

FOLKESTONE TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Community Services Committee meeting held virtually by Zoom on Thursday, 19th November 2020 at 6.30pm.

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

**In attendance: Jennifer Childs, Town Clerk
Vicky Deakin, Communities & Events Officer**

1128. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

No apologies were received.

1129. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillors Keutenius and Gane declared a personal interest in 1747. FREE HALF TERM PACKED LUNCHES

1130. MINUTES

The Committee were asked to receive the Minutes of the meeting of the Community Services Committee held on 25th August 2020 and to authorise the Chairman of the Committee to sign them as a correct record.

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on the 25th August 2020 be received and signed as a correct record.

Proposed: Councillor Jonathan Graham

Seconded: Councillor Roger West

Voting: F:8, Ag:0, Ab:0

1131. MATTERS AND RESOLUTIONS FROM OTHER COMMITTEES

At the meeting of Full Council on the 12th November 2020 it was resolved as follows.

1746d. NOTICE OF MOTION that the Community Services Committee set up a small working group to revisit the heritage boards that didn't get completed in the first phase of the Historical Town Trail and to create a new board consequent upon the current redevelopment of the former Royal Victoria Hospital. Notable omissions in the first trail included the terrible Tontine Street air raid. Notable subjects for a new heritage board to cover would include stories of the hospital, and the life of Walter Tull, the mixed race footballer and war hero, who was born and lived just east of the hospital and is little commemorated in the town. A sum of £6000 is provisionally included in next year's budget to cover the erection of one board and to make sure that all heritage posters are made easily available online and as posters for schools, with some extra material to help Folkestone schools study local history.

RESOLVED: That a task and finish working group be set up to revisit the heritage boards consisting of officers and Councillors Richard Wallace, Abena Akuffo-Kelly and Paul Bingham.

Proposed: Councillor Peter Gane

Seconded: Councillor Roger West

Voting: F:8, Ag:0, Ab:0

Councillor Roger West temporarily left the meeting at this juncture.

1747. FREE HALF TERM PACKED LUNCHES that the Community Services Committee address ongoing concerns and consider use of the surplus funding for Christmas support.

After much debate, it was suggested that the Communities & Events Officer ask all members if they wish to support the provision of Christmas presents for local disadvantaged children via their ward grants.

Also suggested was for the Communities & Events Officer to approach local retailers and other businesses / organisations with an invitation to sponsor an initiative to provide hot meals to disadvantaged children in Folkestone.

RESOLVED: That £5,000 from the Youth Facilities and Local Projects budgets be added to the remainder of Free Half Term Packed Lunches Ward Grants to deliver a free hot Christmas meal scheme across Folkestone in partnership with the Three Hills Community Hub.

Proposed: Councillor Peter Gane

Seconded: Councillor Michelle Keutenius

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

1132. MUSEUM REPORT

RESOLVED: That report CS\20\274 be received and noted.

Proposed: Councillor Ann Berry

Seconded: Councillor Paul Bingham

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

1133. MY FOLKESTONE

On the 1st October 2019 committee resolved at minute 1081. MY FOLKESTONE to participate in this scheme and pay £199 per month to feature in the discover section of the My Folkestone website and encourage focus on businesses further up the town in Sandgate Road. The Communities & Events Officer will provide an update in respect of this support.

RESOLVED: To invite My Folkestone to give a presentation at the next Community Services Meeting to facilitate Member consideration of allocation of funds to resubscribe to the initiative.

Proposed: Councillor Peter Gane

Seconded: Councillor Roger West

Voting: F:4, Ag:0, Ab:4

1134. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 2nd February 2021 @ 6.30pm

Chairman

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