

Folkestone Town Council

MINUTES of the Ordinary Council Meeting of the Folkestone Town Council held virtually on Thursday, 10th September 2020 at 6 p.m.

PRESENT: Councillors Ann Berry, Paul Bingham, Peter Gane, Michelle Keutenius, Jonathan Graham, David Horton, Ray Field, Dylan Jeffrey, Mary Lawes, Jackie Meade, Tim Prater, Belinda Walker, Richard Wallace and Roger West.

ABSENT: Councillor Nicola Keen

In attendance: Jennifer Childs (Town Clerk) and Georgina Wilson (Executive Assistant).

Prayers were led by Rev Bob Weldon.

1731. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were approved for:
Councillor Abena Akuffo-Kelly - bereavement
Councillor Connor McConville - ill health

Councillor Nicola Keen was absent but advised after the meeting she had connection problems as zoom was diverting to another meeting.

1732. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations were made.

1733. MINUTES

Council was asked to receive the Minutes of the Extra Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on 23rd July 2020 and to authorise the Town Mayor to sign them as a correct record.

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Extra Ordinary Council meeting held on 23rd July 2020 be received and signed as a correct record.

Proposed: Councillor Jonathan Graham
Seconded: Councillor Jackie Meade
Voting: F: 14, Ag: 0, Ab: 0

1734. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

In accordance with standing order no.3 written public questions received by the Town Clerk not less than seven clear days (excluding weekends and public holidays) before the meeting will be put to the Council.

Q1: Council received a request from a resident in the Bayle for additional CCTV at the Parade and the Bayle Steps due to ongoing antisocial behaviour.

RESOLVED: That an annual report be prepared for Finance & General Purposes to consider additional CCTV.

Proposed: Councillor Dylan Jeffrey
Seconded: Councillor Peter Gane
Voting: F: 14, Ag: 0, Ab: 0

Q2: A resident of No.1 The Leas has advised residents are having ongoing issues due to noise and vibration from Tru-Gym.

It was agreed that the Town Clerk should respond and advise that the question should be referred to the Environmental Health Department at Folkestone & Hythe District Council.

Q3. A resident has asked whether an Aire could be established in Folkestone to accommodate motorhomes and help year-round tourism.

It was agreed that the Town Clerk should respond and advise that the question should be referred to Folkestone & Hythe District Council.

1735. TOWN MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Town Mayor advised that during the first few months into her term as office a lot of events had been cancelled due to the pandemic, however she had managed to participate in:

- a zoom meeting with the Air Ambulance
- the Redeemed Christian Church of God Folkestone (Inspiration House)
- the Big Sleep Out

The Town Mayor gave thanks to all the contractors, staff and Councillors who worked to ensure that all these significant events went ahead in these challenging times.

1736. TOWN CLERKS REPORT

Council considered Report C/20/272 which provided an update on services being actioned under the Town Clerk's scheme of delegation.

RESOLVED: To receive and adopt Report C/20/272.

Proposed: Councillor Paul Bingham
Seconded: Councillor Roger West
Voting: F: 14, Ag: 0, Ab: 0

1737. RESERVES POLICY

Council considered the Reserves Policy.

RESOLVED: That the Reserves Policy be adopted

Proposed: Councillor Paul Bingham
Seconded: Councillor Jackie Meade
Voting: F: 13, Ag: 0, Ab: 0

Councillor Belinda Walker lost connection.

1738. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETINGS
Thursday, 12th November 2020 at 6.30pm

The meeting ended at 6.20pm

.....Town Mayor