

**Folkestone Pride**  
**Inaugural Annual General Meeting**  
**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2019**

Attending:

Bean, Liz Smith, Joy Pascoe, Ria Lacey, Ian Glasson, Helen Davison, Dan Burt, Didier Rochard, Dan Laws, Sheree Bell. Special guest - Jackie Meade.

Apologies:

**1. Welcome**

Bean welcomed everyone to the meeting. They explained that Folkestone Pride is transitioning to a new configuration, an Unincorporated Association. This means there is a formal Management Committee and a Constitution. Bean explained they were putting themselves forward as Chairperson and invited everyone to introduce themselves and explain their proposed involvement:

Liz Smith – Treasurer

Sheree Bell – Secretary & Strategic lead on Fundraising

Didier Rochard – Strategic lead on Events

Dan Burt - Co lead for Events

Ian Glasson – Strategic Lead for Public Relations & Marketing

Helen Davison – Co Lead for Community Engagement

Ria Lacey – Health & Safety Advisor

Dan Laws – General help & support

Joy Pascoe – General help & support

## **2. Guest Speaker**

Bean introduced Folkestone's Mayor, Jackie Meade. Jackie said that she is very supportive of Folkestone Pride and that Cllr Abena Akuffo-Kelly also would like to help. She also said the Town Hall is firmly behind the event and that the Town Clerk can help with any advice and admin support.

Jackie explained about various levels of funding that is available at Town and District level and suggested that Folkestone Pride make applications. She pledged £300 and advised filling in an application for a ward grant. Jackie asked to be copied into any correspondence with Folkestone & Hythe District Council.

Programming and organising large scale projects is Jackie's paid employment and she is also happy to offer advice in that area. She suggested links be made to South Eastern Railways who may be interested in sponsorship. Jackie's Mayorship ends in May 2020.

## **3. Constitution and Management Committee**

Bean explained more about the role of the Management Committee and the officer roles. The new structure will help to keep things organised and accountable. Bean invited everyone to look at the proposed Constitution and officers.

#### 4. Treasurer's Report

Liz Smith presented the accounts for Folkestone Pride 2019:

Folkestone Pride Account 2019			
17.6.19 – 26.9.19	ITEM	INCOME	EXPENDITURE
	T shirts	900.00	
	Laces	21.00	
	Cocktails	65.00	
	Cake	55.00	
	Auction	266.00	
	Buckets	523.44	
	Dance with Pride	893.70	
	Miscellaneous	36.00	
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2760.14</b>	
	T shirts		1215
	Wix costs		201.48
	Collection buckets		33.00

	Pride festival decorations		453.06
	Hire Performance Space		200.00
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2102.54</b>	
	<b>BALANCE</b>		<b>657.60 (+ 1.42)</b>

A bank account will be set up, possibly at Santander. There is £623.02 cash to be banked - monies held over from this year's event. Didier said he had picked up a £100 cheque from Eleto Café.

**5. Fund-raising**

Sheree presented the Fundraising Strategy and had registration forms ready so that volunteers can sign up to help with fundraising. Money would be raised through a variety of fundraising streams e.g. events, funding applications, collections, selling, sponsorship, auctions and donations. There is room for a lot of people to be involved with this and a sub-committee will be formed. Ideally it would be good to have a volunteer co-ordinator.

**6. Events**

Didier presented the Events Strategy and draft programme proposal. The proposal consists of a wide variety of events, some social, cultural, educational and community building. He said there needs to be a process in place whereby people ask approval to run a Pride event and it has to be agreed and endorsed. This way, Pride keep an overview about the quality of events run in its name. It was suggested that we extend the reach of the festival to Folkestone and surrounding areas. February is LGBT History month and it will be good to organise some educational events

then. Some coach trips can be organised. Sheree knows of a firm that might help with this. Liz suggested the Lower Leas amphitheatre be used as a venue. She also asked that events be spread throughout the town and not just in the Creative Quarter. She also recommended bringing on board Hoteliers and Guest House owners. Dan L suggested using the SAGA grounds and perhaps having a summer fete, Pink Picnic and other outdoor events – parking is good there.

There was a discussion about the Pride day itself – the original date was not available but 25<sup>th</sup> July would be instead. Bean will liaise with Leas Cliff Hall and settle the date.

## **7. Election**

The Management Committee and Constitution were both voted in unanimously. The Management Committee consists of the following members:

### Executive Officers

Bean – Chairperson

Liz Smith – Treasurer

Sheree Bell – Secretary & Strategic lead on Fundraising

### Non-Executive Officers

Didier Rochard – Strategic lead on Events

Dan Burt - Co lead for Events

Ian Glasson – Strategic Lead for Public Relations & Marketing

Helen Davison – Co Strategic Lead for Community Engagement

Ashley McNaughton - Co Strategic Lead for Community Engagement

## **8. Any Other Business**

- This year the event went under Bean's Public Liability Insurance. It was agreed that we need to get PLI for Folkestone Pride as an entity in its own right.
- Ria will create a form for event holders to fill in and she will do her own Risk Assessments in her Health & Safety supporting role.
- Didier will find out the lead-in time for the Town Hall to fly a Rainbow flag.
- Bean will lead a recruitment drive for volunteers. An advertisement will run for a Volunteer Coordinator.
- Dan Laws offered to help with dance and costumes.
- An admin support person is needed to help the Executive Officers in their roles.
- Joy said thank you to everyone for getting things organised.