

Tonbridge Town Team
Notes from meeting held on Thur 24 February 2022



Present: Jenny, Bob, Chris, Lisa
Apologies received: James L, Sarah, Carl

Notes	Action
<p>Accounts Annual Accounts were examined and accepted. TMBC have paid the Welcome Back Fund money covering the Food & Ale Trail, however it was paid ex-VAT so we lost 20% VAT. If we do this again we should try to agree that they administrate it the way Sevenoaks council did, where they paid the invoices to suppliers, allowing them to claim back the VAT.</p>	
<p>What's On March 2022 edition has done well, made around £300-£400 from advertising, and with more events was able to expand to 36 pages. JL will promote it at the Tonbridge Community Forum to expand it.</p>	
<p>Ongoing Plans TTT has struggled with credibility in trying to get businesses on board and encourage two-way communication. In other towns the Town Team is a kind of business forum with representatives of large and small businesses, as well as councillors, Economic regeneration officer and cabinet member. We would like to have TTT go down this road and establish it as a quarterly discussion and collaboration forum, organised and funded by TTT, but we need the backing, support and credibility of TMBC if we're going to be able to get businesses involved. First we need to have an initial gathering/networking evening. We can fund it, provide drinks and nibbles. We can also distribute a questionnaire to see what's important to businesses. (What's going well, what's not and improvements needed in various areas) Suggested dates: 25th April or 9th May Suggested venues: Fuggles, Ivy House, Castle Chambers, Beer Seller Key introductions: Jess @ TN, TMBC, Finch House, Alex @ Fuggles, Jamie @ Beer Seller, Warners, FSB, Invicta Chamber of Commerce Given that we also need to review the chairing process, perhaps TMBC can appoint a temporary Chair or Co-Chair until we can hold the first couple of official forums and elect a chair.</p>	