

FOLKESTONE TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Community Services Committee meeting held at the Town Hall, 1 – 2 Guildhall Street, Folkestone, CT20 1DY on Tuesday, 11th February 2025 at 7.00pm.

Present: Councillors Jane Darling, Peter Gane, Lucy McGirr, Belinda Walker (left at 7.27pm) and Roger West (Chair)

Apologies: Councillor Bridget Chapman

In attendance: Toni Brenchley – Town Clerk
Vicky Deakin - Communities & Events Officer
Coralie Clover – Museum Curator

1292. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillors were asked to receive apologies from Councillor Bridget Chapman.

RESOLVED: To accept the apologies from Councillor Bridget Chapman.

Proposed: Councillor Lucy McGirr

Seconded: Councillor Belinda Walker

Voting: F: 5, Ag: 0, Ab: 0

1293. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

1294. MINUTES

The Committee was asked to receive the Minutes of the meeting of the Community Services Committee held on 15th October 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 15th October be received and signed as a correct record.

Proposed: Councillor Peter Gane

Seconded: Councillor Jane Darling

Voting: F: 5, Ag: 0, Ab: 0

1295. PRIMARY SCHOOLS ACTIVITIES

Members were asked if they wished to suggest new creative projects i.e. activities involving dance, music and theatre, that FTC could potentially support through our Youth Facilities Programme.

RESOLVED: That the Communities & Events Officer pursue potential youth projects and initiatives with local organisations such as Creative Folkestone, Studio Six, the Leas Cliff Hall, the Tower Theatre and Folkestone Cricket Club. Suggested activities include primary schools Kwik Cricket event, writing competitions, chess tournaments and Makaton training.

Members asked that outcomes and details of potential activities be brought back to the next meeting for Members to review and consider.

Proposed: Councillor Peter Gane

Seconded: Councillor Belinda Walker
Voting: F: 5, Ag: 0, Ab: 0

RESOLVED: That Item 11 be brought forward at this juncture.

Proposed: Councillor Belinda Walker
Seconded: Councillor Lucy McGirr
Voting: F: 5, Ag: 0, Ab: 0

1296. FOLKESTONE COMMUNITY FORUM

The Committee were asked to nominate potential candidates to become members of the Folkestone Community Forum to represent FTC.

RESOLVED: That Councillors Jane Darling and Belinda Walker will represent FTC on the Folkestone Community Forum.

Proposed: Councillor Belinda Walker
Seconded: Councillor Lucy McGirr
Voting: F: 5, Ag: 0, Ab: 0

1297. ARMED FORCES DAY FOLKESTONE - 2025

The Communities & Events Officer updated the Committee in respect of developing arrangements for 'AFD2025 – Folkestone'. Members were advised that FTC have applied to the RAF for a Battle of Britain Memorial Flight flypast (FOC) to provide a display and enhance the formal lunch. Should the venue (TBC) be suitable to accommodate military charity stands and cadet units, organisations such as the RBL, SSAFA, Help for Heroes and Folkestone and Hythe Sea & Marine cadets will be invited to attend with a 'pop-up' fundraising and / or recruitment stand.

1298. COMMUNITY RESILIENCE PLAN

KALC are encouraging parish and town councils to help in building more resilient communities by producing their own Community Resilience Plan. It is anticipated that the plan would support and signpost members of the community to help them prepare for and respond to emergencies at a local level by identifying volunteers, resources and vulnerable areas and members of the community.

The Town Clerk updated Members in respect of the developing draft plan and advised that an upcoming meeting is scheduled with the Kent and Medway Resilience Team, the District Council's Emergency Planning team and the emergency services.

1299. OBJECTS REPORT CS/25/377

The Museum Curator updated Members in respect of objects for disposal including details of the associated costs and required methods to do so appropriately.

The Committee received and noted Report CS/25/377.

RESOLVED: To approve the disposal of the objects identified in Report CS/25/377.

Proposed: Councillor Peter Gane

Seconded: Councillor Lucy McGirr
Voting: F: 5, Ag: 0, Ab: 0

1300. FOLKESTONE MUSEUM REPORT CS/25/379

The Committee was asked to receive and note Report CS/25/379.

RESOLVED: The Committee received and noted Report CS/25/379 and requested that a vote of thanks to the Museum Curator be recorded.

Proposed: Councillor Peter Gane
Seconded: Councillor Lucy McGirr
Voting: F: 5, Ag: 0, Ab: 0

1301. FTC VISITOR INFORMATION SERVICE / TOURISM AND MUSEUM RETAIL OFFER

The Communities & Events Officer updated the Committee in respect of FTC's current Visitor Information Service and the development of its retail offer. Potential advertising opportunities to promote Folkestone are being pursued with various publications and an update will be provided to Members at the next meeting.

1302. FOLKESTONE VISITOR/TOURISM MAP

The Committee noted the final version of the F& HDC new tourism wayfinding map.

1303. PROJECTION PROJECT

Further to a meeting with a Screen South representative, the Communities & Events Officer updated the Committee on permission to use the Town Hall façade to project short films between 8 – 9pm on Friday 28 March as part of a training initiative event for young adult students being delivered in partnership with Folkestone Fringe.

1304. BUS SHELTERS AND NOTICE BOARDS

The Communities & Events Officer updated the Committee with suggestions received from Councillors in respect of potential new sites for bus shelters and notice boards.

Noted

1305. SETTING UP A WARM WELCOME SPACE

The Communities & Events Officer reported the findings regarding the viability of providing this service at the Town Hall and Committee members agreed that FTC do not have a suitable space or necessary facilities to provide this service.

1306. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 8th April 2025 at **7pm**

The meeting concluded at 7.35pm

Chair.....

Date.....