

## **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 19<sup>th</sup> November 2019 at 7pm.**

**Present: Councillors Abena Akuffo-Kelly, Ann Berry, Paul Bingham, Peter Gane, Jonathan Graham, Michelle Keutenius and Roger West (Chair).**

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

### **1086. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Councillor Belinda Walker.

### **1087. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

### **1088. MINUTES**

The Committee were asked to receive the Minutes of the meeting of the Community Services Committee held on 1<sup>st</sup> October 2019 and to authorise the Chairman of the Committee to sign them as a correct record.

**RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting 1<sup>st</sup> October 2019 be received and signed as a correct record.**

Proposed: Cllr Jonathan Graham

Seconded: Cllr Peter Gane

Voting: F:7, Ag:0, Ab:0

### **1089. FOLKESTONE MUSEUM PRESENTATION**

Darran Cowd, Curator provided a presentation with an overview of his background and experience further to his recent appointment.

### **1090. FOLKESTONE MUSEUM REPORT**

The Committee was asked to receive and note Report CS/19/259.

**RESOLVED: To receive and note report CS/19/259.**

Proposed: Cllr Ann Berry

Seconded: Cllr Paul Bingham

Voting: F:7, Ag:0, Ab:0

### **1091. FOLKESTONE TOWN COUNCIL - TREE CHARTER BRANCH UPDATE**

After some discussion it was

**RESOLVED: That at the next meeting the Communities and Events Officer will provide a comprehensive update in respect of the implications and responsibilities of Folkestone Town Council being a Charter Champion, National Tree Week, Tree Charter Day and potential projects to help build the movement and create a legacy for the Tree Charter in our Community further to feedback and suggestions from Members.**

Proposed: Cllr Michelle Keutenius  
Seconded: Cllr Peter Gane  
Voting: F:7, Ag:0, Ab:0

**1092. LITTER BINS**

After some discussion it was

**RESOLVED: That at the next meeting the Communities & Events Officer will provide an update in respect of costs to replace and/or restore litter bins. Members were asked to forward details as soon as possible of any damaged blue and gold bins in their Wards.**

Proposed: Cllr Peter Gane  
Seconded: Cllr Jonathan Graham  
Voting: F:7, Ag:0, Ab:0

**1093. BUDGET 2020/21 – POTENTIAL GROWTH ITEMS**

The Town Clerk agreed at the last Finance & General Purposes Committee to consider further proposals for growth items from Councillors by email, provided they are received in the next few weeks. That Committee will consider the full list of proposals put forward at its meeting on the 19<sup>th</sup> December 2019.

**Noted**

**1094. CHRISTMAS LIGHTING AND SWITCH ON EVENT, PARADE & FESTIVITIES**

The Communities & Events Officer provided an update in respect of Christmas lighting installations and the Town Centre Switch On event.

**1095. YOUTH FACILITIES - FOLKESTONE OPTIMIST HOCKEY CLUB SCHOOLS COACHING**

The Town Council has supported the Folkestone Optimist Hockey Club since the 2011/12 financial year. The Communities & Events Officer has been in communication with the Hockey Club and they have provided inter school tournaments as well as coaching for the past year (report attached). The Committee currently has £1,700 earmarked in the Youth Facilities budget for this to continue. The Committee were asked if it wished to release the funds from the 2019/20 budget.

**RESOLVED: That £1,700 be released from the Youth Facilities budget to support continued schools hockey coaching.**

Proposed: Cllr Peter Gane  
Seconded: Cllr Jonathan Graham  
Voting: F:7, Ag:0, Ab:0

**1096. CLIMATE CHANGE WORKING GROUP**

Members of the Climate Change Working Group have requested that Town Councillors begin listing where electrical charging points, litter bins, bike racks and cycle routes are in their Wards. The Town Clerk will forward more details in due course.

**Noted**

**1097. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 4 February 2020**

.....Chairman

**4 February 2020**