

## **Folkestone Town Meeting**

**MINUTES of the Full Council Meeting held at the Town Hall, Folkestone on Thursday, 10<sup>th</sup> August 2023 at 7.00 p.m.**

**TOWN COUNCILLORS PRESENT:** Councillors Abena Akuffo-Kelly, Charlie Bain Smith (7.06pm), Bridget Chapman, Jane Darling, Laura Davison, Christine Dickinson, Peter Gane, Nicola Keen, Adrian Lockwood, Connor McConville, Lucy McGirr, Liz McShane, Jackie Meade, John Renshaw, Belinda Walker, Roger West.

**ABSENT:** Councillor Kieran Leigh

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Stephen Nash - Town Clerk  
Toni Brenchley – Deputy Town Clerk  
Ian Bishop – Town Sergeant

### **1969. APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Councillor Tim Prater.

**RESOLVED: To accept the apologies from Councillor Tim Prater**

Proposed: Councillor Jackie Meade  
Seconded: Councillor John Renshaw

### **1970. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

### **1971. MINUTES**

The Council was asked to receive and authorise the Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> June 2023 and to ask the Town Mayor to sign them as a correct record.

**RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> June 2023 be received and signed as a correct record.**

Proposed: Councillor Nicola Keen  
Seconded: Councillor Roger West

### **1972. PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

There were no public questions received.

### **1973. MAYORS COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Mayor reported on a busy few months since the last meeting and thanked the organisers of these events as well as the Deputy Mayor, Cllr Akuffo Kelly, and Past Mayor, Councillor Nicola Keen, for standing in for events she was unable to attend.

*Councillor Charlie Bain Smith joined the meeting*

**1974. MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE**

**RESOLVED:** That the Minutes of the Planning Committee's meetings of 23<sup>rd</sup> February, 30<sup>th</sup> March, 27<sup>th</sup> April and 25<sup>th</sup> May 2023 be received and signed as a correct record.

Proposed: Councillor Nicola Keen

Seconded: Councillor Jackie Meade

**1975. MINUTES OF THE FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE**

**RESOLVED:** To reinstate recording the numbers voting 'For', 'Against' and 'Abstaining' for all Committees

Proposed: Councillor Nicola Keen

Seconded: Councillor Bridget Chapman

Voting: F: 16, Ag: 0, Ab: 0

**RESOLVED:** That the Minutes of the Finance and General Purposes Committee's meetings of 16<sup>th</sup> February and 20<sup>th</sup> April 2023 be received and signed as a correct record and the minutes of the 15<sup>th</sup> June 2023 be deferred until the next Full Council meeting

Proposed: Councillor Peter Gane

Seconded: Councillor Jackie Meade

Voting: F: 16, Ag: 0, Ab: 0

**1976. MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE**

**RESOLVED:** That the Minutes of the Community Services Committee's meeting of 7<sup>th</sup> February and 4<sup>th</sup> April 2023 be received and signed as a correct record.

Proposed: Councillor Roger West

Seconded: Councillor Abena Akuffo-Kelly

Voting: F: 16, Ag: 0, Ab: 0

**1977. MINUTES OF THE CLIMATE & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE**

**RESOLVED:** That the Minutes of the Climate & Environment Committee's meetings of 9<sup>th</sup> February and 4<sup>th</sup> April 2023 be received and signed as a correct record.

Proposed: Councillor Abena Akuffo-Kelly

Seconded: Councillor Jackie Meade

Voting: F: 16, Ag: 0, Ab: 0

**1978. MATTERS AND RESOLUTIONS FROM COMMITTEES**

**i. Planning Committee – 2023/24**

Noted

**ii. Community Services Committee – 2023/24**

Noted

- iii. **Climate & Environment Committee – 2023/24**  
Noted
- iv. **Finance and General Purposes Committee – 2023/24**  
Noted
- v. **Personnel Sub-Committee – 2023/24**  
Noted

**1979. WARD GRANTS**

The Town Clerk advised on proposed amendments to applications for the Ward Grants, following legal advice from KALC and Council HR and Governance Support.

**RESOLVED: That the Grants Committee be a Sub-committee of the Finance & General Purposes Committee. F&GP to therefore decide on the Committee membership.**

Proposed: Councillor Peter Gane

Seconded: Councillor Nicola Keen

Voting: F: 16, Ag: 0, Ab: 0

**1980. APPOINTMENT OF BANK SECRETARIES**

It was noted that the Town Clerk and Finance Officer have been appointed as the Secretaries for the business bank mandate.

**1981. APPOINTMENT TO COMMITTEES AND SUB COMMITTEES**

**RESOLVED: That Councillor Jackie Meade stand down from Finance & General Purposes Committee and be replaced by Councillor Bridget Chapman to enable her to sit on the Personnel Sub-Committee.**

Proposed: Councillor Jackie Meade

Seconded: Councillor Lucy McGirr

Voting: F: 16, Ag: 0, Ab: 0

**1982. TWINNING**

Report C/23/339 was received by Councillors.

**RESOLVED: To withdraw the restriction of '£100 per annum of public money being spent on furthering the relationship with the Nepalese community' (minute 1639), as it was felt to be discriminatory against the Nepalese community as all sectors of the community should be treated equally.**

Proposed: Councillor Jackie Meade

Seconded: Councillor Peter Gane

Voting: F: 16, Ag: 0, Ab: 0

**1983. WILLIAM HARVEY SUNDAY COMMEMORATION**

Report C/23/338 proposed changes for the annual William Harvey Commemoration.

**RESOLVED: That the item be deferred and options be provided on alternative ways to continue supporting as a civic event, whilst also reducing costs.**

Proposed: Councillor Peter Gane

Seconded: Councillor Nicola Keen

Voting: F: 16, Ag: 0, Ab: 0

**1984. FUNDRAISING AND SPONSORSHIP STRATEGY AND PROCEDURE**

Councillors considered the proposed strategy and procedure.

**RESOLVED: That the Fundraising and Sponsorship Strategy and Procedure be adopted with the addition of '2.6 Councillors will be emailed prior to acceptance'.**

Proposed: Councillor Nicola Keen

Seconded: Councillor Peter Gane

Voting: F: 16, Ag: 0, Ab: 0

**RESOLVED: That the Fundraising and Sponsorship Strategy and Procedure be reviewed every six months.**

Proposed: Councillor Nicola Keen

Seconded: Councillor Peter Gane

Voting: F: 16, Ag: 0, Ab: 0

**1985. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING**

21<sup>st</sup> September 2023 at 7.00 p.m. – Ordinary Full Council Meeting

**The meeting concluded at 7.52 pm.**

.....Town Mayor