

FOLKESTONE TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Community Services Committee meeting held at the Town Hall, 1 – 2 Guildhall Street, Folkestone, CT20 1DY on Tuesday, 8th April 2025 at 7.00pm.

Present: Councillors Jane Darling, Peter Gane, Belinda Walker and Roger West (Chair)

Apologies: Councillor Lucy McGirr

In attendance: Toni Brenchley – Town Clerk
Vicky Deakin - Communities & Events Officer
Coralie Clover – Museum Curator

Absent: Councillor Bridget Chapman

1307. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillors were asked to receive apologies from Councillor Lucy McGirr.

RESOLVED: To accept the apologies from Councillor Lucy McGirr.

Proposed: Councillor Belinda Walker

Seconded: Councillor Peter Gane

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

1308. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

1309. MINUTES

The Committee was asked to receive the Minutes of the meeting of the Community Services Committee held on 11th February 2024 and to authorise the Chair of the Committee to sign them as a correct record.

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the meeting held on the 11th February 2025 be received and signed as a correct record.

Proposed: Councillor Peter Gane

Seconded: Councillor Belinda Walker

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

1310. PRIMARY YOUTH FORUM

The Town Clerk and the Communities & Events Officer updated the Committee in respect of FTC establishing a Primary School/Town Council Youth Forum.

RESOLVED: That the potential to establish a Primary School/Town Council Youth Council continue to be pursued by the Communities & Events Officer with an introductory meeting with interested schools to be scheduled and an update brought back to the next Committee meeting.

Proposed: Councillor Peter Gane

Seconded: Councillor Jane Darling

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

1311. YOUTH FESTIVAL

Councillor Jane Darling updated the Committee in respect of proposed plans and current arrangements for the Youth Festival currently scheduled to take place on Saturday 18th October and organised by Cheriton Community Forum.
Noted

1312. ART FUND'S MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING FOR JOINING THE ART PASS NETWORK

The Museum Curator briefed the Committee and Members were asked to consider whether to approve that the MoU be signed in respect of Folkestone Museum joining the Art Pass Network.

RESOLVED: That the Memorandum of Understanding be signed and a vote of thanks for the Museum Curator be recorded.

Proposed: Councillor Peter Gane

Seconded: Councillor Belinda Walker

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

1313. SD PROJECTS MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING FOR DIGITISATION AND REUSE OF HERITAGE MATERIALS TO DEVELOP A COMMUNITY LED AI MODEL

The Museum Curator briefed the Committee and Members were asked to review the terms of collaboration between SD Projects and Folkestone Museum and whether to approve that the MoU be signed.

RESOLVED: That the terms of collaboration be approved and the Memorandum of Understanding be signed.

Proposed: Councillor Jane Darling

Seconded: Councillor Peter Gane

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

1314. PRIMARY SCHOOLS ACTIVITIES

The Communities & Events Officer updated the Committee in respect of current feedback regarding potential youth projects and initiatives with local organisations such as Creative Folkestone, the Tower Theatre, Folkestone Cricket Club and Folkestone Chess Club.

RESOLVED: That a vote of thanks for the Communities & Events Officer be recorded and that she engage with Folkestone Primary Schools to establish if any of the potential activities would be of interest and report outcomes at the next meeting.

Proposed: Councillor Belinda Walker

Seconded: Councillor Peter Gane

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

1315. ARMED FORCES DAY 2025 – SATURDAY 28TH JUNE 2025

The Communities & Events Officer updated the Committee about developing plans for the Armed Forces Day Folkestone 2025 Veterans formal lunch being organised by Folkestone Town Council, hosted by the Town Mayor and held at the MPW restaurant, The Clifton Hotel, Folkestone.

Noted

1316. FOLKESTONE MUSEUM REPORT CS/25/386

The Committee received and noted Report CS/25/386.

1317. A:DRESS – WOMEN FASHION ECO-ACTION

The Communities & Events Officer updated members about the a:dress campaign and the proposed project to be displayed during the Triennial including outside the Town Hall on one day in May or June (date TBC).

Noted

1318. FOLKESTONEANDHYTHE.CO.UK WEBSITE

Further to a meeting with a District Council Communications Officer, the Communities & Events Officer updated the Committee regarding the new F&HDC tourism website and the inclusion of Folkestone Museum and the Visitor Information Service.

1319. FOLKESTONE PROJECTION PROJECT – FRIDAY 28TH MARCH

The Committee received a post event update in respect of its success and Screen South and Folkestone Fringe's acknowledgment and thanks to Folkestone Town Council in respect of its support of the project and the students involved.

1320. CHERITON BIKE SCHEME EVENT – 11TH JUNE 2025 at 10am

Members views were sought as to if/how FTC could be involved/support the One-day event planned by F&HDC to promote the new Cheriton Scheme Cycle Path.

RESOLVED: That FTC support the event in promoting and publicising the planned activities.

Proposed: Councillor Peter Gane

Seconded: Councillor Belinda Walker

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

1321. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 10th June 2025 at **7pm**

The meeting concluded at 7.27pm

Chair.....

Date.....