

Folkestone Town Council

MINUTES of the Full Council Meeting of the Folkestone Town Council held at the Town Council Offices on Thursday, 11th November 2021 at 7 p.m.

PRESENT: Councillors Ann Berry, Paul Bingham, Peter Gane, Jonathan Graham, Michelle Keutenius, David Horton, Dylan Jeffrey, Mary Lawes, Connor McConville, Belinda Walker, Richard Wallace and Roger West.

ABSENT: Councillor Danny Brook

In attendance: Jennifer Childs (Town Clerk), Georgina Wilson (Executive Assistant)

1806. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillors Abena Akuffo-Kelly, Ray Field, Nicola Keen, Jackie Meade and Tim Prater.

1807. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Dylan Jeffrey declared an interest in the County Councillors Report.

1808. MINUTES

The Full Council was asked to receive the Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on 17th June 2021 and to authorise the Town Mayor to sign them as a correct record.

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Ordinary Council meeting held on 17th June 2021 be received and signed as a correct record with a note added to explain that Cllrs Ann Berry, David Horton and Connor McConville were late due to being unable to gain access to the Town Hall.

Proposed: Councillor Jonathan Graham

Seconded: Councillor Roger West

Voting: F: 12, Ag: 0, Ab: 0

1809. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

Mr Moulard asked how many of the trees planted in the last two years have died and been removed? The Mayor responded that the trees are currently being reviewed and once we have this information a letter will be sent to Mr Moulard. It was reported that unfortunately the Tree Working Group had been postponed but would be rearranged as soon as possible.

1810. MAYORS COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUCEMENTS

The Mayor reported on the events that she had attended since the last Council meeting and thanked the organisers of these events.

1811. MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on 20th May 2021 be received and signed as a correct record.

Proposed: Councillor Jonathan Graham
Seconded: Councillor David Horton
Voting: F:12, Ag: 0, Ab: 0

1812. MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Community Services Committee Meetings held on 2nd February, 6th April and 1st June 2021 be received and signed as a correct record.

Proposed: Councillor Roger West
Seconded: Councillor Peter Gane
Voting: F:12, Ag: 0, Ab: 0

1813. MINUTES OF THE FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Finance and General Purposes Committee Meetings held on 18th February, 22nd April, 17th June and 29th July 2021 be received and signed as a correct record.

Proposed: Councillor Connor McConville
Seconded: Councillor David Horton
Voting: F:12, Ag: 0, Ab: 0

1814. MINUTES OF THE CLIMATE AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Climate and Environment Committee Meetings held on 3rd June and 2nd September 2021 be received and signed as a correct record.

Proposed: Councillor Belinda Walker
Seconded: Councillor Richard Wallace
Voting: F:12, Ag: 0, Ab: 0

1815. MATTERS AND RESOLUTIONS FROM COMMITTEES

- i. Planning Committee 2021/22**
Chair and Vice Chair were noted.
- ii. Community Services Committee 2021/22**
Chair and Vice Chair were noted.
- iii. Climate and Environment Committee 2021/22**
Chair and Vice Chair were noted.
- iv. Finance and General Purposes Committee 2021/22**
Chair and Vice Chair were noted.

The Town Clerk discussed the current situation regarding preparations for tender and seeking external funding for the refurbishment of the parks. Council need to commit funds to the project to enable external funding to be sought. There were discussions around committing a large amount of money to this project, however committing the money does not mean that it will all be needed, as it is hoped to receive external funding. Any future financial

commitments would need to be discussed by Finance and General Purposes Committee.

RESOLVED: That the maximum budget for the tender to deliver the optimum option approved by the Climate and Environment Committee be £250,000. To approve the release of the £100,000 parks dowry. To approve the release of £93,687 from the new services reserve to support the tender preparation, contract administration and contracted works. To authorise the preparation of a Parish Infrastructure Investment Plan and consultation to support the release of £33,859 CIL funding for the project. To confirm in principle that any shortfall that cannot be raised through third party funding will be met from the general fund.

Councillor David Horton requested a recorded vote.

Ann Berry	For
Paul Bingham	For
Peter Gane	For
Jonathan Graham	For
Michelle Keutenius	For
David Horton	For
Dylan Jeffrey	Abstain
Mary Lawes	For
Connor McConville	For
Belinda Walker	For
Richard Wallace	For
Roger West	For

Proposed: Councillor Peter Gane
Seconded: Councillor Mary Lawes
Voting: F:11, Ag: 0, Ab: 1

v. **Personnel 2021/22**
Chair and Vice Chair were noted.

1816. NOTICE OF MOTION

Councillors discussed their support of the motion Cllr Jonathan Graham raised, there needs to be consideration for the costs of large pieces of equipment but there are other types of smaller equipment that are inclusive and improving access to parks as well as planting more trees in these areas would be beneficial to the whole community as well as caring for the environment. When going out to tender it needs to be made clear that this is a priority for our parks and external funding could also be sought.

RESOLVED: To work proactively to make sure all parks under Town Council control, are improved to the benefit to all members of our communities, becoming more inclusive, more accessible and more enjoyable for all. To make sure that all parks are being treated equal, in the sense of apparatus, allowing all citizens and their children equal opportunity to access equipment local to them. Consideration given to

facilitating apparatus, socialising areas and paths to the playgrounds for children and adults who are visually impaired, learning impaired and physically impaired. As well as to work proactively to make sure all parks under Town Council control, are as environmentally friendly as possible, such as, but not limited to planting more trees, changing building materials for future apparatus and cutting chemicals used in maintenance.

Proposed: Councillor Jonathan Graham
Seconded: Councillor Michelle Keutenius
Voting: F:12, Ag:0, Ab:0

1817. REVIEW OF THE TERMS OF REFERENCE

RESOLVED: To accept the Terms of Reference with the amendment to the Climate and Environment Committee.

Proposed: Councillor Jonathan Graham
Seconded: Councillor Roger West
Voting: F:12, Ag: 0, Ab: 0

RESOLVED: To return to face-to-face for future Planning Committee meetings.

Proposed: Councillor Dylan Jeffery
Seconded: Councillor Mary Lawes
Voting: F:12, Ag: 0, Ab: 0

1818. REVIEW OF TOWN GRANT REDUCED AWARD PERCENTAGE

There were discussions around the process and how Councillors preferred to have the applicants at the meeting to answer questions and give further information or clarify anything. The Town Clerk confirmed that she could invite applicants to attend the next Council meeting for this reason.

RESOLVED: To review the current process for Grants after the next Council meeting.

Proposed: Councillor Peter Gane
Seconded: Councillor David Horton
Voting: F:11, Ag: 0, Ab: 1

1818. COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT

RESOLVED: To receive the County Councillors Report and express Council's gratitude to Councillors Dylan Jeffrey and Jackie Meade.

Proposed: Councillor Jonathan Graham
Seconded: Councillor Ann Berry
Voting: F:12, Ag: 0, Ab: 0

1819. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING
Thursday, 13th January 2022 at 7.00pm

The meeting ended at 7.45pm

.....Town Mayor

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