

Folkestone Town Council

MINUTES of the Ordinary Meeting of the Town Council held at the Town Hall, Folkestone on Thursday, 14th March 2019 at 7 p.m.

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

Councillors John Collier, Peter Gane, Neil Jones, Mary Lawes, Jacqui Meade, David Monk, Carol Sacre, Martin Salmon, Richard Theobald, Richard Wallace, Rodica Wheeler, Pat West and Roger West.

In attendance: Jennifer Childs (Town Clerk), Toni Brenchley (Corporate and Civic Services Officer and Georgina Wilson (Admin Officer)

Tessa Stickler, from the Folkestone Sports Centre, gave a presentation on the FIT Together project and asked that Councillors spread the word to encourage participation.

1567. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillors Emily Arnold, Danny Brook, Claire Jeffrey and Sue Wallace.

1568. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

1569. MINUTES

The Council was asked to receive the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 10th January 2016.

Councillor Martin Salmon raised a point of order in respect of minute number 1564, an update on the Step Short Arch. The Town Clerk responded that she has not yet received the information in order to report back to Council, however, the District Council are happy to support the Town Council taking on ownership of the Arch.

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 10th January 2016 be approved and signed as a correct record by the Town Mayor.

Proposed: Councillor Roger West

Seconded: Councillor John Collier

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

1570. TOWN MAYOR'S AWARDS

The Town Mayor had wanted to show her appreciation to members of the community who have done something particularly noteworthy within his municipal year. The following recipients of the Award were invited to receive a certificate and gift from the Town Mayor.

Mr Vic Seymour for his continued support of the veterans within our community.

SILt (SCC) Adam Smith for his hard work and dedication to the continued success of the Folkestone & Hythe Sea Cadets & Royal Marine Detachment.

Mr John Barber for his continued work during 2018/19 in bringing free events to the Town and for the support provided to the Gurkha Memorial Fund.

Mr Craig Ward for his hard work and dedication to the continued success of the 11th Folkestone Scout Group.

Mrs Rosemary Braid for her hard work and dedication towards the John Bowley Almshouses Charity, the Municipal Charity and the Town Mayor's Christmas Fund Committee.

Mr Eamonn Rooney for his hard work and relentless dedication in supporting projects in Folkestone to preserve the heritage of our Town.

RESOLVED: To adjourn the meeting whilst a photograph is taken of the Town Mayor's Awards recipients.

Proposed: Councillor Roger West
Seconded: Councillor Jacqui Meade
Voting: F:13, Ag:0, Ab:0

The meeting reconvened at 7.40 p.m.

1571. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

A public question had been received from Mr Mouland.

Mr Mouland read out his question:

"Who paid for the ten replacement trees, opposite side of Langhorne Gardens, Clifton Gardens? Was it Folkestone Town or Folkestone and Hythe District Council?"

The Town Clerk responded that as per the letter sent to Mr Mouland, these trees were paid for by the Clifton Hotel and thanked Mr Mouland for his question.

1572. MAYORS COMMUNICATIONS AND ACCOUNCEMENTS

Having attended many engagements since the last meeting, the Town Mayor reported on the following:

- Dedication of the Royal British Legion Bench at All Souls Church
- Walter Tull Symposium
- Holocaust Memorial Day
- Charity Dinner to raise money for cancer treatment for a local girl, Maya

- Veterans Breakfast Club
- Parliamentary Outreach Workshop
- Finding Eanswythe Exhibition at the Library
- HMS Kent, Dover
- Two educational visits to the Town Hall, St Marys Primary and Holy Trinity Scouts Group
- International Womens Day
- Commonwealth Flag Raising
- Lord Lieutenants Civic Service

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

1573. 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 12th December 2018, 9th and 24th January 2019.

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Planning Committee's meetings of 12th December 2018, 9th and 24th January 2019 be received and adopted.

Proposed: Councillor Richard Theobald
 Seconded: Councillor Jacqui Meade
 Voting: F:13, Ag:0, Ab: 0

1574. 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 meeting of 13th December 2018.

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Finance and General Purposes Committee meeting of 13th December 2018 be received and adopted.

Proposed: Councillor David Monk
 Seconded: Councillor Neil Jones
 Voting: F:13, Ag:0, Ab: 0

1575. 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 20th November 2018.

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Community Services Committee meeting of 20th November 2018 be received and adopted.

Proposed: Councillor Roger West
 Seconded: Councillor Pat West
 Voting: F:13, Ag:0, Ab: 0

1576. TREASURY MANAGEMENT REPORT

RESOLVED: To receive Report C/19/245 and to adopt the Investment Policy for the financial year 2019/20.

Proposed: Councillor David Monk

Seconded: Councillor Peter Gane

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

1577. NOTICE OF MOTION

There was a short discussion around the benefits of having CCTV installed around shopping areas, it benefits residents as well as businesses and acts as a deterrent. Councillor Lawes felt that it was a burden on residents of Folkestone who receive no benefit from CCTV.

RESOLVED: To ask the Town Clerk to investigate the costs involved in extending CCTV coverage to include Cheriton High Street due to the increase in anti-social behaviour and break ins to shops etc.

Proposed: Councillor Peter Gane

Seconded: Councillor Pat West

Voting: F: 12, Ag: 1, Ab: 0

EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

The press and public are to be excluded for the remainder of the meeting under Section 1, sub-section 2, of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 as publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business.

Proposed: Councillor Ann Berry

Seconded: Councillor Richard Wallace

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

1578. CITIZENSHIP AWARDS

Councillor Ann Berry reiterated the importance of confidentiality in relation to all Council matters but especially Awards such as these where confidential information is discussed.

RESOLVED: To award the nominee a "For Merit" badge for services to the heritage of the Town.

Proposed: Councillor Roger West

Seconded: Councillor Jacqui Meade

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

1579. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETINGS

Annual Statutory Meeting of the Council . Tuesday, 14th May 2019

Annual Town Assembly . Tuesday, 21st May 2019

The meeting ended at 8.05pm

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