

## Folkestone Town Council

### **MINUTES of the Full Council Meeting of the Folkestone Town Council held at the Town Council Offices on Thursday, 17<sup>th</sup> March 2022 at 7 p.m.**

**PRESENT:** Councillors Ann Berry, Paul Bingham, Peter Gane, Jonathan Graham, Nicola Keen, Michelle Keutenius, David Horton, Dylan Jeffrey, Mary Lawes, Connor McConville, Jackie Meade, Tim Prater, Belinda Walker and Richard Wallace.

**ABSENT:** Councillor Danny Brook

**In attendance:** Jennifer Childs (Town Clerk), Georgina Wilson (Executive Assistant)

#### **1831. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Councillors Abena Akuffo-Kelly, Ray Field and Roger West.

**RESOLVED: That the apologies be approved.**

Proposed: Councillor Michelle Keutentius

Seconded: Councillor Paul Bingham

Voting: F: 14, Ag: 0, Ab: 0

#### **1832. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillors Ann Berry, Paul Bingham, Jackie Meade and Nicola Keen declared a personal interest in regard to the nomination for Freedom of Entry of the Town.

Councillors Paul Bingham, Dylan Jeffrey, Jackie Meade, Mary Lawes, Nicola Keen, Michelle Keutenius, Tim Prater and Belinda Walker declared a personal interest in regard to the Town Grants having supported some of them through ward grants or as twin or triple hatted Councillors.

#### **1833. MINUTES**

The Full Council was asked to receive the Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on 13<sup>th</sup> January 2022 and to authorise the Town Mayor to sign them as a correct record.

**RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Ordinary Council meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> January 2022 be received and signed as a correct record.**

Proposed: Councillor Jonathan Graham

Seconded: Councillor Ann Berry

Voting: F: 14, Ag: 0, Ab: 0

#### **1834. TOWN GRANTS**

Councillors had no questions to ask of the applicants who attended the meeting but thanked them for their applications. Decisions were made later in the meeting.

#### **1835. PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

There were no public questions.

**1836. MAYORS COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUCEMENTS**

The Mayor reported on the events that she had attended since the last Council meeting and thanked the organisers of these events. The Mayor also thanked the Deputy Mayor, Councillor Nicola Keen for attending some events at short notice on her behalf due to having to isolate with covid.

**1837. TOWN MAYOR'S AWARDS**

The Town Mayor reported that the recipients of the award had been invited to an afternoon tea where the Mayor can show her appreciation.

**1838. MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE**

**RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> January 2022 be received and signed as a correct record.**

Proposed: Councillor Jonathan Graham

Seconded: Councillor Jackie Meade

Voting: F:14, Ag: 0, Ab: 0

**1839. MINUTES OF THE FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE**

**RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Finance and General Purposes Committee Meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> December 2021 be received and signed as a correct record.**

Proposed: Councillor Connor McConville

Seconded: Councillor Mary Lawes

Voting: F:14, Ag: 0, Ab: 0

**1840. MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE**

**RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Community Services Committee Meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> October 2021 be received and signed as a correct record.**

Proposed: Councillor Nicola Keen

Seconded: Councillor Peter Gane

Voting: F:14, Ag: 0, Ab: 0

**1841. MINUTES OF THE CLIMATE AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE**

**RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Climate and Environment Committee Meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> October 2021 be received and signed as a correct record.**

Proposed: Councillor Belinda Walker

Seconded: Councillor Connor McConville

Voting: F:14, Ag: 0, Ab: 0

#### **1842. MATTERS AND RESOLUTIONS FROM COMMITTEES**

**RESOLVED: To move the reserve of £1,030 from Lunches for Children to Christmas Gifts for Children.**

Proposed: Councillor Michelle Keutenius

Seconded: Councillor Nicola Keen

Voting: F:14, Ag: 0, Ab: 0

#### **1843. GRANT SCHEME REVIEW**

**RESOLVED: To receive and note report C/22/305 and adopt option 1 to maintain the status quo and continue the practice of considering Town Grants in line with the current guidance at Full Council meetings, therefore the first round of grant applications for the 2022/23 financial year will be September 2022.**

Proposed: Councillor David Horton

Seconded: Councillor Paul Bingham

Voting: F:8, Ag:6, Ab:0

Proposed: To receive and note report C/22/305 and adopt option 2 to reinstate the Grants Committee.

Proposed: Councillor Tim Prater

Seconded: Councillor Dylan Jeffrey

This motion was lost.

#### **1844. TREASURY MANAGEMENT REPORT**

**RESOLVED: To receive and note report C/22/307 and adopt the Investment Policy for the 2022/23 financial year.**

Proposed: Councillor Jonathan Graham

Seconded: Councillor David Horton

Voting: F:14, Ag: 0, Ab: 0

#### **1845. GOVERNANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY RISK ASSESSMENT AND INSURANCE REVIEW**

**RESOLVED: To receive and note report C/22/308, adopt the Governance and Accountability Risk Assessment 2022/23, and approve the Insurance Review.**

Proposed: Councillor Mary Lawes

Seconded: Councillor Jonathan Graham

Voting: F:14, Ag: 0, Ab: 0

**1846. COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT**

The County Councillors Report was duly noted and the Mayor thanked Councillors Mead and Jeffrey for preparing the report.

**1847. NOTICE OF MOTION**

Councillor Jonathan Graham read out his motion in relation to the title of address for the Mayor and their escort being decided in accordance with how the individual Mayor and their partner wish to be addressed. Councillor Tim Prater suggested that it should be Council's policy to have a simplified address.

Councillor Jonathan Graham requested a recorded vote.

**RESOLVED: That the custom and practice of Folkestone Town Council is for the formal term of address for the Mayoralty to be "Mayor" and "Consort" respectively, subject to any overriding wishes of a specific Mayor or Consort.**

Proposed: Councillor Jonathan Graham  
Seconded: Councillor Connor McConville  
Voting: F:7, Ag: 1, Ab: 6

Belinda Walker	For
Connor McConville	For
David Horton	For
Jonathan Graham	For
Mary Lawes	For
Peter Gane	For
Ann Berry	Against
Jackie Meade	Abstention
Paul Bingham	Abstention
Richard Wallace	Abstention
Tim Prater	For
Dylan Jeffrey	Abstention
Nicola Keen	Abstention
Michelle Keutenius	Abstention

**1848. TOWN MAYOR ELECT 2022/23**

Councillors considered the nominations for Mayor Elect for the 2022/23 municipal year.

Proposed: That Councillor Abena Akuffo-Kelly be nominated Mayor Elect for the 2022/23 municipal year.

Proposed: Councillor David Horton  
Seconded: Councillor Jonathan Graham

Councillor David Horton spoke in support of his nomination of the Town Mayor Elect and Councillor Jonathan Graham spoke in support of the motion.

Proposed: That Councillor Nicola Keen be nominated Mayor Elect for the 2022/23 municipal year.

Proposed: Councillor Ann Berry  
Seconded: Councillor Mary Lawes

Councillor Ann Berry spoke in support of her nomination of the Town Mayor Elect and Councillor Mary Lawes spoke in support of the motion.

Councillor Michelle Keutenius requested a recorded vote.

Belinda Walker	AA
Connor McConville	AA
David Horton	AA
Jonathan Graham	AA
Mary Lawes	NK
Peter Gane	NK
Ann Berry	NK
Jackie Meade	NK
Paul Bingham	NK
Richard Wallace	NK
Tim Prater	NK
Dylan Jeffrey	NK
Nicola Keen	NK
Michelle Keutenius	Abstention

Voting: F: Councillor Keen 9, F: Councillor Akuffo Kelly 4, Ag: 0, Ab: 1

**RESOLVED: That Councillor Nicola Keen be Town Mayor Elect for the ensuing municipal year 2022/23**

#### **EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

The press and public are to be excluded for the remainder of this meeting under Section 1, sub-section 2, of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 as publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business.

Proposed: Councillor Michelle Keutenius  
Seconded: Councillor Ann Berry  
Voting: F:14, Ag: 0, Ab: 0

#### **1849. TOWN GRANT SCORES**

**RESOLVED: To amend the award to the Remembrance Line to £2,500**

Proposed: Councillor Connor McConville  
Seconded: Councillor Jonathan Graham  
Voting: F: 13, Ag: 0, Ab: 1

**RESOLVED: To approve all remaining grants as set out in the exempt table (subject to the above resolution) enbloc.**

Proposed: Councillor Paul Bingham  
Seconded: Councillor Jackie Meade  
Voting: F: 14, Ag: 0, Ab: 0

**1850. FREEDOM OF ENTRY TO THE TOWN**

**RESOLVED: To receive and note Exempt Report C/22/306. To approve the nomination to award Freedom of Entry to the Town and release funding for a Freedom Scroll and Frame together with a small event.**

Proposed: Councillor Peter Gane  
Seconded: Councillor Michelle Keutenius  
Voting: F:14, Ag: 0, Ab: 0

**1851. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

Annual Statutory Meeting – Tuesday, 10<sup>th</sup> May 2022 (provisional)  
Annual Town Assembly – Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> May 2022 (provisional)

The meeting ended at 8.10pm

.....Town Mayor

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