

FOLKESTONE TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Climate and Environment Committee meeting held on Tuesday, 6th June 2023 at the Town Hall at 7pm.

Present: Councillors Abena Akuffo-Kelly, Charles Bain-Smith, Jane Darling, Kieran Leigh, Lucy McGirr, Liz McShane, John Renshaw and Roger West.

In attendance: Steve Nash – Town Clerk and Vicky Deakin – Communities & Events Officer

69. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillors were asked to receive apologies from Councillor Jackie Meade (due to attendance at a District Meeting).

RESOLVED: To accept Councillor Jackie Meade's apologies.

Proposed: Councillor Lucy McGirr

Seconded: Councillor Charles Bain-Smith

70. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR

RESOLVED: That Councillor Abena Akuffo-Kelly be appointed as Chair of the Committee for the 2023/24 Municipal Year.

Proposed: Councillor Roger West

Seconded: Councillor Jane Darling

71. APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHAIRMAN

RESOLVED: That Councillor Lucy McGirr be appointed as Vice Chair of the Committee for the 2023/24 Municipal Year.

Proposed: Councillor John Renshaw

Seconded: Councillor Kieran Leigh

72. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

73. MINUTES

The Committee was asked to receive the Minutes of the meeting of the Climate & Environment Committee held on 4th April 2023 and to authorise the Chair of the Committee to sign them as a correct record.

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on 4th April 2023 be received and signed as a correct record.

Proposed: Councillor Abena Akuffo-Kelly

Seconded: Councillor Lucy McGirr

74. 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. Any changes which the Committee wishes to make must be approved by Full Council at a future meeting. The current version is attached.

RESOLVED: That further to the Town Clerk's recommendation for a full review, this item be deferred to the next meeting.

Proposed: Councillor Roger West

Seconded: Councillor Kieran Leigh

75. WORKING GROUPS 2023/24

The Committee was asked to consider whether any Working Groups are necessary and if so, approve nominations for membership for 2023/24.

RESOLVED: That the following Working Groups and Memberships be approved:

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

Trees: Cllrs Chapman, Darling, Lockwood and Walker.

Parks & Open Spaces: Membership to be agreed.

Allotments: Membership to be agreed.

Proposed: Councillor Lucy McGirr

Seconded: Councillor Liz McShane

76. TREE PLANTING 2023/24

Members were asked to review the draft tree planting schedule and agree which of the detailed hard sites it wished to approve for tree planting. The Communities & Events Officer provided more details, including an explanation of costings at the meeting.

RESOLVED:

i) That £15,000 be released from the Tree Planting budget subject to species identification for each site (where practicable) from KCC and an equal distribution as possible between all Wards.

Proposed: Councillor John Renshaw

Seconded: Councillor Kieran Leigh

ii) That a Tree Working Group be set up and all Councillors invited to become a Member.

Proposed: Councillor Roger West

Seconded: Councillor Lucy McGirr

77. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 3rd October 2023 at 7pm

The meeting concluded at 7.45pm.

Chairman

Date