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AGENDA

Meeting: **Climate and Environment Committee**
Date: **Tuesday 8th October 2024**
Time: **7.00 p.m.**
Place: **Council Offices, Town Hall, 1-2 Guildhall Street, Folkestone.**

To: **The Climate and Environment Committee**
(All other Councillors for information only)

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to attend a meeting of the Climate and Environment Committee on the date and at the time and place shown above to transact the business shown on the agenda below. The meeting will be open to the press and public.

Any member who wishes to have information on any matter arising on the agenda which is not fully covered in these papers is requested to contact the Town Clerk prior to the meeting.

Toni Brenchley
Town Clerk

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

To receive and approve any apologies for absence.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

To receive any declarations of either personal or prejudicial interest that Members may wish to make.

3. MINUTES

To receive the Minutes of the meeting of the Climate & Environment Committee held on 4th June 2024 and to authorise the Chair of the Committee to sign them as a correct record.

4. LOCALTRANSPORT PLAN – KCC PUBLIC CONSULTATION

Kent County Council is consulting on a county-wide consultation on its new draft Local Transport Plan. The consultation closes on the 8th October.

The Local Transport Plan is a statutory plan which is designed to set out the Council's ambition and proposals for major changes to the transport networks and to help the Council make the case for future funding for delivering improvements.

You can take part in the LTP5 consultation at www.kent.gov.uk/ltp5

Further ways to respond are also detailed on the web page. Attached is a copy of the consultation poster.

The Committee's views are sought and will be reviewed by the Town Clerk and incorporated in her letter to KCC on behalf of FTC in response to the consultation. Members are also welcome to respond to the consultation independently should they wish to do so.

5. FLOWER & SHRUB PLANTERS

At the C & EC meeting in April, it was

RESOLVED:

- 1. That subject to approval at the next C & E Committee meeting, £15,000 be allocated to the provision of new planters (including seasonal planting and maintenance) at new sites in Folkestone and Cheriton.**

The C & E Officer will update the Committee in respect of potential sites further to having written to all Councillors asking for suggestions in their respective Wards.

Members are asked to agree which of the sites it wishes to approve for planters (subject to KCC / F & HDC site inspections and permissions). The Communities & Events Officer will provide more details, including a breakdown and explanation of costings at the meeting.

- 2. To allocate £6,000 of the 2024/25 Flowerbeds Budget and instruct an external contractor to seasonally plant (twice a year) and maintain FTC assets (as detailed below):**

- 4No x Large Folkestone Planters – 2No near pedestrian crossing at Bouverie Road West and 2No near town barrier on Rendezvous Street
- 6No x Small Folkestone Planters – side of Leas Cliff Hall
- 25No x FTC Railing Planters – Castle Hill Avenue
- 10No x Cheriton Railing Planters – Cheriton High Street
- 10No x Hill Road Railing Planters

Quotes were sought and the C & E Officer will update Members accordingly and their views are sought.

6. KCC NATIONAL LOTTERY CLIMATE ACTION FUND BID

KCC and Take the Jump are joining forces to bid for the national lottery's Climate Action Fund. This initiative aims to inspire individuals, communities and organisations throughout Kent to make a real difference in climate action.

Further to attending a free workshop in August, the C & E Officer will update the committee.

7. TREE PLANTING 2024/25

Members are asked to review the attached draft tree planting schedule and agree which of the detailed soft sites it wishes to approve for tree planting.

8. BUDGET 2023/24 – POTENTIAL GROWTH ITEMS / CORPORATE PLAN

At this juncture, the Committee is asked to consider proposals for possible growth items and non-recurring revenue expenditure for climate & environment projects and initiatives for next year. The Finance & General Purposes Committee will consider the full list of proposals put forward by all Committees at its meeting on the 12th December 2024.

Following the FTC Corporate Plan Public Consultation ending, and the review of Folkestone residents' comments by the Corporate Plan Working Group, members are also asked to consider comments and areas highlighted from the consultation, whilst identifying potential growth items. A summary of comments will be circulated to Councillors prior to the meeting.

9. FAIRTRADE

Mindful that the renewal date for FTC's Fairtrade Community Status is 2nd August 2025 and given once a local community declares its status as a Fairtrade Town it must be committed to continuing campaigning and awareness raising, Members thoughts are sought in respect of potential actions and tasks for delivery to fulfil this requirement. A Fairtrade WG meeting is currently being planned to agree, plan and facilitate suggested tasks and initiatives to achieve this.

10. PLAY PARKS – FENCING AND GATES PINE WAY REPORT CE/24/368

The Committee is asked to receive, note and consider the recommendations in the attached report.

11. BUDGET 2025/26 – POTENTIAL GROWTH ITEMS

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12. WATER QUALITY MONITORING AT FOLKESTONE'S BEACHES

At the Full Council meeting on 19th September, it was

RESOLVED: That the Climate & Environment Committee further discuss the independent monitoring of the water quality on Folkestone's beaches (Sunny Sands and the Mermaid beach).

Members views are sought.

13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

4th February 2025 at 7.00pm

COUNCILLORS ON CLIMATE & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE:

Councillor Abena Akuffo-Kelly
Councillor Charles Bain Smith
Councillor Nicola Keen
Councillor Kieran Leigh
Councillor Lucy McGirr
Councillor Liz McShane
Councillor John Renshaw
Councillor Belinda Walker
Councillor Roger West

Parking available for Councillors @ 6.00pm on the precinct area at the front of the Town Hall.



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

This report will be made public on 2 October 2024

**Folkestone
Town Council**



REPORT NUMBER CE/24/368

To: Climate and Environment Committee
Date: 8 October 2024
Responsible Officer: Town Clerk
Subject: Play Parks – Fencing and Gates Pine Way

SUMMARY:

The report outlines work required to the fence and gates at Pine Way.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION:

The Committee is asked to approve the recommendations set out below because:

- a) There is healthy amount of Community Infrastructure Levy funds available for works to replace the 2 x entrance gates 1 x maintenance gate and fencing at Pine Way.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. To receive and note Report CE/24/368.
2. That the Committee agrees that the work should proceed and recommend the Finance & General Purposes Committee to release Community Infrastructure Levy funds to replace the playground fencing at Pine Way.

Aims and Objectives – *Continuing to improve the appearance and quality of the environment in which we live.*

Financial Implications – *Community Infrastructure Levy has available funds of £139,878.*

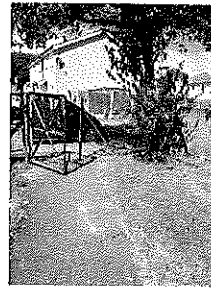
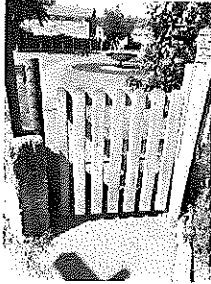
Equal Opportunities – *Access to all*

1. INTRODUCTION

The playground fencing and gates at Pine Way have been repaired several times, the gates do not self-close and the fencing does not comply with guidelines provided by RoSPA or conform, where applicable to BS EN 1176-1.

2. CURRENT PROVISION

The current fence is a chain link mesh and has served a purpose, however the gates have outlived their useful life and are in need of replacement.



3. REPLACEMENT FENCE PANELS

The new Anti-Trap Bow Top fencing is a RoSPA approved play area fence, manufactured to fully conform to BS EN 1176. The fence is designed to specifically eliminate the risk of children getting their heads or limbs stuck between the pales or hoops on top of the panels. The new playground fencing would be supplied in 1.2m-high panels, providing a strong perimeter to keep children safely enclosed within the play area perimeter while playing, and reducing the risk of children scaling the fence to get out and being placed in immediate danger due to close hazards such as the roads at either end of the park.

Two matching single-leaf gates would be installed at either end to allow for safe access in and out of the play park, reducing congestion. More than one gate not only reduces congestion at busy times but also reduces risks (one individual cannot easily block access to two gates, allowing children to escape if need be).

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS & RECOMMENDATIONS

The total Play Area Maintenance budget is £37,000, after general maintenance (grass cutting and litter picking) there is a remaining budget of £8,571 set aside for repairs, graffiti clearance, and other unforeseen costs, plus the secured grant of £1,500 from Councillor Jackie Meade. The estimated cost for the above urgent work required is £10,000. Three quotes have been sought for the cost and the Town Clerk will consider them once they are all received.

After assessing all available budgets, it is recommended by the Finance Officer that the Community Infrastructure Levy funds be utilised as the works required is suitable for the use of the fund. With that in mind;

The Climate and Environment Committee ask that up to £10,000 is vired from the Community Infrastructure Levy reserve, subject to the virement approval by the Finance and General Proposes Committee.

DRAFT TREE PLANTING SCHEDULE OCTOBER 2024

Road	Location	Notes	Sum of quantity	Ward	Sum of Costs
CORNWALLIS AVENUE	Centre of verge outside 21		1	Broadmead	£3,344.00
CORNWALLIS AVENUE	Grass verge outside 26	Ready grass verge	1	Cheriton East	£3,027.00
CORNWALLIS AVENUE	Outside 3	Ready grass verge	1	Folkestone Central	£1,672.00
LUCY AVENUE	Opposite 115	Ready grass verge	1	Harvey West	£2,265.00
CHERTON ROAD	Side of 1 Cornwallis	Ready grass verge	1	Grand Total	£10,308.00
CHERTON ROAD	Side of 1 Cornwallis	Ready grass verge	1		
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SOMERSET ROAD	Opp toilets	Stump and civils	1		
SOMERSET ROAD	Outside church	Stump and civils	1		
SOMERSET ROAD	Outside hall	Stump and civils	1		
GRACE HILL	5m rear of lamp column NRCL011	Ready grass verge	1		
GRACE HILL	Opposite middle of three trees	Ready grass verge	1		
GRACE HILL	Opposite parking sign, left of access road	Ready grass verge	1		
GRACE HILL	What3words //drifting chat,inflamed	Ready grass verge	1		
BALDRIC ROAD	Outside 21	Ready grass verge	1		
BALDRIC ROAD	Side of 28 Baldric Road	Ready grass verge	1		
BATHURST ROAD	Outside 2 Opposite Bathurst Court parking entrance	Ready grass verge	1		
BATHURST ROAD	Outside 28	Ready grass verge	1		
BATHURST ROAD	Outside 6	Ready grass verge	1		
		Grand Total	20		

