

Folkestone Town Council



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AGENDA

Meeting: **Folkestone Town Council**
Date: **11 October 2018**
Time: **6.00 p.m.**
Place: **Town Council Offices, 1/2 Guildhall Street, Folkestone**

To: **Town Councillors**

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to attend an extra-ordinary meeting of the Folkestone Town Council on the date and at the time and place shown above to transact the business shown on the agenda below. The meeting will be open to the press and public.

Any member who wishes to have information on any matter arising on the agenda which is not fully covered in these papers is requested to give notice prior to the meeting to the Town Mayor or Town Clerk.

J Childs
Town Clerk

Prayers

- 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**
To receive and approve any apologies for absence.
- 2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**
To receive any declarations of either personal or prejudicial interest that Members may wish to make.
- 3. MINUTES**
To receive the Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on 13th September 2018 and to authorise the Town Mayor to sign them as a correct record.

4. **MATTERS AND RESOLUTIONS FROM COMMITTEES**

(items in bold italic have been brought forward for debate, remaining items to be noted)

Community Services Committee

It was resolved at minute 1002:

- i) **That the minutes of the meeting 7th August 2018 be received and signed as a correct record.**

Proposed: Cllr P Gane
Seconded: Cllr A Berry
Voting: F:6, Ag:0, Ab:0

- ii) **That further to Folkestone Town Council having now received £4,750 from Sandgate Road businesses and a further £1,250 committed the order now be placed for 7no. Trees (as per Minute 993) on Sandgate Road to be installed with Christmas lights.**

Proposed: Cllr P Gane
Seconded: Cllr A Berry
Voting: F:6, Ag:0, Ab:0

- iii) ***That the Town Clerk undertake further research to clarify what obligation Folkestone & Hythe District Council have in respect of street lighting provision under the Highways Act 1980 applicable to renewing the currently condemned columns in the pedestrianised area of the Town Centre.***

That confirmation of exactly how many columns require replacement and a breakdown of costs is sought identifying the charge for the element relating to an additional socket being installed to lighting columns for the sole use of the Town Council for Christmas lighting.

That this information be brought to an Extraordinary Council Meeting to be convened by the Town Clerk on Thursday 11th October at 6pm for consideration by all members further to an unequivocal assurance from Folkestone & Hythe District Council that, any work funded by Folkestone Town Council will be completed no later than 14 November 2018.

Proposed: Cllr P Gane
Seconded: Cllr J Collier
Voting: F:6, Ag:0, Ab:1

5. **DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**
Thursday, 15th November 2018 at 7pm

Folkestone Town Council

MINUTES of the Meeting of the Town Council held at the Town Hall, Folkestone on Thursday, 13th September 2018 at 7 p.m.

PRESENT: Councillor Ann Berry – Town Mayor (in the Chair)

Councillors John Collier, Peter Gane, Claire Jeffrey, Neil Jones, Mary Lawes, Jacqui Meade, David Monk, Carol Sacre, Martin Salmon, Richard Theobald, Sue Wallace, Richard Wallace, Patricia West and Roger West

In attendance: Jennifer Childs (Town Clerk) and Toni Brenchley (Corporate and Civic Services Officer).

1533. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillor Rodica Wheeler.

Councillor Emily Arnold and Danny Brook were absent

1534. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Berry declared an interest in Step Short (Item 1536).

1535. MINUTES

The Council was asked to receive the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 12th July 2018.

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 12th July 2018 be received.

Proposed: Councillor Peter Gane

Seconded: Councillor Roger West

Voting: F:15, Ag:0, Ab:0

1536. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

A member of the public asked how the Remembrance events were being promoted and if the Town Council would consider taking on the Step Short procession for future years when the Step Short project ends this year.

The Town Clerk advised that events would be promoted via social media, local radio and newspapers, the Community Magazine, websites and schools.

Prior to responding, Councillor Berry declared an interest in Step Short as although the Council appointed representative she is also a Director and Vice Chairman of the Charity.

Councillor Berry advised that the charity was set up with the express purpose of the Centenary commemorations from 2014 up until 2018. Discussions are now taking place with the Patrons prior to approaching anyone else who may wish to take the project forward beyond 2018.

A member of the public asked whether the item relating to Folkestone Town Management and vendors/chuggers/buskers would affect the bouncy castle outside Debenhams. The Town Mayor confirmed that the complaints were not directed at the bouncy castle or market stall holders.

1537. MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Having attended 23 functions since the last Town Council meeting, the Town Mayor reported on the following:

- The High Sheriffs Garden Party
- The Lord Wardens Annual Reception
- Chris and Gabs World Cycling Tour
- Step Short Commemorative March
- Annual Donkey Derby
- VJ Day
- The Old Timer Rally
- Opening of the Radiance Beauty Clinic and the Fish Basket

The Town Mayor gave thanks to all the contractors, staff and Councillors who worked to ensure that all these significant events went ahead and to the Deputy Mayor for representing the mayoralty on 10 occasions.

1538. 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 28th June, 19th July and 9th August 2018

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Planning Committee's meetings of 28th June, 19th July and 9th August 2018 be received and adopted.

Proposed: Councillor Richard Theobald

Seconded: Councillor Jacqui Meade

Voting: F:15, Ag:0, Ab: 0

1539. MINUTES OF THE FINANCE & 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's meeting of 14th June 2018.

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Finance and General Purposes Committee's meeting of 14th June 2018 be received and adopted.

Proposed: Councillor David Monk

Seconded: Councillor Peter Gane

Voting: F:15, Ag:0, Ab: 0

1540. 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's meeting of 5th June 2018.

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Community Services Committee meeting of 5th June 2018 be received and adopted.

Proposed: Councillor Roger West
Seconded: Councillor John Collier
Voting: F:14, Ag:0, Ab: 1

1541. MINUTES OF THE GRANTS COMMITTEE

The Vice Chairman of the Grants Committee moved that the Council receive the Minutes of the Grants Committee's meeting of 5th April 2018.

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Grants Committee meeting of 5th April 2018 be received and adopted.

Proposed: Councillor Pat West
Seconded: Councillor Richard Wallace
Voting: F:15, Ag:0, Ab: 0

1542. MATTERS AND RESOLUTIONS FROM COMMITTEES

- i. Grants Committee – 2018/19
The resolution was noted.

1543. REVIEW OF TERMS OF REFERENCE

Council noted the Terms of Reference for committees remained unchanged.

1544. FOLKESTONE TOWN CENTRE MANAGEMENT

Council has been receiving complaints and correspondence expressing concern about the vendors/chuggers/buskers and new market traders in the precinct harassing residents, visitors and FHDC market traders. The Town Team have also advised that they feel these types of organisations should be removed from the town centre as they do not help our shoppers or those who are vulnerable. FTFCM operate the area between Lloyds Bank and Debenhams under a memorandum of understanding with KCC.

RESOLVED: That through the FHDC/FTC Joint Partnership Meeting, the Town Council raise with the District Council the concerns regarding the vendors/chuggers/buskers and new market traders in the precinct harassing residents, visitors to see if there is a solution to the issue.

Proposed: Councillor Peter Gane
Seconded: Councillor Richard Wallace
Voting: F:15, Ag:0, Ab: 0

1545. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETINGS

Ordinary Council Meeting – Thursday 15th November 2018

The meeting ended at 19:24

.....Town Mayor
11th October 2018

Jennifer Childs

From: Alastair.Clifford@folkestone-hythe.gov.uk
Sent: 03 October 2018 14:13
To: Jennifer Childs
Cc: Andy.Blaszkowicz@folkestone-hythe.gov.uk
Subject: RE: Street Lighting Power

Hi Jennifer,

I realised I have missed information about lead in times.

Lighting components for the streetlights are typically on a 5-6 lead time.

The parts needed for the Christmas lights are usually 2 weeks from point of order.

With reference to ownership it is important to note that these lights are considered to be part of the districts inventory by KCC, but actual proof of ownership has never been achieved.

Best regards

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From: Clifford, Alastair
Sent: 03 October 2018 14:01
To: 'jennifer.childs@folkestone-tc.gov.uk' <jennifer.childs@folkestone-tc.gov.uk>
Cc: Blaszkowicz, Andy <Andy.Blaszkowicz@folkestone-hythe.gov.uk>
Subject: Street Lighting Power

Hi Jennifer,

Andy has asked me to update you on the costs for the streetlights on Guildhall Street and Sandgate Road.

The cost breakdown is as follows (not including any compensation events that may occur during the work):

Total cost £37,711.30

1. to fit 32 high level power connections that supply electricity to the Town Councils Christmas lights. At a cost of £10,136.00.

2. to install 5 feeder pillars to supply the market traders with power. At a cost of £7,783.00.
3. to upgrade the faulty and unsafe lights found on Guildhall Street and Sandgate Road to LED. At a cost of £19,792.30.

If you need any further information then please let me know.

Best regards

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