

FOLKESTONE TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Community Services Committee meeting held at the Town Hall, 1 – 2 Guildhall Street, Folkestone, CT20 1DY on Tuesday, 2nd April 2024 at 7.45pm.

Present: Councillors Abena Akuffo – Kelly (Chair), Peter Gane, Lucy McGirr and John Renshaw

In attendance: Toni Brenchley – Town Clerk
Vicky Deakin - Communities & Events Officer

1261. Apologies were received from Councillor Bridget Chapman and Liz McShane.

RESOLVED: To accept the apologies from Councillors Bridget Chapman and Liz McShane.

Proposed: Councillor Lucy McGirr

Seconded: Councillor John Renshaw

Voting: F: 4, Ag: 0, Ab: 0

1262. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillors Peter Gane and John Renshaw declared an interest in Item 7 as Members of the Cheriton Events Committee.

1263. MINUTES

The Committee was asked to receive the Minutes of the meeting of the Community Services Committee held on 6th February 2024 and to authorise the Chair of the Committee to sign them as a correct record.

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on the 6th February 2024 be received and signed as a correct record.

Proposed: Councillor Peter Gane

Seconded: Councillor Abena Akuffo - Kelly

Voting: F: 2, Ag: 0, Ab: 2

1264. BUS SHELTER

The Town Clerk received a request from a Town Councillor that FTC fund a bus shelter being installed at the bus stop opposite 111 Lynwood, Folkestone.

Further to the C & E Officer exploring the possibility of this being implemented, Folkestone & Hythe District Council have confirmed that they own the land at this site and are receptive to the idea of FTC funding a bus shelter in this location, subject to positive outcomes of viability investigations.

As such, Stagecoach have been contacted asking to provide details of numbers of passengers that board and alight at this bus stop so that FTC can further review the need and viability of installing a shelter at this site.

A response has yet to be received and therefore, the C & E Officer will update Members at the next Community Services Committee meeting.

1265. ARMED FORCES & COMMUNITY FUN DAY WITH AIR DISPLAYS 2024

The C & E Officer updated the Committee in respect of the developing plans including the ground event, air displays and entertainment programme for Armed Forces Day Folkestone 2024.

1266. FOLKESTONE MUSEUM REPORT CS/24/361

Members were asked to receive, note and consider the recommendations in the Report CS/24/361.

RESOLVED:

- 1. To receive and note Report CS/24/361**
- 2. To approve museum reserve usage as noted at Report Item 5 and detailed below:**

- £1,500 - high quality folding tables for the meeting room to enable the space to be used in a far more flexible manner
- £2,750 - mobile art resource and workstation trolley for use within and without the Museum
- £3,000 - museum website upgrade to latest WordPress version and updates (the current website and its coding date to 2017)
- £3,500 - installation of three-way mixing valves and modification of plantroom controls to economise chiller operation & cooling circuit for museum storerooms air-conditioning
- £5,000 - repair and restoration of the frame of the Folkestone 1790 painting (museum number F3977) by Richard Kerr currently located in the meeting room (to be displayed in the foyer)
- £10,000 - Natural history case redisplay to include repair & restoration of taxidermy (birds & mammals) and mounts

Proposed: Councillor Peter Gane

Seconded: Councillor John Renshaw

Voting: F: 4, Ag: 0, Ab: 0

1267. CHRISTMAS LIGHTING SCHEMES REPORT CS/24/362

Members were asked to receive, note and consider the recommendations in the Report CS/24/362.

RESOLVED:

- 1. To receive and note Report CS/24/362**
- 2. With the high costs associated in bringing the Folkestone and Cheriton schemes back to a standard similar to that of 2018 and that the works in respect of the Folkestone A Brighter Future Project may significantly affect the ability to carry out lighting installations in the Town Centre, Christmas lights to be installed in a concentrated area near to where the Christmas lights switch on events are held, therefore,**

directly outside the Town Hall and in the shopping area to the left and right of Community Network on Cheriton High Street (as follows) with any remaining 2024 Christmas Lighting budget to be vired to the General Reserve with a view to reviewing the entire lighting schemes for 2025.

- The Town Hall illuminated Christmas lighting curtain strings removed and replaced with a new installation.
- Medium LED Christmas tree installed to the Town Hall portico.
- 5No x Guildhall Street lamp columns new braids installed.
- Existing lights tested in tree O/S Nail Bar (Rendezvous St / Sandgate Road).
- Large over street Christmas motif decoration tested & installed (Rendezvous St / Sandgate Road).
- 18No x Etoile Stelly Stars tested & installed over street (Guildhall Street and Lower Sandgate Road).
- 4No x Guildhall Street trees existing strings of lights removed and replaced.
- 5No x Cheriton High Street (nr Community Network) lamp columns new braids installed.
- 4No x Cheriton High Street trees (nr Community Network) existing strings of lights removed and replaced.

Proposed: Councillor Peter Gane

Seconded: Councillor John Renshaw

Voting: F: 4, Ag: 0, Ab: 0

1268. PUBLIC TOILET FACILITIES FOLKESTONE

At its last meeting, the Community Services Committee

RESOLVED: That the Town Clerk write to F & HDC requesting details of how the public toilets are managed in Folkestone and the operational / opening schedules for individual sites.

The Town Clerk updated the committee further to receiving a response from F & HDC that advised there are regular problems with public toilets in the district due to various reasons including infrastructure which lead to closures while repairs take place. When long term closures are necessary the district Council publish details on their website.

F & HDC also reported that there are insufficient funds to have cleaners permanently stationed at each of the 25 toilet block sites in the district advising that their cleaners 'do a really good job'.

Complaints and issues are promptly addressed with complainants being updated as required.

NOTED

1269. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 11th June 2024 at **7pm** (TBC)

The meeting concluded at 8.45pm

Chair.....

Date.....

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