

## **Folkestone Town Council**

MINUTES of the Extra Ordinary Meeting of the Town Council held at the Town Hall, Folkestone on Thursday, 13<sup>th</sup> June 2019 at 6.30 p.m.

**PRESENT:** Councillors Abena Akuffo-Kelly, Ann Berry, Paul Bingham, Ray Field, Peter Gane, David Horton, Dylan Jeffrey, Nicola Keen, Mary Lawes, Jackie Meade, Tim Prater, Belinda Walker, Richard Wallace and Roger West.

**ABSENT:** Councillor Jonathan Graham.

**In attendance:** Jennifer Childs (Town Clerk), Phil Cross (Finance Officer).

### **1608. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Councillors Michelle Dorrell, Connor McConville and Dan Brook.

### **1609. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillors Ray Field, Nicola Keen and Mary Lawes declared a personal interest in the disused section of the Folkestone Harbour Railway Line item as Harbour Ward councillors.

### **1610. STATEMENT OF INTERNAL CONTROL**

Council was asked to consider the effectiveness of the System of Internal Control for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2019.

**RESOLVED: That the Statement of Internal Control for 2018/19 be approved and signed by the Deputy Town Mayor and the Town Clerk.**

Proposed: Councillor Nicola Keen

Seconded: Councillor Abena Akuffo-Kelly

Voting: F:14, Ag:0, Ab:0

### **1611. ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT**

Council was asked to consider the Annual Governance Statement for 2018/19 (Section 1 of the Annual Return for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2019).

**RESOLVED: That the Annual Governance Statement for 2018/19 be approved and signed as appropriate.**

Proposed: Councillor David Horton

Seconded: Councillor Paul Bingham

Voting: F:13 Ag:0, Ab:1

**1612. STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS AND ANNUAL RETURN**

Council was asked to approve the Statement of Accounts and Annual Return for 2018/19 and the supporting bank reconciliation.

**RESOLVED: That the Statement of Accounts and Annual Return for 2018/19 be approved and signed as appropriate.**

Proposed: Councillor Roger West

Seconded: Councillor Abena Akuffo-Kelly

Voting: F:12 Ag:0, Ab:2

**1613. ANNUAL REPORT**

Members noted the Annual Report for 2018/19.

**1614. DISUSED SECTION OF FOLKESTONE HARBOUR RAILWAY LINE**

Members requested that the Town Clerk contact Folkestone & Hythe District Council to ask whether they have plans to put in an offer for the Harbour line and, if so, what they intend to do with the land, prior to arranging an extraordinary meeting if necessary.

**1615. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

Ordinary Council Meeting – Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2019

The meeting ended at 6.50 pm.

.....Town Mayor  
12<sup>th</sup> September 2019