

FOLKESTONE TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Community Services Committee meeting held at the Town Hall, 1 – 2 Guildhall Street, Folkestone, CT20 1DY on Tuesday, 7th February 2023 at 7pm.

Present: Councillors Ann Berry, Paul Bingham, Nicola Keen, Peter Gane, and Belinda Walker (Chair from Item 1211).

In attendance: Vicky Deakin - Communities & Events Officer

1210. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillor Roger West (unexpected commitment in London).

RESOLVED: The Committee received and approved the apologies.

Proposed: Councillor Belinda Walker

Seconded: Councillor Nicola Keen

Voting: F:5, Ag:0, Ab:0

1211. APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHAIRMAN

RESOLVED: That Councillor Belinda Walker be appointed as Vice Chairman of the Committee for the remainder of the 2022/23 Municipal Year.

Proposed: Councillor Paul Bingham

Seconded: Councillor Nicola Keen

Voting: F:5, Ag:0, Ab:0

1212. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Ann Berry declared a personal interest in item 7 due to liaising and supporting the local residents committee leading on this project, but as there was no pecuniary interest, Cllr Berry was advised that she could take part in the discussion and vote.

1213. MINUTES

The Committee was asked to receive the Minutes of the meeting of the Community Services Committee held on 6th October 2022 and to authorise the Chairman of the Committee to sign them as a correct record.

RESOLVED: That subject to correcting Minute 1204, to indicate that £2,000 rather than £1,000 be released from the Local Projects Budget, the minutes of the meeting held on the 6th October 2022 be received and signed as a correct record.

Proposed: Councillor Nicola Keen

Seconded: Councillor Paul Bingham

Voting: F:5, Ag:0, Ab:0

At this juncture, Members considered bringing forward Item 7 and permitting attending residents to speak at the meeting. It was

1214. RESOLVED: That Item 7 – PENTANQUE be brought forward to allow residents to speak during the meeting.

Proposed: Councillor Paul Bingham

Seconded: Councillor Belinda Walker

Voting: F:5, Ag:0, Ab:0

1215. PENTANQUE

At its meeting on 6 October 2022, the Committee considered the following:

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 £1,000 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

Local residents have raised some funds but are approximately £8,000 short of the initial target. There will also be ongoing maintenance costs, although these have yet to be considered. The Committee was asked to confirm the extent of the Town Council's involvement and consider whether it wishes to further support the project.

Councillor Ann Berry and local residents leading on this project updated the committee and thanked Folkestone Town Council for their ongoing support.

RESOLVED: That the £2,000 approved for release from the 2022 / 23 Local Projects Budget, be rolled forward for use next year.

Proposed: Councillor Peter Gane

Seconded: Councillor Nicola Keen

Voting: F: 5, Ag: 0, Ab: 0

1216. ANNUAL KWIK CRICKET TOURNAMENT

Further to the success and positive response from all schools involved with the last Primary Schools' Kwik Cricket tournament in 2021, Members were asked to consider if they wish this annual sports event to be organised for 2023. Members views were sought for a proposed date in May funded by the Youth Facilities budget (Code 4881).

RESOLVED: That this event be organised for the most suitable / popular date for schools in May and the required funding to deliver it be released from the Youth Facilities Budget.

Proposed: Councillor Peter Gane

Seconded: Councillor Belinda Walker

Voting: F:5, Ag:0, Ab:0

1217. SUMMER OVER STREET UMBRELLAS PROJECT

At its meeting on 1st February 2022, the Committee was briefed on a proposal for an over street umbrella installation on Guildhall Street, supported by local businesses and the Town Team and championed by Cllr Mary Lawes. The project was estimated to cost £17,000 ex VAT in the first year and £13,000 ex VAT per annum.

RESOLVED: That £2,000 be released from the 2021/22 Local Projects Budget subject to FTC supporting the project in approving a Town Grant application received at the next Full Council meeting.

Proposed: Councillor Peter Gane

Seconded: Councillor Abena Akuffo - Kelly

Voting: F:5, Ag:0, Ab:0

The Town Council is holding £5,300 in a reserve for this purpose and it is understood that Town Team have raised additional funds. The Committee was asked to confirm the extent of the Town Council's involvement and consider whether it wishes to further support the project.

RESOLVED: That Councillor Mary Lawes be requested to compile a report for the next Community Services Committee meeting in April, detailing full costs and staffing requirements.

Proposed: Councillor Peter Gane

Seconded: Councillor Nicola Keen

Voting: F:5, Ag:0, Ab:0

1218. FOLKESTONE MUSEUM REPORT CS/23/330

The Committee was asked to receive and note the report.

RESOLVED: That Report CS/23/330 be received and noted with a vote of thanks recorded acknowledging the continued hard work of Museum Officers on all Museum projects, services and initiatives.

Proposed: Councillor Paul Bingham

Seconded: Councillor Nicola Keen

Voting: F:5, Ag:0, Ab:0

1219. COMMUNITIES & EVENTS OFFICER REPORT CS/23/328

The committee was asked to receive, note and approve the recommendations of the report.

RESOLVED: That Report CS/23/328 be received and noted with a vote of thanks recorded acknowledging the continued hard work delivering and developing Council Services and Events.

Proposed: Councillor Peter Gane
Seconded: Councillor Nicola Keen
Voting: F:5, Ag:0, Ab:0

RESOLVED:

1. **To approve the proposed Armed Forces Day event programme (Appendix A).**
2. **To approve the release of £12,000 from the 2023/24 Armed Forces Day budget to deliver the event.**

Proposed: Councillor Peter Gane
Seconded: Councillor Nicola Keen
Voting: F:5, Ag:0, Ab:0

1220. CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH ON EVENT, LIGHT & LANTERN PARADE AND FESTIVITIES 2022

The Communities & Events Officer updated the Committee in respect of post event feedback received including Freedom of Information requests and residents' concerns received and raised by Cllr Mary Lawes. The Committee will take into account all feedback received when considering the November 2023 event programme at its next meeting.

1221. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 4th April 2023 at **7.45pm** (TBC).

The meeting concluded at 7.45pm

Chairman.....

Date.....

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