

## FOLKESTONE TOWN COUNCIL

**MINUTES of the Extra-ordinary Finance and General Purposes Committee Meeting held at Folkestone Town Council Offices, Town Hall, 1-2 Guildhall Street, Folkestone on Thursday, 8 May 2025 at 6.00 p.m.**

**PRESENT:** Councillors Connor McConville (Chair), Jackie Meade, Bridget Chapman, Christine Dickinson, Nicola Keen, Belinda Walker and Kieran Leigh (6.09pm).

**ABSENT:** Councillors Peter Gane, Tim Prater.

**OFFICERS PRESENT:** Toni Brenchley – Town Clerk  
Roland Domingo – Finance Officer

### **1751. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies received from Councillors Abena-Akuffo Kelly, Adrian Lockwood and Laura Davison.

**RESOLVED: To approve apologies from Councillors Abena Akuffo-Kelly, Adrian Lockwood and Laura Davison.**

Proposed: Councillor Nicola Keen  
Seconded: Councillor Christine Dickinson  
Voting: F: 6, Ag: 0, Ab:0

### **1752. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR**

Nominations for the appointment of Chair of Finance and General Purposes Committee for the 2025/26 Municipal Year were sought.

**RESOLVED: That Councillor Connor McConville be appointed as Chair of Finance and General Purposes Committee for the 2025/26 Municipal Year.**

Proposed: Councillor Belinda Walker  
Seconded: Councillor Nicola Keen  
Voting: F: 6, Ag: 0, Ab:0

### **1753. APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHAIR**

Nominations for the appointment of Vice Chair of Finance and General Purposes Committee for the 2025/26 Municipal Year were sought.

**RESOLVED: That Councillor Nicola Keen be appointed as Vice Chair of Finance and General Purposes Committee for the 2025/26 Municipal Year.**

Proposed: Councillor Connor McConville  
Seconded: Councillor Jackie Meade  
Voting: F: 6, Ag: 0, Ab: 0

### **1754. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS**

There were no declarations of interest.

**1755. MINUTES**

The Committee received the Minutes of the meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held on 17 April 2025 and authorised the Chair to sign them as a correct record.

**RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held on 17 April 2025 be signed as a correct record.**

Proposed: Councillor Nicola Keen  
Seconded: Councillor Jackie Meade  
Voting: F: 6, Ag: 0, Ab: 0

**1756. REVIEW THE TERMS OF REFERENCE**

In line with the Town Council’s Standing Orders, the Committee was asked to consider the Terms Of Reference for the Finance and General Purposes Committee.

**RESOLVED: That the Terms of Reference be approved.**

Proposed: Councillor Jackie Meade  
Seconded: Councillor Christine Dickinson  
Voting: F: 6, Ag: 0, Ab: 0

**1757. FIRE ESCAPE AND ASSOCIATED WORKS**

The Committee received Report F/25/387 seeking approval to appoint a contractor and agree a budget for the replacement of the external fire escape and associated works.

**RESOLVED: To receive and note Report F/25/387 and appoint Bidder 1 to carry out the replacement of the external fire escape and associated works to the Town Hall, with an approved budget of £50,000 from the Museum/Heritage Reserve.**

Proposed: Councillor Nicola Keen  
Seconded: Councillor Connor McConville  
Voting: F: 6, Ag: 0, Ab: 0

*Councillor Kieran Leigh arrived at 6.09pm*

**1758. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:**

12 June 2025 at 7.00pm

The meeting concluded at 6.10pm

Chair.....

Date.....