

## Folkestone Town Council

MINUTES of the Meeting of the Town Council held at the Chamber, Folkestone Town Hall, Folkestone on Thursday, 16<sup>th</sup> November 2017 at 7.00 p.m.

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

Councillors Ann Berry, Danny Brook, John Collier, Peter Gane, Claire Jeffrey, Neil Jones, Mary Lawes, Jacqueline Meade, David Monk, Martin Salmon, Richard Theobald, Richard Wallace and Rodica Wheeler.

**In attendance:** Finance Officer ó Phil Cross, Town Sergeant ó Ian Bishop and Corporate Support Officer ó Toni Brenchley.

The Town Mayor's Chaplain, Reverend Eileen Webb, led the Council in prayers for the Town.

### **1449. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Councillors Emily Arnold, Carol Sacre, Sue Wallace and Pat West.

### **1450. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

As members of the Folkestone Parks and Pleasure Grounds Committee at Shepway District Council, Councillors Ann Berry, John Collier and David Monk had been given special dispensation to discuss item 9 ii.

### **1451. MINUTES**

The Council was asked to receive the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> September 2017 and authorise the Town Mayor to sign them as a correct record.

**RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> September 2017 be approved and signed as a correct record by the Town Mayor.**

Proposed: Councillor John Collier

Seconded: Councillor Ann Berry

Voting: F:13, Ag:0, Ab:1

### **1452. PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

A question received from Mr Brian Ryland was read by the Town Mayor.

öWhen the Planning Committee receives a presentation from the Folkestone Seafront Team, could they please ask how many affordable houses will be part of the development scheme?ö

Mr Robert Moulard asked for an explanation as to why the trees along Clifton Crescent had been removed. Councillor Richard Wallace advised that he was aware that trees had been removed along Langhorne Gardens for public safety reasons, but was unaware of trees being removed along Clifton Crescent. However, should this be the case, replacement of these trees would be considered when setting the next tree budget.

Richard Moffatt, Chairman of Remembrance Line Association, advised that they have now expressed an interest with Network Rail with a view to purchasing the closed railway line stretching from the Folly Road Level Crossing to the Folkestone Harbour Company boundary. The Association was therefore requesting Council's support with their objectives. The Town Mayor advised that this was being considered at Item 13 of the Agenda.

#### **1453. MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Town Mayor reported on attending several events including:

- Battle of Britain Wreath Laying
- Dashain Party
- The Big Sleep Out
- Gurkha Memorial Service
- Mayors' Wine Tasting Charity Event
- East Kent Trafalgar Day Parade
- Gurkha Memorial Fund Computer Project
- KCC Poppy Launch
- Visit from His Royal Highness The Duke of Kent
- Dedication of the Garden of Remembrance
- Machine Gun Corps
- Remembrance Service
- Youth Festival of Remembrance

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

#### **1454. 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 31<sup>st</sup> August, 21<sup>st</sup> September and 12<sup>th</sup> October 2017.

**RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Planning Committee's meetings of 31<sup>st</sup> August, 21<sup>st</sup> September and 12<sup>th</sup> October be received and adopted.**

Proposed: Councillor Richard Wallace

Seconded: Councillor Richard Theobald

Voting: F:14, Ag:0, Ab: 0

#### **1455. MINUTES OF THE FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE**

The Chairman of the Finance and General Purposes Committee moved that the Council receive the Minutes of the Finance and General Purposes Committee meeting of 17<sup>th</sup> August 2017.

**RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Finance and General Purposes Committee's meeting of 17<sup>th</sup> August 2017 be received and adopted.**

Proposed: Councillor David Monk

Seconded: Councillor Danny Brook

Voting: F:14, Ag:0, Ab: 0

#### 1456. 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 1<sup>st</sup> August 2017.

**RESOLVED:** That the Minutes of the Community Services Committee's meeting of 1<sup>st</sup> August 2017 be received and adopted.

Proposed: Councillor Roger West

Seconded: Councillor Ann Berry

Voting: F:14, Ag:0, Ab:0

#### 1457. MATTERS AND RESOLUTIONS FROM COMMITTEES

##### i. Community Services Committee

It was resolved that:

- ***Christmas Festivities & Lighting***  
*That an item be added to a future Full Council agenda to facilitate a review of the current Christmas Lighting provision and what Folkestone Town Council propose to deliver from 2018/19 onwards when the existing contract is up for renewal.*

**RESOLVED:** That Christmas Festivities and Lighting be deferred back to Community Services Committee to review the contract in detail, being innovative in order to bring communities together.

Proposed: Councillor Peter Gane

Seconded: Councillor Ann Berry

Voting: F:13, Ag:0, Ab:1

##### ii. Finance and General Purposes Committee

A special motion, signed by 6 Councillors, had been received to overturn the following resolution made at the Finance and General Purposes Committee on 17<sup>th</sup> August, minute 1159:

- ***The Town Clerk respond to Shepway District Council stating that the Town Council was not prepared to pay for CCTV at Radnor Park.***

Following reports of inappropriate behaviour witnessed by parents and children, involving anti-social behaviour, drugs and needles in the toilets, Councillors reconsidered their previous resolution.

**RESOLVED:** That CCTV cameras be put into use at Radnor Park for the protection of children, families and visitors. That funds of approximately £8,000 for the cost of 2 cameras be made available from the CCTV reserve.

Proposed: Councillor Ann Berry

Seconded: Councillor Claire Jeffrey

Voting: F:13, Ag:0, Ab:1

iii. **Grants Committee**

It was resolved that:

- ***The Committee deferred the issue of the Town Sprucer for discussion at the Full Council meeting on 16 November.***

Discussion took place on the point of order and whether the request from the Grants Committee was to consider the grant application or the possibility of adding the Sprucer to the Town Council's establishment. It was noted that the latter had been the intention but this would need to be considered by the Personnel Sub-Committee prior to debate. It was suggested that clarification be sought from the Grants Committee at its next meeting in April. It was noted that the Grants Committee had met for the third and final time this year with all grant money allocated.

**RESOLVED: That the item be deferred back to Grants Committee for clarification on their request in relation to the Town Sprucer.**

Proposed: Councillor David Monk

Seconded: Councillor Peter Gane

Voting: F:13, Ag:0, Ab:01

**1458. FOLKESTONE MUSEUM ADVISORY GROUPS**

**Resolved: That the Town Mayor replace Councillor Richard Theobald on the Folkestone Museum Advisory Group.**

Proposed: Councillor John Collier

Seconded: Councillor David Monk

Voting: F:14, Ag:1, Ab:0

**1459. CORPORATE PLAN**

**RESOLVED: That the Corporate Plan 2017-2020 be adopted.**

Proposed: Councillor John Collier

Seconded: Councillor Richard Wallace

Voting: F:14, Ag:0, Ab:0

Councillors complimented the Town Clerk and Officers on a superb document.

**1460. PARTNERSHIP WORKING – RESOLUTIONS AND MATTERS TO BE RAISED WITH THE PRINCIPAL COUNCILS**

**RESOLVED: To raise the issue of the power supply to cameras in the Lower Leas.**

Proposed: Councillor David Monk

Seconded: Councillor Ann Berry

Voting: F:13, Ag:0, Ab:1

**1461. HARBOUR BRANCH LINE**

**RESOLVED:** That the Remembrance Line Association take the lead on their acquisition of purchasing the closed railway line stretching from the Folly Road Level Crossing to the Folkestone Harbour Company boundary and the Council would support them as much as possible.

Proposed: Councillor Peter Gane  
Seconded: Councillor John Collier  
Voting: F:11, Ag:0, Ab:3

**1462. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2018

.....Town Mayor  
11<sup>th</sup> January 2018

The meeting ended at 7.32pm

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