

FOLKESTONE TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Climate and Environment Committee meeting held on Thursday, 14th October 2021 at 7pm at the Town Hall.

Present: Councillors Ann Berry, Abena Akuffo-Kelly (Chair), David Horton, Connor McConville, Jackie Meade, Belinda Walker and Richard Wallace (arrived at 19:05).

Absent: Councillor Danny Brook

In attendance: Vicky Deakin – Communities & Events Officer

24. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies from Councillors Ray Field and Tim Prater were received and approved.

25. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor David Horton declared a personal interest in respect of the Allotment Agenda Item.

26. MINUTES

The Committee were asked to receive the Minutes of the meeting of the Climate and Environment Committee held on 2nd September 2021 and to authorise the Chairman of the Committee to sign them as a correct record.

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on the 2nd September 2021 be received and signed as a correct record.

Proposed: Councillor Ann Berry

Seconded: Councillor Belinda Walker

Voting: F:7, Ag:0, Ab:0

27. ALLOTMENT RULES

After considerable debate and comprehensive consideration of the draft version 12 updated Allotment Rules, it was

RESOLVED: That a further review of the Allotment Rules be conducted by the Town Clerk and Allotment Manager with particular consideration and attention to Rules 3.23 and 3.24 respectively, specific prohibited items to be listed with reasons why (indicating that any exceptions for consideration would require a request made in writing by the tenant) and that notices must be displayed detailing exactly what pesticide, herbicide or inorganic fertiliser has been used on what date with FTC to compile a list of recommended products.

Proposed: Councillor Connor McConville

Seconded: Councillor Jackie Meade

Voting: F:7, Ag:0, Ab:0

28. CLIMATE ACTION PLAN

The committee were asked to consider additions 5.3 to 5.5 and note the updated action plan. After some debate and Members requesting that the Town Clerk provide Town Councillors with details of cost implications of actioning the plan, it was

RESOLVED: That the updated Action Plan be adopted.

Proposed: Councillor Belinda Walker

Seconded: Councillor David Horton

Voting: F:7, Ag:0, Ab:0

29. COMMUNITIES AND ENVIRONMENT OFFICER REPORT CE/21/300

Noted

30. BUDGET 2021/22 – POTENTIAL GROWTH ITEMS

The Committee were asked to consider proposals for possible growth items and non-recurring revenue expenditure for climate & environment projects and initiatives for next year.

RESOLVED: That a request to increase the Tree Planting Budget to £20,000 for 2022/23 be taken to the Finance & General Purposes Committee for consideration at its meeting on 16th December 2021.

Proposed: Councillor Belinda Walker

Seconded: Councillor David Horton

Voting: F:7, Ag:0, Ab:0

31. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

3rd February 2022

The meeting concluded at 7.40pm.

Chairman

Date