

Folkestone Town Meeting

MINUTES of the Full Council Meeting held at the Town Hall, Folkestone on Thursday, 15th June 2023 at 6.30 p.m.

TOWN COUNCILLORS PRESENT: Councillors Abena Akuffo-Kelly, Bridget Chapman, Jane Darling, Laura Davison, Christine Dickinson, Peter Gane, Kieran Leigh, Adrian Lockwood, Connor McConville, Liz McShane, Jackie Meade, Tim Prater, John Renshaw, Belinda Walker, Roger West.

ABSENT: Councillor Charlie Bain Smith.

IN ATTENDANCE: Stephen Nash - Town Clerk
Roland Domingo - Finance Officer

1957. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillors Nicola Keen due to work commitments and Lucy McGirr due to her baby being due.

RESOLVED: To accept the apologies from Councillors Nicola Keen and Lucy McGirr.

Proposed: Councillor Jackie Meade

Seconded: Councillor Christine Dickinson

1958. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

1959. MINUTES

The Council was asked to receive and authorise the Minutes of the Annual Council Meeting held on 16th May 2023 and to ask the Town Mayor to sign them as a correct record.

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Annual Council Meeting held on 16th May 2023 be received and signed as a correct record.

Proposed: Councillor Roger West

Seconded: Councillor Abena Okuffo-Kelly

1960. INTERNAL AUDITOR'S REPORT 2022/23

Councillors considered and noted the Internal Auditor's Report.

RESOLVED: That the Internal Auditor's Report be noted.

Proposed: Councillor Peter Gane

Seconded: Councillor Tim Prater

1961. STATEMENT OF INTERNAL CONTROL 2022/23

Councillors considered the Statement of Internal Control in support of the Annual Governance Statement. The Chairman of the meeting and the Town Clerk preceded to sign the document.

RESOLVED: To approve the Statement of Internal Control for the year ending 31st March 2023 and for the Chairman and Town Clerk to sign.

Proposed: Councillor Jackie Meade

Seconded: Councillor Adrian Lockwood

1962. ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT 2022/23

Councillors considered the Annual Governance Statement and proposed that the following boxes be ticked:

Boxes 1 to 8: 'Yes'

Box 9: 'N/A'

RESOLVED: To approve the Annual Governance Statement 2022/23 and for the Chairman and Town Clerk to sign.

Proposed: Councillor Connor McConville

Seconded: Councillor Tim Prater

1963. STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS AND ANNUAL RETURN 2022/23

Councillors approved the Statement of Accounts for 2022/23, the Annual Return for 2022/23 (Section 2 of the Annual Return for the year ending 31 March 2023) and the supporting Bank Reconciliation. The Chairman of the meeting preceded to sign the document.

RESOLVED: To approve the Statement of Accounts and Annual Return 2022/23 and for the Chairman to sign.

Proposed: Councillor Tim Prater

Seconded: Councillor Roger West

1964. PERIOD OF EXERCISE OF PUBLIC RIGHTS

The dates set for the period of exercise of public rights are 19 June 2023 to 28 July 2023, during which time members of the public may inspect accounting records by prior arrangement.

1965. STANDING ORDERS

To review the standing orders in line with the amendments.

RESOLVED: To approve the amendments to the Standing Orders.

Proposed: Councillor Liz McShane

Seconded: Councillor Jackie Meade

1966. GENERAL POWER OF COMPETENCY

Members discussed the criteria for the eligibility, on this date, for the General Power of Competence for the ensuing administration of 2023-2027.

RESOLVED: To re-affirm the Council fully meets the terms of General Power of Competence and grants the power to use General Power of Competence in delivering services.

Proposed: Councillor Peter Gane

Seconded: Councillor Roger West

1967. ANNUAL REPORT 2022/23

Councillors considered and noted the 2022/23 Annual Report.

1968. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

21st September 2023 at 7.00 p.m. – Ordinary Full Council Meeting

The meeting concluded at 6.51 pm.

.....Town Mayor