

Folkestone Town Meeting

MINUTES of the Full Council Meeting held at the Town Hall, Folkestone on Thursday, 10th August 2023 at 7.00 p.m.

TOWN COUNCILLORS PRESENT: Councillors Abena Akuffo-Kelly, Charlie Bain Smith (7.06pm), Bridget Chapman, Jane Darling, Laura Davison, Christine Dickinson, Peter Gane, Nicola Keen, Adrian Lockwood, Connor McConville, Lucy McGirr, Liz McShane, Jackie Meade, John Renshaw, Belinda Walker, Roger West.

ABSENT: Councillor Kieran Leigh

IN ATTENDANCE: Stephen Nash - Town Clerk
Toni Brenchley – Deputy Town Clerk
Ian Bishop – Town Sergeant

1969. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillor Tim Prater.

RESOLVED: To accept the apologies from Councillor Tim Prater

Proposed: Councillor Jackie Meade
Seconded: Councillor John Renshaw

1970. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

1971. MINUTES

The Council was asked to receive and authorise the Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 15th June 2023 and to ask the Town Mayor to sign them as a correct record.

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 15th June 2023 be received and signed as a correct record.

Proposed: Councillor Nicola Keen
Seconded: Councillor Roger West

1972. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

There were no public questions received.

1973. MAYORS COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUCEMENTS

The Mayor reported on a busy few months since the last meeting and thanked the organisers of these events as well as the Deputy Mayor, Cllr Akuffo Kelly, and Past Mayor, Councillor Nicola Keen, for standing in for events she was unable to attend.

Councillor Charlie Bain Smith joined the meeting

1974. MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Planning Committee's meetings of 23rd February, 30th March, 27th April and 25th May 2023 be received and signed as a correct record.

Proposed: Councillor Nicola Keen

Seconded: Councillor Jackie Meade

1975. MINUTES OF THE FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

RESOLVED: To reinstate recording the numbers voting 'For', 'Against' and 'Abstaining' for all Committees

Proposed: Councillor Nicola Keen

Seconded: Councillor Bridget Chapman

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

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Finance and General Purposes Committee's meetings of 16th February and 20th April 2023 be received and signed as a correct record and the minutes of the 15th June 2023 be deferred until the next Full Council meeting

Proposed: Councillor Peter Gane

Seconded: Councillor Jackie Meade

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

1976. MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Community Services Committee's meeting of 7th February and 4th April 2023 be received and signed as a correct record.

Proposed: Councillor Roger West

Seconded: Councillor Abena Akuffo-Kelly

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

1977. MINUTES OF THE CLIMATE & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Climate & Environment Committee's meetings of 9th February and 4th April 2023 be received and signed as a correct record.

Proposed: Councillor Abena Akuffo-Kelly

Seconded: Councillor Jackie Meade

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

1978. MATTERS AND RESOLUTIONS FROM COMMITTEES

i. Planning Committee – 2023/24

Noted

ii. Community Services Committee – 2023/24

Noted

- iii. **Climate & Environment Committee – 2023/24**
Noted
- iv. **Finance and General Purposes Committee – 2023/24**
Noted
- v. **Personnel Sub-Committee – 2023/24**
Noted

1979. WARD GRANTS

The Town Clerk advised on proposed amendments to applications for the Ward Grants, following legal advice from KALC and Council HR and Governance Support.

RESOLVED: That the Grants Committee be a Sub-committee of the Finance & General Purposes Committee. F&GP to therefore decide on the Committee membership.

Proposed: Councillor Peter Gane

Seconded: Councillor Nicola Keen

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

1980. APPOINTMENT OF BANK SECRETARIES

It was noted that the Town Clerk and Finance Officer have been appointed as the Secretaries for the business bank mandate.

1981. APPOINTMENT TO COMMITTEES AND SUB COMMITTEES

RESOLVED: That Councillor Jackie Meade stand down from Finance & General Purposes Committee and be replaced by Councillor Bridget Chapman to enable her to sit on the Personnel Sub-Committee.

Proposed: Councillor Jackie Meade

Seconded: Councillor Lucy McGirr

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

1982. TWINNING

Report C/23/339 was received by Councillors.

RESOLVED: To withdraw the restriction of ‘£100 per annum of public money being spent on furthering the relationship with the Nepalese community’ (minute 1639), as it was felt to be discriminatory against the Nepalese community as all sectors of the community should be treated equally.

Proposed: Councillor Jackie Meade

Seconded: Councillor Peter Gane

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

1983. WILLIAM HARVEY SUNDAY COMMEMORATION

Report C/23/338 proposed changes for the annual William Harvey Commemoration.

RESOLVED: That the item be deferred and options be provided on alternative ways to continue supporting as a civic event, whilst also reducing costs.

Proposed: Councillor Peter Gane
Seconded: Councillor Nicola Keen
Voting: F: 16, Ag: 0, Ab: 0

1984. FUNDRAISING AND SPONSORSHIP STRATEGY AND PROCEDURE

Councillors considered the proposed strategy and procedure.

RESOLVED: That the Fundraising and Sponsorship Strategy and Procedure be adopted with the addition of ‘2.6 Councillors will be emailed prior to acceptance’.

Proposed: Councillor Nicola Keen
Seconded: Councillor Peter Gane
Voting: F: 16, Ag: 0, Ab: 0

RESOLVED: That the Fundraising and Sponsorship Strategy and Procedure be reviewed every six months.

Proposed: Councillor Nicola Keen
Seconded: Councillor Peter Gane
Voting: F: 16, Ag: 0, Ab: 0

1985. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

21st September 2023 at 7.00 p.m. – Ordinary Full Council Meeting

The meeting concluded at 7.52 pm.

.....Town Mayor