

## FOLKESTONE TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Climate and Environment Committee meeting held on Thursday, 9<sup>th</sup> February 2023 at 7pm at the Town Hall.

**Present:** Councillors Abena Akuffo–Kelly (Chair), Ann Berry, Jackie Meade and Richard Wallace.

**Absent:** Councillors Ray Field, David Horton, Connor McConville and Tim Prater.

**In attendance:** Vicky Deakin – Communities & Events Officer

**54. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

There were no apologies for absence.

**55. APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHAIRMAN**

The Committee was asked to appoint a Vice Chairman for the remainder of the 2022 / 2023 Municipal Year.

**RESOLVED: That Councillor Ann Berry be appointed as Vice Chairman of the Committee for the remainder of the 2022/23 Municipal Year.**

Proposed: Councillor Jackie Meade

Seconded: Councillor Richard Wallace

Voting: F:4, Ag:0, Ab:0

**56. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

**57. MINUTES**

The committee was asked to receive the Minutes of the meeting of the Climate & Environment Committee held on 9<sup>th</sup> June 2022 and to authorise the Chairman of the Committee to sign them as a correct record.

**RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> June 2022 be received and signed as a correct record.**

Proposed: Councillor Jackie Meade

Seconded: Councillor Ann Berry

Voting: F:4, Ag:0, Ab:0

**58. PLASTIC FREE FOLKESTONE**

Councillor Belinda Walker was unable to attend the meeting (due to illness) to provide the scheduled update and therefore sent a digital written report to be shared by the C & E Officer with all Committee Members by email.

**59. C&E OFFICER REPORT CE/23/329**

The Committee was asked to receive and note report CE/23/329. The C & E Officer updated Members in respect of Fairtrade, tree planting and existing and forthcoming community projects.

**RESOLVED: That Report CS/23/329 be received and noted with a vote of thanks recorded acknowledging the continued hard work of Officers towards achieving Fairtrade status for Folkestone.**

Proposed: Councillor Jackie Meade  
Seconded: Councillor Ann Berry  
Voting: F:4, Ag:0, Ab:0

**60. FLOWER & SHRUB BED MAINTENANCE INCLUDING NEW PLANTERS 2023/24**

The Committee was updated on F & HDC planting and maintenance in 2022/23. Members were asked to approve the release of £35,000 from the 2023 / 24 Parks, Gardens & Recs - Flowerbeds budget and consider whether they wish this to include the acquisition of new planters, and plants to fill them, in Wards where it is difficult to plant trees.

After Members discussion and review it was

**RESOLVED:**

- 1. That the Flower & Shrub Bed Maintenance Including New Planters 2023/24 Item be deferred to the next meeting allowing for the C & E Officer to obtain assurances from F & HDC that flowers & shrubs at sites such as Hill Road that received limited new planting and watering in 2022 / 23, will be attended to at an acceptable level in 2023 / 24.**
- 2. That the C & E Officer write to all FTC Councillors inviting them to nominate sites in their respective Wards where new flower planters could potentially be installed, particularly in locations where it is difficult to plant trees. Members will review and consider suggestions to be included in the 2023 / 24 Flower & Shrub Bed Maintenance Scheme at the April meeting.**

Proposed: Councillor Jackie Mead  
Seconded: Councillor Richard Wallace  
Voting: F:4, Ag:0, Ab:0

**61. PLAY PARKS REPORT CE/23/331**

The committee was asked to receive and note Report CE/23/331.

**RESOLVED: That Report CS/23/331 be received and noted.**

Proposed: Councillor Abena Akuffo-Kelly  
Seconded: Councillor Ann Berry  
Voting: F:4, Ag:0, Ab:0

**62. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2023 at 7pm**

The meeting concluded at 7.20pm.

**Chairman .....**

**Date .....**