

Folkestone Town Meeting

MINUTES of the Full Council Meeting held at the Town Hall, Folkestone on Thursday, 17th November 2022 at 6.00 p.m.

TOWN COUNCILLORS PRESENT: Councillors Ann Berry, Paul Bingham, Peter Gane, Dylan Jeffrey, Nicola Keen, Mary Lawes, Jackie Meade (from 7.30pm), Belinda Walker, Richard Wallace (from 7.30pm) and Roger West.

ABSENT: Councillors Abena Akuffo-Kelly, Ray Field and David Horton.

IN ATTENDANCE: Phil Cross – Finance Officer
Georgina Wilson – Executive Assistant

1887. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillors Michelle Keutenius (work), Jonathan Graham (work), Connor McConville (work), Jackie Meade (work), Tim Prater (work) and Dan Brook (meeting).

RESOLVED: That the Finance Officer look into the attendance record of Councillor Dan Brook and ascertain if he is in breach of the six-month rule.

Proposed: Councillor Peter Gane

Seconded: Councillor Ann Berry

Voted: F:8, Ag:0, Ab:0

1888. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

1889. MINUTES

The Council was asked to receive and authorise the Minutes of the Annual Council Meeting held on 16th June 2022 and to ask the Town Mayor to sign them as a correct record.

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Annual Council Meeting held on 16th June 2022 be received and signed as a correct record.

Proposed: Councillor Peter Gane

Seconded: Councillor Ann Berry

Voting: F:8, Ag:0, Ab:0

1890. TOWN GRANT APPLICATIONS

Councillors were invited to ask questions to those applicants who attended the meeting. Applicants were then thanked for attending and informed that a decision would be made later in the meeting in private.

1891. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

No public questions were received.

1892. MAYORS ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

The Mayor reported on a busy few months since the last meeting and thanked the organisers of these events. The Mayor also wished to thank the Deputy Town Mayor, Cllr Belinda Walker, for her support this year and for attending many events that the Mayor could not attend herself.

1893. MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Planning Committee's meetings of 24th February, 31st March, 28th April, 26th May, 30th June, 28th July, 25th August and 29th September 2022 be received and signed as a correct record.

Proposed: Councillor Paul Bingham

Seconded: Councillor Roger West

Voting: F:8, Ag:0, Ab:0

1894. MINUTES OF THE FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Finance and General Purposes Committee's meeting of 17th February, 21st April, 16th June 2022 and 1st September be received and signed as a correct record.

Proposed: Councillor Peter Gane

Seconded: Councillor Mary Lawes

Voting: F:8, Ag:0, Ab:0

1895. MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the above Committee's meeting of 1st February, 5th April and 7th June 2022 be received and signed as a correct record.

Proposed: Councillor Roger West

Seconded: Councillor Paul Bingham

Voting: F:8, Ag:0, Ab:0

1896. MINUTES OF THE CLIMATE & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

RESOLVED: That the the Minutes of the above Committee's meeting of 3rd February 2022 be received and signed as a correct record.

Proposed: Councillor Peter Gane

Seconded: Councillor Roger West

Voting: F:8, Ag:0, Ab:0

1897. MATTERS AND RESOLUTIONS FROM COMMITTEES

- i. **Planning Committee – 2022/23**
Noted.
- ii. **Community Services Committee – 2022/23**
Noted.
- iii. **Climate & Environment Committee - 2022/23**
Noted.
- iv. **Finance and General Purposes Committee – 2022/23**
Noted.
- v. **Personnel Sub-Committee - 2022/23**
Noted.

1898. REVIEW OF TERMS OF REFERENCE

Councillors noted that the Terms of Reference remain unchanged.

1899. JOHN BOWLEY AND SHERWOOD ALMSHOUSES

RESOLVED: To appoint Cllr Mary Lawes as a representative of the John Bowley and Sherwood Almshouses.

Proposed: Councillor Peter Gane

Seconded: Councillor Paul Bingham

Voting: F:8, Ag:0, Ab:0

EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

The press and public are to be excluded for the remainder of this meeting under Section 1, sub-section 2, of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 as publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business.

Proposed: Councillor Peter Gane

Seconded: Councillor Ann Berry

Voting: F:8, Ag:0, Ab:0

1900. TOWN GRANT SCORES

RESOLVED: To approve all awards set out in the exempt list, subject to the Finance Officer seeking further information from MHA Communities Kent, regarding the availability of their existing funds for use in this project. If he is satisfied with their response, this award should also be approved.

The meeting was then adjourned to allow members of the Royal British Legion to enter the chamber.

1901. PRESENTATION OF THE FREEDOM OF THE TOWN OF FOLKESTONE TO THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION CHERITON & MOREHALL BRANCH

The Mayor awarded the Freedom of the Town to Mr Tim Geere, President, and Mr Trevor Mays, Past Chairman, on behalf of the Cheriton and Morehall Branch of the Royal British Legion and thanked them for all their support to so many of the serving and former service men and women who have made our town their own.

Guests were then invited to join the Mayor at a Reception in the Town Hall.

1902. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 11th January at 7.00 p.m. – Ordinary Full Council Meeting

The meeting concluded at 6.45 pm.

.....Town Mayor