.

Copies of draft minutes can be found on the Town Council website.

- (a) To APPROVE the minutes from the meeting held on 26th September 2022
- (b) To NOTE the minutes from the Planning & Environment Committee meeting held on 3rd October
- (c) To NOTE the minutes from the Estates Committee held on the 10th October
- (d) To NOTE the minutes from the Finance Committee held on the 10th October

C71 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MINUTES NOT INCLUDED ELSEWHERE ON THE AGENDA

- a) C61 – Electoral Consultation. The Town Council's response has been submitted. Following a check with the Electoral Commission, the Council's response to the previous consultation had been sent to the wrong email address. All comments have now been sent to the correct address.

The Following motion was put forward, and passed at an extraordinary meeting of TWBC on Wednesday 5th October:

“Following the receipt of the Local Government Boundary Commission for England's (LGBCE) draft warding proposals and briefings on these proposals by the Council, concern is being expressed by Members, Parish Councillors, and residents about the size of the proposed 3-Member wards. The LGBCE requirement to have 3-Member wards throughout the Borough stems from the Council's decision to continue to elect by thirds. Far more flexible warding arrangements including single and 2-Member wards (as presently) could be planned if the Council opted to have all-out elections. Legislation requires consultation on this before the Council may take a decision to move to all-out elections. The Council requests that the necessary consultation is undertaken urgently, and the consultation results brought back to Full Council. In the meantime, the LGBCE Officers currently undertaking the review of Tunbridge Wells Borough Council are advised that this is being re-considered.”

- b) C63 – Car parking at its meeting on 5th October TWBC resolved to retain the 1-hour free parking in the car parks in Commercial Road.

C72 COMMUNITY CENTRE

- a) To consider the attached list of names (note: the closing date for suggestions is the 14th October, members will be notified of any additional names prior to the meeting)
Mr Sam Smithson from the CC working party will attend to advise members on what needs to be considered when choosing a name.
Members will be asked to agree a short list which will be put to a public vote.
- b) Project update – to note the attached report
- c) Appointment of the Centre Manager – to consider the attached report
- d) The Board minutes have been posted on the Town Council website.

C73 FINANCE

- a) To APPROVE the attached payments list voucher nos: 583 – 648
- b) To NOTE the attached receipts list 163 – 186

C74 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

The Borough Council has extended the Regulation 16 Consultation for the Neighbourhood Plan until the 14th November 2022.

C75 HIGHWAYS IMPROVEMENT PLAN

Cllrs Mackie and Ridger, as members of the Planning & Environment Committee are members of the Highways Improvement Plan Group.

The Council is asked to APPROVE Cllr R Atkins as a member of the Group.

C76 REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES

- (a) Chairman's meeting.
- (b) Paddock Wood Business Association
- (c) Bereko Committee
- (d) KALC – AGM will take place on the 19th November 2022.
- (e) Medway Valley Line
- (f) Hop Pickers Line
- (g) Youth Council
- (h) Putlands Leisure Centre – meeting will take place on 12 October 2022
- (i) Royal British Legion – the Remembrance Parade will take place on Sunday 13th November 2022. Volunteers are needed to help marshal the event. Please contact the deputy clerk if you can assist.

C77 DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting will take place on Monday 21ST November 2022, at 7.45 pm in The Day Centre, Commercial Road.

Nichola Reay
Clerk to the Council
11th October 2022