

FOLKESTONE TOWN COUNCIL

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

PRESENT: Councillors Emily Arnold, Ann Berry, John Collier, Mary Lawes, Carol Sacre, Sue Wallace, Pat West and Roger West (Chairman).

In attendance: Vicky Deakin – Tourism and Community Events Officer

920. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence. Councillor Claire Jeffrey was absent.

921. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

922. MINUTES

The Committee was asked to receive the Minutes of the meeting of the Community Services Committee held on 6 June 2017 and to authorise the Chairman of the Committee to sign them as a correct record.

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting 6 June 2017 be received and signed as a correct record.

Proposed: Councillor John Collier

Seconded: Councillor Ann Berry

Voting: F: 6, Ag: 1, Ab: 0

CLlr Sue Wallace arrived at this juncture.

923. ST SAVIOUR: OUTCOME OF COMMITTEE HEARING

Members received a copy of the letter detailing the outcome of the recent Church Commissioners Closed Churches (uses) Committee with regard to St Saviour. The letter sets out the objection and diocesan response as well as the consideration of the Pastoral Committee.

RESOLVED: To note details of the outcome and that the Town Clerk respond on behalf of the Town Council with a letter of support for the Harbour Church.

Proposed: Councillor Sue Wallace

Seconded: Councillor Mary Lawes

Voting: F: 8, Ag: 0, Ab: 0

924. LITTER BINS

The Tourism and Community Events Officer updated members in respect of progress with the Litter Bin Survey and scheduled works indicating that once Veolia have confirmed which litter bins they intend to repair/replace and all information has been provided by Town Councillors regarding bins in their wards not already inspected, a final schedule of works will be produced and delivered further to the resolution to do so from the Community Services Committee meeting in February 2017.

925. TREES

The Council need to consider proposals for Tree planting in 2017/18. The Tourism and Community Events Officer informed members of the scheduled Tree Working Group meeting with Tree Wardens and Officers from the District and County Councils to be held on Friday 18th August at 1pm. The Committee were asked that any suggestions for trees in their wards are put forward prior to this meeting or before Octobers Community Services Committee meeting when the Tree Planting Schedule will be finalised.

926. BUDGET

The Committee were asked to consider any proposals they wish to make for the Community Services Budget 2018/19 and to bring them forward at the next meeting on 3rd October 2017.

927. CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH ON & FESTIVITIES

Further to the Christmas Working Group meeting, the Tourism and Community Events Officer briefed the Committee in respect of draft proposals for Christmas lights Switch On events and festivities.

The Committee were asked to consider the proposals and if they wish to agree and approve the event programmes including the proposed date of Friday 17th November 2017 at 6pm.

RESOLVED: That the draft event programme and proposed date be approved.

Proposed: Councillor Sue Wallace

Seconded: Councillor Emily Arnold

Voting: F: 8, Ag: 0, Ab: 0

928. ALLOTMENTS

The Committee are asked to consider Report CS/17/215 in respect of allotment rule changes and amendments.

RESOLVED:

- 1) To receive and note report CS/17/215**
- 2) That the Committee agree to the Allotment Rule changes and amendments**
- 3) That the Committee support the purchase of containers for rain collection at Park Farm Road allotments.**

Proposed: Councillor Pat West

Seconded: Councillor Sue Wallace

Voting: F: 8, Ag: 0, Ab: 0

929. FOLKESTONE EAST FAMILY PRACTICE, FOLKESTONE HEALTH CENTRE, CT20 1JY

The Town Clerk sent a response in respect of doctors of Folkestone Health Centres decision to end their contract with NHS South Kent Coast CCG to provide services at the practice after 1 November 2017 and inviting a Practice GP and local MP to facilitate Folkestone Town Councils consideration to pursue further involvement with this process.

Due to the attached response a meeting will not be possible at this time.

NOTED

930. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 3 rd October 2017 at 7pm

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Chairman – 3rd October 2017