

# **Minutes**

## **Folkestone Parks and Pleasure Grounds Charity**

Held at: Council Chamber, Civic Centre

Date Wednesday, 26 July 2023

Present Councillors Mike Blakemore, Polly Blakemore,

Gary Fuller, \*Rich Holgate, Jim Martin, Tim Prater,

Rebecca Shoob and Jeremy Speakman

Apologies for Absence None.

Officers Present: Andy Blaszkowicz (Director of Housing and Operations),

Lydia Morrison (Interim S151 Officer), Susan Priest (Chief Executive) and Jemma West (Democratic Services Senior

Specialist)

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#### 1. Declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interest at the meeting.

#### 2. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 20 April 2023 were agreed as a true record.

#### 3. Folkestone Parks and Pleasure Grounds - Update Report

The report provided the Board with an update in relation to all those decisions taken by the Director of Housing & Operations, since January 2023, under his delegated authority to deal with charity assets. This report also covers other matters relating to charity land and proposes that Samuel Aligbe, Chief Officer – Corporate Estate and Development, is given the delegated authority to deal with charity assets.

Proposed by Councillor Prater, Seconded by Councillor J Martin; and

#### **RESOLVED:**

- 1. That report number FPPG/23/01 be received and noted.
- 2. That Samuel Aligbe, Chief Officer Corporate Estate and Development, be given delegated authority to make decisions

- regarding charity assets on behalf of the charity. This will commence from 1 August 2023.
- 3. That the proposed new level of £30,000pa at which the officer with delegated authority to make decisions regarding charity assets, which are not politically sensitive, can operate.
- 4. That a Licence to Alter is granted to the tenant of the East Cliff Pavilion to consent to the alterations.

(Voting figures: 8 for, 0 against, 0 abstentions).

#### 4. East Cliff Consultation Findings Update

The report provided an update on, and summary of the findings of the East Cliff Consultation report prepared by Lake Market Research following a public consultation carried out by the council between 5 July and 31 August 2022. The report considers possible next steps and the implications to the existing assets within the site boundary.

Proposed by Councillor Prater, Seconded by Councillor M Blakemore; and

#### **RESOLVED:**

- 1. That report FPPG/23/02 be received and noted.
- 2. That the summary findings of the recent consultation be noted, and it be agreed that no further work be progressed to deliver those proposals.
- 3. To note the ongoing maintenance costs and obligations on the Charity as set out in section 7 of the report.
- 4. That officers continue to explore all available funding sources to support any future project and maintenance of the existing facilities.
- 5. That any future improvement works will be subject to a further public consultation and a report to the Charity.

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