

FOLKESTONE TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Community Services Committee meeting held at the Town Council offices, The Town Hall, 1 – 2 Guildhall Street, Folkestone on Tuesday 7th February 2017 at 7pm.

Present: Councillors E Arnold, A Berry, P Gane, C Jeffrey, M Lawes, C Sacre, S Wallace, P West and R West (in the chair).

In attendance: Vicky Deakin – Tourism and Community Events Officer

879. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

880. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

The Town Clerk provided a dispensation for Councillors A Berry, P Gane, C Jeffrey, M Lawes, C Sacre and S Wallace to enable their participation in the debate and resolution for the Folkestone Market Item.

881. MINUTES

To receive the Minutes of the meeting of the Community Services Committee held on 1 November 2016 and to authorise the Chairman of the Committee to sign them as a correct record.

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting 1 November 2016 be received and signed as a correct record.

Proposed: Councillor Mary Lawes

Seconded: Councillor Emily Arnold

Voting: F: 9, Ag: 0, Ab: 0

882. FOLKESTONE MARKET

At the last Full Council meeting on 12th January 2017 it was

RESOLVED:

- 1. To receive and note report C/17/211*
- 2. To approve in principal the submission of the Business Case to Shepway District Council*
- 3. To refer to the Community Services Committee to look into the finer points of detail.*

The committee were asked to consider any further points they wished to include in the Business Case prior to its submittal to Shepway District Council.

RESOLVED: That a Business Case is not submitted to Shepway District Council until further research is undertaken regarding water/power supply, toilet provision and installation of better stalls with findings included in a report referred to Full Council for consideration.

Proposed: Councillor Peter Gane
Seconded: Councillor Mary Lawes
Voting: F: 5, Ag: 4, Ab: 0

883. TOURISM GUIDE & WEBSITE

The Tourism and Community Events Officer updated the Committee in respect of the development and progress of the new Tourism Guide and Website advising they will be live by Easter.

884. YOUTH FACILITIES

i) Folkestone Optimist Hockey Club – Schools Coaching

The Town Council has supported the Folkestone Optimist Hockey Club since the 2011/12 financial year. The Tourism and Community Events Officer has been in communication with the Hockey Club received a report showing that they have provided inter school tournaments as well as coaching for the past year. The Committee currently has £1,700 earmarked in the Youth Facilities budget for this. The Committee was asked if it wished to release the funds from the 2016/17 budget.

RESOLVED: That the funds be released to Folkestone Optimist Hockey Club to deliver coaching.

Proposed: Councillor Peter Gane
Seconded: Councillor Emily Arnold
Voting: F: 9, Ag: 0, Ab: 0

ii) Cricket Coaching

Since 2010 the Community Services Committee has agreed to fund free Kwik Cricket Coaching for all the primary schools in the Town. In the past the coaching has been hugely successful with most schools taking part with an average of 20 children per session.

The Committee was asked to consider releasing the £2,100 provided in the Youth Facilities Budget for the cricket coaching to continue in 2016/17.

RESOLVED: That the funds be released to Folkestone Cricket Club to deliver coaching.

Proposed: Councillor Peter Gane
Seconded: Councillor Emily Arnold
Voting: F: 4, Ag: 0, Ab: 0

885. KCC FLOOD ALIEVATION SCHEME – DOLPHINS ROAD

The Tourism and Community Events Officer briefed the Committee in respect of the Rainharvest Garden SuDs Scheme further to meeting with the KCC Flood Risk Project Officer in November who also advised that work would be completed by the end of March 2017.

886. DEMENTIA UK

The Committee supported the creation of a banner to advertise Dementia Awareness Training delivered locally by Shepway Volunteers with £500 funding and were advised by the Tourism and Community Events Officer that this would be displayed for a few weeks in the committee window of the Town Hall from the beginning of March. An update in respect of the proposed workshops for which members have been invited to attend was also provided.

887. ARMED FORCES DAY

The Tourism and Community Events Officer briefed the Committee in respect of proposals for Armed Forces Day on Saturday 24th June 2017. The 2017/18 budget for this event is £3,730. The Committee is asked to resolve that this event is hosted and organised by Folkestone Town Council on either Radnor Park or The Leas utilising the Bandstand.

RESOLVED: That Armed Forces Day Folkestone 2017 be held at The Leas Bandstand if available.

Proposed: Councillor Emily Arnold

Seconded: Councillor Ann Berry

Voting: F: 9, Ag: 0, Ab: 0

888. THE LEAS BANDSTAND

Folkestone Town Council have been consulted by Shepway District Council as to whether it wishes to take over the management of the Leas Bandstand including a transfer of a proposed £3k budget to deliver this service.

The Tourism & Community Events Officer briefed members in respect of the current arrangements and costs.

The Committee's views were sought.

All Shepway District Councillors declared a Personal Interest for this item at this juncture.

RESOLVED: That due to lack of resource and budget Folkestone Town Council are unable to take over management of the Leas Bandstand.

Proposed: Councillor Emily Arnold

Seconded: Councillor Pat West

Voting: F: 9, Ag: 0, Ab: 0

889. PUBLIC SPACES PROTECTION ORDER CONSULTATION

Members were invited to comment on the proposed Public Spaces Protection Order.

RESOLVED: That members would respond independently on behalf of the Town Council.

Proposed: Councillor Peter Gane
Seconded: Councillor Clare Jeffrey
Voting: F: 9, Ag: 0, Ab: 0

890. FREIGHT ACTION PLAN FOR KENT – PUBLIC CONSULTATION

The Committee were asked if it wished to formulate a response to the Freight Action plan for Kent which can be found at www.kent.gov.uk/freightactionplan

RESOLVED: That members would respond independently.

Proposed: Councillor Peter Gane
Seconded: Councillor Clare Jeffrey
Voting: F: 9, Ag: 0, Ab: 0

891. DRAFT KENT DRUG AND ALCOHOL STRATEGY 2017 – 2022 CONSULTATION

This consultation provides the opportunity to tell KCC and Kent Police whether their proposed response to the changing drug and alcohol landscape is appropriate and effective as it can be. The document can be downloaded via the following link <http://consultations.kent.gov.uk/consult.ti/KentDrugandAlcoholStrategy/consultationHome>.

RESOLVED: That members would respond independently.

Proposed: Councillor Peter Gane
Seconded: Councillor Clare Jeffrey
Voting: F: 9, Ag: 0, Ab: 0

892. APPLICATION FOR A STOPPING UP ORDER, HIGHWAYS ACT 1980, S116 LAND ADJACENT TO HERNE COURSE, HORNE STREET

The committee were asked to consider the proposed Stopping Up Order and comment if it wishes to object to the application by no later than 18 March 2017.

RESOLVED: Object – Due to the consequence being the loss of a valuable pathway.

Proposed: Councillor Peter Gane
Seconded: Councillor Emily Arnold
Voting: F: 9, Ag: 0, Ab: 0

893. FLOWER AND SHRUB BED MAINTENANCE 2017/18

The Committee were asked to approve the release of £30,967.46 from the 2017/18 Parks, Gardens & Recs budget for the annual shrub and flower bed maintenance.

RESOLVED: That the funds be released to Shepway District Council to deliver shrub and flower bed maintenance.

Proposed: Councillor Peter Gane

Seconded: Councillor Ann Berry

Voting: F: 9, Ag: 0, Ab: 0

894. LITTER BINS

The Committee is asked to consider the approval and release of funds for the 2016/17 draft Litter Bin Replacement/Repair Schedule.

RESOLVED: That the funds be released from the Litter Bins, Bollards & Railings Budget to deliver the Litter Bin Replacement/Repair schedule and the repainting of bollards at The Stade, Shellons Street and Foord Road.

Proposed: Councillor Peter Gane

Seconded: Councillor Ann Berry

Voting: F: 9, Ag: 0, Ab: 0

895. MUSEUM ACCREDITATION ACCESS & LEARNING POLICY

The Committee is asked to adopt the amended Access & Learning Policy which is required for the Museum Accreditation application.

RESOLVED: That the amended Policy be adopted until March 2020.

Proposed: Councillor Peter Gane

Seconded: Councillor Emily Arnold

Voting: F: 9, Ag: 0, Ab: 0

896. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 4 April 2017