

Folkestone Town Council

MINUTES of the Full Council Meeting held at the Town Hall, Folkestone on Thursday, 16th November 2023 at 7.00 p.m.

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

ABSENT:

IN ATTENDANCE: Toni Brenchley – Deputy Town Clerk, Georgina Wilson - Executive Assistant, Liz Timmins – Communities and Grants Officer, and Ian Bishop - Town Sergeant.

No questions were received.

2005. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillors Charlie Bain Smith and Tim Prater.

RESOLVED: To accept the apologies from Councillors Charlie Bain Smith and Tim Prater.

Proposed: Councillor Nicola Keen

Seconded: Councillor Roger West

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

2006. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations were received however one of the Mayor's charities for this year, Spectrum Arts, has applied for a grant.

2007. MINUTES

The Council was asked to receive and authorise the Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 21st September 2023 and the Extra-ordinary Full Council Meeting held on 9th November 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 21st September 2023 be received and signed as a correct record.

Proposed: Councillor Roger West

Seconded: Councillor John Renshaw

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

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Extra-ordinary Council Meeting

held on 9th November 2023 be received and signed as a correct record.

Proposed: Councillor Roger West
Seconded: Councillor Abena Akuffo-Kelly
Voting: F: 6, Ag: 0, Ab: 10

2008. TOWN GRANT APPLICATIONS

The Mayor invited applicants to speak and answer questions on their grant applications.

RESOLVED: To move item 13. Town Grant Scores to this juncture of the meeting and hold it in public.

Proposed: Councillor Peter Gane
Seconded: Councillor Bridget Chapman
Voting: F: 16, Ag: 0, Ab: 0

RESOLVED: To approve full awards as set out on the agenda for all applicants; National Coastwatch Institution, Folkestone and Hythe Operatic and Dramatic Society, Kent Coast Volunteering, Touchbase CIC, Omus One Space, Shepway Spectrum Arts CIC, Folkestone Festivals (Multicultural Festival and Bands at the Bandstand), Smoking Apples Theatre and Go Folkestone.

Proposed: Councillor Peter Gane
Seconded: Councillor Bridget Chapman
Voting: F: 15, Ag: 0, Ab: 1

2009. MAYORS COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor informed the Council that as of 10th November 2023 Stephen Nash is no longer working for the Folkestone Town Council, the Deputy Town Clerk is acting as Town Clerk and should be contacted for any queries.

The Mayor reported on a busy few months since the last meeting including the Remembrance Services and the visit from representatives of Mechinagar. The Mayor also thanked the organisers of all these events as well as the Deputy Mayor, Past Mayor and Consorts for accompanying her to events.

2010. MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Planning Committee's meetings of 24th August and 28th September 2023 be received and signed as a correct record.

Proposed: Councillor Christine Dickinson
Seconded: Councillor Jonathan Renshaw
Voting: F: 16, Ag: 0, Ab: 0

**2011. MINUTES OF THE FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE
RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Finance and General Purposes Committee of 31st August 2023 be received and signed as a correct record.**

Proposed: Councillor Connor McConville

Seconded: Councillor Peter Gane

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

**2012. MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE
RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Community Services Committee of 6th June 2023 be received and signed as a correct record.**

Proposed: Councillor Roger West

Seconded: Councillor Peter Gane

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

**2013. MINUTES OF THE CLIMATE AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Climate and Environment Committee of 6th June 2023 be received and signed as a correct record.**

Proposed: Councillor Jonathan Renshaw

Seconded: Councillor Keiran Leigh

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

2014. REVISED GUIDE FOR THE MAYORALTY

RESOLVED: To take out all the new, red text in the policy and revert to the previous version.

Proposed: Councillor Peter Gane

Seconded: Councillor Jackie Meade

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

Councillor Laura Davison requested the standardization of the words 'Chairman' to 'Chair' and 'his/her' to 'their'.

2015. CIVILITY AND RESPECT PLEDGE

RESOLVED: To reject this pledge as all Councillors are already signed up to the Nolan Principles.

Proposed: Councillor Jackie Meade

Seconded: Councillor Nicola Keen

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

2016. GRANTS SCHEME REVIEW

RESOLVED: To receive and note report C/23/348, to move forward with Option 1, the current process, and that the acting Town Clerk

seek further guidance from KALC regarding legislation for delegated powers.

Proposed: Councillor Peter Gane

Seconded: Councillor Jackie Meade

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

2017. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

11th January 2024 at 7.00 p.m. – Ordinary Full Council Meeting

The meeting concluded at 8.35 pm.

.....Town Mayor