

FOLKESTONE TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Climate and Environment Committee meeting held on Tuesday, 4th June 2024 at the Town Hall at 7pm.

Present: Councillors Charles Bain-Smith, Nicola Keen, Lucy McGirr, Liz McShane, Kieran Leigh, John Renshaw, Belinda Walker and Roger West.

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

102. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillors were asked to receive apologies from Councillor Abena Akuffo-Kelly.

RESOLVED: To accept the apologies from Councillor Abena Akuffo-Kelly.

Proposed: Councillor Roger West

Seconded: Councillor Belinda Walker

Voting: F: 8, Ag: 0, Ab: 0

103. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR

The Committee were asked to appoint a Chair for the Committee for the 2024/25 Municipal Year.

RESOLVED: That Councillor Lucy McGirr be appointed Chair of the Climate and Environment Committee for the 2024/25 Municipal Year.

Proposed: Councillor Roger West

Seconded: Councillor Belinda Walker

Voting: F: 8, Ag: 0, Ab: 0

104. APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHAIR

The Committee were asked to appoint a Vice Chair for the Committee for the 2024/25 Municipal Year.

RESOLVED: That Councillor Nicola Keen be appointed Vice Chair of the Climate and Environment Committee for the 2024/25 Municipal Year.

Proposed: Councillor Lucy McGirr

Seconded: Councillor Kieran Leigh

Voting: F: 8, Ag: 0, Ab: 0

105. DECLARTIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

106. MINUTES

The Committee was asked to receive the Minutes of the meeting of the Climate & Environment Committee held on 2nd April 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 2nd April 2024 be received and signed as a correct record.

Proposed: Councillor Roger West

Seconded: Councillor Nicola Keen

Voting: F: 8, Ag: 0, Ab: 0

107. REVIEW OF THE TERMS OF REFERENCE

In line with the Town Council's adopted Standing Orders, the Committee was asked to consider the Terms of Reference for the Climate & Environment Committee.

RESOLVED: That the existing version of the Terms of Reference remain unchanged.

Proposed: Councillor Roger West

Seconded: Councillor Nicola Keen

Voting: F: 8, Ag: 0, Ab: 0

108. WORKING GROUPS 2024/25

The Committee was asked to consider whether any Working Groups were necessary and if so, to approve nominations (as follows) for membership for 2024/25:

Allotments: Cllrs Keen, Meade and West (Cllr Lucy McGirr - Substitute if a member not available).

Fairtrade: Cllrs Akuffo-Kelly, Darling, McShane and Meade.

Parks and Open Spaces: Cllrs Akuffo-Kelly, Dickinson, Gane, Lockwood, McGirr and Renshaw.

Trees: Cllrs Chapman, Lockwood, Meade and Walker.

RESOLVED: That the Working Groups and their membership be agreed as above.

Proposed: Councillor Belinda Walker

Seconded: Councillor Roger West

Voting: F: 8, Ag: 0, Ab: 0

109. SPONSORSHIP OF PLANTING F & HDC OWNED FLOWER AND SHRUB BEDS

Further to the C & E Officer corresponding with F & HDC regarding flower & shrub bed planting, Members were updated that FTC had been advised that due to anti-social behaviour in the area, no new planting is scheduled at lower Radnor Park. Community groups, faith & youth organisations and schools can adopt flower / shrub beds and / or planters once they are no longer sponsored by FTC.

RESOLVED: That the C & E Officer resend the email to all Town Councillors asking for suggestions of potential sites for new planters in their respective Wards.

Proposed: Councillor Belinda Walker

Seconded: Councillor Roger West

Voting: F: 8, Ag: 0, Ab: 0

110. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 8th October 2024 at 7pm

The meeting concluded at 8pm.

Chair

Date

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