

FOLKESTONE TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Community Services Committee meeting held at the Town Council offices, The Town Hall, 1 – 2 Guildhall Street, Folkestone on Tuesday 5th February 2019 at 7pm.

Present: Councillors A Berry, J Collier, P Gane, M Lawes, P West and R West (Chair)

In attendance: Vicky Deakin – Communities and Events Officer

1019. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillors E Arnold, C Sacre & S Wallace.

1020. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

1021. MINUTES

The Committee were asked to receive the Minutes of the meeting of the Community Services Committee held on 20th November 2018 and to authorise the Chairman of the Committee to sign them as a correct record.

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting 20th November 2018 be received and signed as a correct record.

Proposed: Cllr P Gane

Seconded: Cllr P West

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

1022. CHRISTMAS LIGHTING AND FESTIVITIES

Further to the Christmas Working Group meeting on 7th January and event De-Brief meeting on 8th January, the Communities and Events Officer updated the committee in respect of the Christmas lighting schemes 2018 and the 'Big Switch On' event held on Friday 30 November 2018.

The committee were advised that a full report in respect of Christmas Lighting and Christmas festivities will be brought to the Community Services committee meeting on 2nd April 2019.

Councillors Lawes and Sacre asked that an item be included for consideration to be given to new Christmas lights to be installed on Tontine Street and at The Stade respectively.

Councillor Peter Gane made a suggestion for further consideration at a later date that the Cheriton Christmas lights should be switched on in 2019 on 30th November.

Further to a request by the Christmas Working Group at its meeting on 7th January 2019 that the Community Services Committee consider adding Martyn Jackson to the Christmas Working Group it was

RESOLVED: That Martyn Jackson be added as an external member of the Christmas Working Group for 2018/19.

Proposed: Cllr J Collier

Seconded: Cllr P Gane

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

1023. TOURISM WEBSITE

Since the Visit Folkestone and Hythe tourism website launched in May 2018, it has been significantly developed and a soft relaunch is proposed this year, ahead of the Easter holiday. The Communities and Events Officer updated the Committee in respect of its overall performance and target audience reached in the last 9 months with feedback received.

1024. CRICKET COACHING

Since 2010 the Community Services Committee has agreed to fund free Kwik Cricket Coaching for all the primary schools in the Town. The coaching has been hugely successful with most schools taking part with an average of 20 children per session. The Committee were asked if it wished to release the £2,100 provided in the Youth Facilities Budget for the cricket coaching to continue in 2019/20.

RESOLVED: That £2,100 be released from the Youth Facilities Budget to provide primary schools cricket coaching in 2019/20.

Proposed: Cllr P Gane

Seconded: Cllr P West

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

1025. ARMED FORCES DAY

Folkestone Town Councils Community Fun Day in support of the national Armed Forces Day has been scheduled for Sunday 30th June 2019. The Communities and Events Officer updated the Committee in respect of other funding applications that have been made to support the budget for this major event which the town council have been delivering for the past 11 years.

The committee were advised that it had been brought to Council's attention that FHDC had appointed an external event coordinator to deliver an AFD Community Fun Day on the same day. As it would not be logistically viable for two organisations to plan and deliver this event, in part due to inevitable duplication and therefore increase of workload with a significant risk of miscommunication and key elements including safety measures being overlooked, it was

RESOLVED: That the Town Clerk formally seek clarification from F & HDC as to what they intend to organise in respect of Armed Forces Day on 30th June 2019.

Proposed: Cllr P Gane

Seconded: Cllr R West

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

1026. FOLKESTONE MUSEUM REPORT CS/19/243

The committee received and noted the report.

1027. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 2 April 2019

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