

Folkestone Town Council

MINUTES of the Annual Council Meeting of the Folkestone Town Council held at the Town Hall, Folkestone on Friday, 14 May 2019 at 7 p.m.

PRESENT: Councillors Akuffo-Kelly, Berry, Bingham, Brook, Dorrell, Field, Gane, Graham, Horton, Jeffrey, Keen, Lawes, McConville, Meade, Prater, Walker, Wallace and West.

15 members of the public were also in attendance.

Prayers

Prayers were led by the Father Stephen Bould

Cllr Ann Berry, the retiring Town Mayor welcomed everyone to the 16th Annual Meeting of the Folkestone Town Council and gave a summary of her year as Mayor and felt very honoured and privileged to have been given the opportunity to be Mayor again. During the year the Town Mayor and Deputy Town Mayor had attended over 250 events and raised £3200 for nominated charities plus an additional £425 from the Big Sleep Out for the Winter Shelter.

Gifts were presented to the outgoing Consort, Chaplain, Cadet, Deputy Town Mayor and Officers for their support during the year.

1580. ELECTION OF TOWN MAYOR 2019/20 AND DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE

The Town Mayor, Cllr Ann Berry, called upon Town Councillors to submit their nominations for the election of the Town Mayor of Folkestone for the 2019/20 municipal year.

RESOLVED: That Councillor Jackie Meade be appointed Town Mayor for Folkestone Town Council 2019/20 until the next Annual Meeting and the acceptance of office by her successor.

Proposed: Councillor Jonathan Graham

Seconded: Councillor Nicola Keen

Voting: F:17, Ag:0, Ab:0

Councillor Jackie Meade duly signed and dated the Declaration of Acceptance of Office in front of the Town Clerk.

Councillor Jonathan Graham spoke in support of his nomination of the Town Mayor and Councillor Nicola Keen spoke as seconder to the motion.

The Town Mayor reported that her charities for the year would be the Rainbow Centre, For Youth Charity and Living Words.

The newly elected Town Mayor, Councillor Jackie Meade, then thanked Councillors for their kind words of support and moved a vote of thanks to the retiring Town Mayor, Cllr Ann Berry and presented her with a gift from Councillors.

Councillor Richard Wallace seconded the vote of thanks to the outgoing Town Mayor and Consort and gave a speech on their achievements over the year.

Cllr Ann Berry was then presented with her Past Mayor's Badge.

Mr Maurice Berry was then presented with his past Consort lapel badge and thanked for the support he had given to the Mayor.

1581. ELECTION OF DEPUTY TOWN MAYOR 2019/20 AND DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE

The Town Mayor, Councillor Jackie Meade, called upon Town Councillors to submit their nominations for the election of the Deputy Town Mayor of Folkestone.

PROPOSED: That Councillor Mary Lawes be appointed Deputy Town Mayor for Folkestone Town Council 2019/20 until immediately after the election of a Town Mayor at the next Annual Meeting of Folkestone Town Council.

Proposed: Councillor Dylan Jeffrey
Seconded: Councillor Richard Wallace
Voting: F:7, Ag:0 Ab:1

The motion was lost.

RESOLVED: That Councillor Ray Field be appointed Deputy Town Mayor for Folkestone Town Council 2019/20 until immediately after the election of a Town Mayor at the next Annual Meeting of Folkestone Town Council.

Proposed: Councillor Michelle Dorrell
Seconded: Councillor Belinda Walker
Voting: F:8, Ag:0, Ab:1

The Town Mayor congratulated Councillor Ray Field who then signed and dated the Declaration of Acceptance of Office in front of the Town Clerk before thanking Town Councillors for their support and kind words.

Councillor Michelle Dorrell spoke in support of her nomination of the Deputy Town Mayor; Councillor Belinda Walker also spoke in support of

the motion.

1582. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

No apologies were received.

1583. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations were made.

1584. APPOINTMENT OF:

a) TOWN MAYOR'S CHAPLAIN

The Town Mayor announced the appointment of Reverend Eileen Webb as her Chaplain for the ensuing year.

b) CONSORT

The Town Mayor confirmed the appointment of Mr Bryan Garrigan as Consort for the ensuing year and presented him with the Consort's Chain.

c) CADET

On approval of the Lord Lieutenant, a Cadet from 99(Folkestone) Squadron Air Training Corps will be invited to take over the role as Mayor's Cadet for 2019/20.

1585. MINUTES

The Full Council was asked to receive and authorise the Minutes of the Ordinary meeting held on 14th March 2019 and to ask the Town Mayor to sign them as a correct record.

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 14 March 2019 be received and signed as a correct record.

Proposed: Councillor Roger West

Seconded: Councillor Peter Gane

Voting: F:13, Ag:0, Ab:3

1586. TOWN MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Town Councillors were requested to note the following dates for forthcoming Civic Events:

William Harvey Sunday	2 June
Normandy Veterans Day	6 June
Town Sunday	23 June
Blessing of the Fisheries	23 June
Armed Forces Day (Folkestone)	30 June
Canada Day	1 July
VJ Day	15 August
Battle of Britain Day	15 September
Dedication of the Garden of Remembrance	3 November
Remembrance Sunday	10 November

The events were noted.

1587. APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEES & SUB COMMITTEES

RESOLVED: To approve the appointments to Committees and Sub Committees schedule for 2019/20.

Proposed: Councillor Roger West

Seconded: Councillor Michelle Dorrell

Voting: F:16, Ag:0, Ab:0

1588. APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES 2018/19

The Town Council was asked to appoint Councillors to the following outside bodies. Councillor Roger West moved the following enbloc:

- i. Kent Association of Local Councils (two Councillors)

RESOLVED: That Councillors David Horton and Nicola Keen be appointed a representative of KALC for the ensuing year.

- ii. Trustees for the John Bowley and Sherwood Almshouses (three Councillors)

RESOLVED: That Councillors Paul Bingham, Richard Wallace and Roger West be appointed as representatives for the ensuing year.

- iii. Municipal Charities (four Councillors and Mayor)

RESOLVED: That Councillors Ann Berry, Paul Bingham, Peter Gane, Roger West and Jackie Meade (Mayor) be appointed as representatives for the ensuing year.

- iv. Folkestone Coastal Community team (two Councillors)

RESOLVED: That Councillors Dan Brook and Connor McConville be appointed as representatives for the ensuing year.

- v. Folkestone Town Team (two Councillors)

RESOLVED: That Councillors Nicola Keen and Mary Lawes be appointed as representative for the ensuing year.

- vi. Folkestone Twinning Association (one Councillor)

RESOLVED: That Councillor Jonathan Graham be appointed as

representative for the ensuing year.

vii. Folkestone CLLD

RESOLVED: That Councillor Ann Berry be appointed as representative for the ensuing year.

Proposed: Councillor Roger West

Seconded: Councillor Mary Lawes

Voting: F:16, Ag:0, Ab:0

1589. APPOINTMENT OF CHEQUE SIGNATORIES

To authorise the signatories on cheque payments as follows:

- Town Mayor, Deputy Town Mayor and serving Past Mayors
- Chairman and Vice Chairman of Finance and General Purposes Committee
- Chairman and Vice Chairman of Planning Committee
- Chairman and Vice Chairman of Community Services Committee

RESOLVED: That the above Councillors be authorised as cheque signatories.

Proposed: Councillor Roger West

Seconded: Councillor David Horton

Voting: F:16, Ag:0, Ab:0

It would be necessary to continue with the current signatories on the mandate until Committee Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen were appointed and the bank has made the necessary changes.

1590. GENERAL POWER OF COMPETENCE

RESOLVED: That the Council meets the eligibility requirements to become a Council empowered by the General Power of Competence.

Proposed: Councillor Peter Gane

Seconded: Councillor Paul Bingham

Voting: F:16, Ag:0, Ab:0

1591. POLICY REVIEW

RESOLVED: To adopt the Council's Standing Orders and Financial Regulations for 2019/20.

Proposed: Councillor Michelle Dorrell

Seconded: Councillor Roger West

Voting: F:16, Ag:0, Ab:0

1592. SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR 2019/20

The schedule had previously been approved; Councillors noted the meeting dates.

1593. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

Annual Town Assembly – 21st May 2019

Extra-Ordinary Full Council – 13th June 2018 at 6.30pm (Meeting Room)

Full Council – 12th September 2018

The meeting was closed by the Town Mayor at 7.55pm.

.....Town Mayor
12th September 2019