

## Folkestone Town Council

MINUTES of the Meeting of the Town Council held at the Chamber, Folkestone Town Hall, Folkestone on Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup> September 2017 at 7.00 p.m.

### **PRESENT: Councillor Roger West – Town Mayor (in the Chair)**

Councillors John Collier, Peter Gane, Neil Jones, Mary Lawes, Jacqueline Meade, Martin Salmon, Richard Theobald, Richard Wallace and Pat West.

**In attendance:** Town Clerk - Jennifer Childs, Town Sergeant ó Ian Bishop and Admin Officer ó Georgina Wilson.

In the absence of the Town Mayors Chaplain, Cllr Martin Salmon led the prayers.

Katharine Harvey, Head of Economic Development attended the meeting to give a briefing on the òSpirit of the Leasò project. Councillors felt this should be discussed further at the next Finance and General Purposes meeting to look at which budget any possible funding would come from.

### **1432. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Councillors Emily Arnold, Ann Berry, Danny Brook, Claire Jeffrey, David Monk, Carol Sacre, Sue Wallace and Rodica Wheeler.

### **1433. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

### **1434. MINUTES**

The Council was asked to receive the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> July 2017 and authorise the Town Mayor to sign them as a correct record.

**RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> July 2017 be approved and signed as a correct record by the Town Mayor.**

Proposed: Councillor John Collier

Seconded: Councillor Richard Theobald

Voting: F:8, Ag:0, Ab:1

### **1435. PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

There were no public questions.

### **1436. MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Town Mayor reported on attending several events including:

- Kent International Jamboree
- Step Short March
- Trawler Race
- VJ Day
- Hythe Venetian Fete

- Folkestone Pride
- 1RGR Families Open Day
- Triennial 2017 Preview
- Brockhill Prize giving

The Town Mayor gave thanks to all the contractors, staff and Councillors who worked to ensure that all these significant events went ahead.

**1437. MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE**

The Chairman of the Planning Committee moved that the Council receive the Minutes of the Planning Committee's meetings of 7<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> June, 20<sup>th</sup> July and 10<sup>th</sup> August 2017.

**RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Planning Committee's meetings of 7<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> June, 20<sup>th</sup> July and 10<sup>th</sup> August be received and adopted.**

Proposed: Councillor Richard Wallace  
 Seconded: Councillor Richard Theobald  
 Voting: F:8, Ag:0, Ab:1

**1438. MINUTES OF THE FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE**

The Vice Chairman of the Finance and General Purposes Committee moved that the Council receive the Minutes of the Finance and General Purposes Committee meeting of 15<sup>th</sup> June 2017.

**RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Finance and General Purposes Committee's meeting of 15<sup>th</sup> June 2017 be received and adopted.**

Proposed: Councillor Martin Salmon  
 Seconded: Councillor Peter Gane  
 Voting: F:7, Ag:0, Ab:2

**1439. MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE**

The Chairman of the Community Services Committee moved that the Council receive the Minutes of the Community Services Committee meeting of 6<sup>th</sup> June 2017.

**RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Community Services Committee's meeting of 6<sup>th</sup> June 2017 be received and adopted.**

Proposed: Councillor Roger West  
 Seconded: Councillor Pat West  
 Voting: F:7, Ag:1, Ab:1

**1440. MINUTES OF THE GRANTS COMMITTEE**

The Vice Chairman of the Grants Committee moved that the Council receive the Minutes of the Grants Committee meeting of 6<sup>th</sup> April 2017.

**RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Grants Committee's meeting of 6<sup>th</sup> April 2017 be received and adopted.**

Proposed: Councillor Pat West  
Seconded: Councillor Mary Lawes  
Voting: F:8, Ag:0, Ab:1

**1441. MATTERS AND RESOLUTIONS FROM COMMITTEES**

**i. Grants Committee – 2017/18**

The resolutions from the Grants Committee were noted.

**1442. REVIEW OF TERMS OF REFERENCE**

**Resolved: That the amendments are approved en-bloc.**

Proposed: Councillor Peter Gane  
Seconded: Councillor Richard Theobald  
Voting: F:8, Ag:1, Ab:0

PROPOSED: To move each item individually.  
Proposed: Mary Lawes

There was no seconder, the motion was lost.

**1443. GENERAL DATA PROTECTION REGULATION**

The Town Clerk gave a brief summary of report C/17/217.

**RESOLVED: To refer this to the next Finance and General Purposes Committee for consideration.**

Proposed: Councillor Martin Salmon  
Seconded: Councillor Neil Jones  
Voting: F:9, Ag:0, Ab:0

**1444. ICT REVIEW**

The Town Clerk gave a brief summary of report C/17/218.

**RESOLVED: To purchase the new equipment including Office 365 with the funding from the General Fund.**

Proposed: Councillor Peter Gane  
Seconded: Councillor Mary Lawes  
Voting: F:9, Ag:0, Ab:0

**1445. GURKHA MEMORIAL STATUE**

Councillors discussed the need to ensure that the Gurkha community were aware that if the Town Council did take on this statue, it would be under the same terms as other statues, i.e. cleaning schedule and events etc. The issue of ongoing funding was raised, as it is a new statue and a lot of money was raised, would there be any funding passed to FTC for maintenance etc?

**RESOLVED: To refer this to Community Services Committee for further consideration.**

Proposed: Councillor Pat West  
Seconded: Councillor Peter Gane  
Voting: F:9, Ag:0, Ab:0

**1446. TOWN HALL BIN STORE**

The Town Clerk reported that since the resolution at the last Council meeting, one tenant removed their bin, which has now been placed outside of their property in Market Place. Since then there have been no issues and the bin store has been kept clean. The Town Sergeant also installed a roof to help with the seagull issue.

**1447. NOTICE OF MOTION**

Councillor Carol Sacre was not present at the meeting so the motion fell.

**1448. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2017

.....**Town Mayor**  
**16<sup>th</sup> November 2017**

The meeting ended at 20:00pm