

Royal Tunbridge Wells Town Forum Meeting

Tuesday 29th September 2009 @ 4.00pm

Tunbridge Wells Borough Council, Chief Executive's Office, Town Hall, Royal Tunbridge Wells

AGENDA

Attendees:

Roy Bullock - Daniel Bech - Catherine Mayhew - Christopher Thomas - Sheila Wheeler

1. The Royal Tunbridge Wells Town Forum to become a Statutory Consultee.
2. The Steps in Calverley Grounds
Lack of consultation and communication.
3. Bandstand area (Calverley Grounds).
To agree upon an understanding for the way forward.
4. Cycle path in Hilbert Rec', works in Hawkenbury Rec' and Dunorlan protection thereof.
To agree a way forward.
5. Grants and how the monies are accounted for.
If not fully spent in year then what happens?!!
6. Section 106 monies.
When will the Town Forum have the opportunity to have a say in how spend is decided and/or chosen.
7. Can the Town Forum assist TWBC in raising the contentious subject of saving and where to save?
Officers to speak at meetings?
8. Promoting Tunbridge Wells as a "Centre for Health and Wellbeing".
How is the Council intending to promote this?
9. Companies in Royal Tunbridge Wells
What is the Council doing to address the issue of large companies not wanting to set up in Royal Tunbridge Wells?
What are the initiatives being devised to promote RTW as a place to work?
What polls have been taken from large companies to find out what they think of the town and what they feel would attract more investment?
10. Business rates and empty properties.
Is there a charge after six months of it being empty?
11. Council Tax and empty properties.
Up to what point does a Council charge Council Tax?
When is a domestic property owner not required to pay Council Tax?
If the property is deliberately neglected and goes into disrepair and becomes uninhabitable through neglect can the Council still charge Council Tax?
12. Tunbridge Wells & Rusthall Commons
What are the known impacts of The Commons actually being a Village Green and not registered as "Commons"?
13. Streetscene.
We are keen to see progress and to work together with TWBC, Kent Highways Services (KHS) and KCC.
14. Parishing of Rusthall
15. Royal Tunbridge Wells in Bloom
16. More Residents Associations as members of RTW Town Forum