

## 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 1<sup>st</sup> October 2019 at 7pm.

**Present:** Councillors Abena Akuffo-Kelly, Ann Berry, Paul Bingham (Chair), Peter Gane, Jonathan Graham and Belinda Walker.

**In attendance:** Georgina Wilson - Admin Officer and Councillor Richard Wallace

### **1072. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Councillors Michelle Dorrell and Roger West.

### **1073. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

### **1074. MINUTES**

The Committee were asked to receive the Minutes of the meeting of the Community Services Committee held on 6<sup>th</sup> August 2019 and to authorise the Chairman of the Committee to sign them as a correct record.

**RESOLVED:** That the minutes of the meeting 6<sup>th</sup> August 2019 be received and signed as a correct record.

Proposed: Cllr Peter Gane  
Seconded: Cllr Ann Berry  
Voting: F:6, Ag:0, Ab:0

**RESOLVED:** To move item 7 - Trees and item 8 – Tree Charter Branch Update forward to enable Cllr Richard Wallace to speak and answer questions.

Proposed: Cllr Belinda Walker  
Seconded: Cllr Jonathan Graham  
Voting: F:6, Ag:0, Ab:0

### **1075. TREES 2019/20**

**RESOLVED:** To approve the final version of the Tree Planting Schedule 2019/20 and instruct KCC to commence the works.

Proposed: Cllr Peter Gane  
Seconded: Cllr Ann Berry  
Voting: F:6, Ag:0, Ab:0

### **1076. TREE CHARTER BRANCH UPDATE**

As the Communities and Events Officer was not present at the meeting, this item will be brought back to a future meeting.

### **1077. FOLKESTONE MUSEUM REPORT**

The Committee felt that it would have been appropriate for a Museum Officer to attend to present this report, there was a lot of information contained within

the report for which the Committee were very grateful. However, the Committee would have appreciated an Officer present to answer questions and talk through some of the information.

**RESOLVED: To receive and note report CS/19/254.**

Proposed: Cllr Peter Gane

Seconded: Cllr Paul Bingham

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

#### **1078. ALLOTMENTS ANNUAL RENT REVIEW**

**RESOLVED: To receive and approve report CS/19/255 and keep the allotment rents the same for 2020/21.**

Proposed: Cllr Peter Gane

Seconded: Cllr Abena Akuffo-Kelly

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

#### **1079. BUS SHELTERS REPORT**

**RESOLVED: To receive and approve report CS/19/256 and to support the installation of bus shelters on Shaftesbury Avenue (Stanley Road bus stop) and Shaftesbury Avenue (Kent Road bus stop) but to hold back on the proposed stop in Tontine Street until advice from KCC had been received on this location.**

Proposed: Cllr Peter Gane

Seconded: Cllr Ann Berry

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

#### **1080. LITTER BINS**

It was agreed that Councillors would forward any suggestions for bin replacement or restoration from their ward on to the Communities and Events Officer who will report back at the next meeting on costs etc.

#### **1081. MY FOLKESTONE**

Councillors felt this would become a valuable asset to the town, but wanted to encourage the My Folkestone team to focus on businesses further up the town in Sandgate Road, the Harbour Arm and Creative Folkestone areas receive a lot of promotion, more promotion for other areas of the town would be beneficial.

**RESOLVED: To participate in this scheme and pay £199 per month to feature in the discover section of the My Folkestone website.**

Proposed: Cllr Peter Gane

Seconded: Cllr Jonathan Graham

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

#### **1082. CINQUE PORTS COASTAL ROWING CHALLENGE**

**RESOLVED: To defer this item to a future meeting when more information could be presented such as a provisional date, any costs involved etc.**

Proposed: Cllr Paul Bingham  
Seconded: Cllr Peter Gane  
Voting: F:6, Ag:0, Ab:0

**1083. TREASURE ACT 1996: 2017 T736 EARLY MEDIEVAL GOLD PENDANT FROM ELHAM**

**RESOLVED: To defer this item to a future meeting when a Museum Officer could be present (or provide the information) to explain why the Museum want it and the backstory of the Pendant.**

Proposed: Cllr Peter Gane  
Seconded: Cllr Jonathan Graham  
Voting: F:6, Ag:0, Ab:0

**1084. BUDGET 2020/21**

**RESOLVED: To increase the Community Events budget by £10,000 for the provision of more diverse events.**

Proposed: Cllr Peter Gane  
Seconded: Cllr Abena Akuffo-Kelly  
Voting: F:6, Ag:0, Ab:0

**1085. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 19<sup>th</sup> November 2019**

.....Chairman

**19 November 2019**