

FOLKESTONE TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Community Services Committee meeting held at the Town Hall, 1 – 2 Guildhall Street, Folkestone, CT20 1DY on Tuesday, 6th October 2022 at 7pm.

Present: Councillors Ann Berry, Paul Bingham, Nicola Keen and Roger West (Chairman).

Absent: Councillor Michelle Keutenius

In attendance: Vicky Deakin - Communities & Events Officer

1201. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies from Councillor Peter Gane were received and approved.

1202. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

1203. MINUTES

The Committee was asked to receive the Minutes of the meeting of the Community Services Committee held on 7th June 2022 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 7th June 2022 be received and signed as a correct record, subject to correcting Minute 1192 to read '*That Councillor Michelle Keutenius be appointed as Vice-Chairman of the Committee for the 2022/23 Municipal Year*'.

Proposed: Councillor Ann Berry

Seconded: Councillor Nicola Keen

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

At this juncture, further to a unanimous vote from Members, it was agreed that Agenda Item 7 be brought forward for consideration.

1204. PENTANQUE AT RADNOR PARK

Local residents have been liaising with F & HDC and Town Ward Councillors further to fund raising for an area to be dedicated for playing Pentanque on Radnor Park. Members were asked to consider if they wished to support this project and allocate funding from the Local Projects budget.

RESOLVED: That £2,000 be released from the Local Projects budget for this initiative, subject to the project being agreed as viable by F & HDC upon conducting further surveys and with additional external funding sources being identified.

Proposed: Councillor Nicola Keen

Seconded: Councillor Roger West

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

1205. FOLKESTONE MUSEUM REPORT CS/22/319

The committee was asked to receive, note and consider the recommendations in the report.

RESOLVED:

- i) To receive and note Report CS/22/319.**
- ii) To approve the use of £25,000 of Museum Reserves as outlined in item 6 of the Report.**

Proposed: Councillor Paul Bingham

Seconded: Councillor Ann Berry

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

1206. COMMUNITIES & EVENTS OFFICER REPORT CS/22/320

The committee was asked to receive, note and consider the recommendations in the report.

RESOLVED:

- i) To receive and note Report CS/22/320.**
- ii) To approve the release of £1,200 from the Youth Facilities budget to support the delivery of the Councillors Cup Football Tournament.**
Proposed: Councillor Nicola Keen
Seconded: Councillor Paul Bingham
Voting: F: 4, Ag: 0, Ab: 0
- iii) To approve the proposed Christmas event programme.**
Proposed: Councillor Nicola Keen
Seconded: Councillor Roger West
Voting: F: 4, Ag: 0, Ab: 0
- iv) To approve the release of £12,000 from the Christmas Festivities budget to deliver the 'Switch On' event, Festive Lantern & Light Parade and Fireworks Display Finale.**
- v) To approve the release of £30,000 from the Christmas Lighting budget to maintain, repair, install, takedown and enhance the existing lighting schemes in Folkestone Town Centre and Cheriton.**
Proposed: Councillor Nicola Keen
Seconded: Councillor Paul Bingham
Voting: F: 4, Ag: 0, Ab: 0

1207. PLAY PARKS – TREE REPORT CS/22/318

The Committee received, noted and considered the recommendations of the report.

RESOLVED: That £1,000 from Local Projects and £8,000 from Youth Facilities budgets be released and vired to facilitate urgent work required at three Folkestone Town Council Parks subject to approval from the Finance and General Purposes Committee.

Proposed: Councillor Roger West

Seconded: Councillor Nicola Keen

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

1208. BUDGET 2023/24 – POTENTIAL GROWTH ITEMS

At this juncture the Committee was asked to consider proposals for possible growth items and non-recurring revenue expenditure for community projects and initiatives next year.

There were no proposals put forward for consideration by the Finance & General Purposes Committee at its meeting on 15th December 2022.

1209. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

9th February 2023 @ at 6.45pm (TBC)

Meeting concluded at 7.08pm