



Official Folkestone Pride meeting

Date: Monday 1st October 2018 (18:30)

Location: The Chambers Coffee Shop

Attendance: Chani Sanger (Chair), Mike Nikolaou, Dan Brook, Jordan*, Lynsey Ilett, Charlotte Bean, Carole Bird, Jo Harfleet, Doug Quinney, Beth*, Ryan Luckman

Apologies: Emily Arnold, Alia Sanger, George Collins, Liam Solomon, Cath Mison, Ben Sebastian

CS discussed issues relating to the problems faced in organising Folkestone Pride 2018.

- Lack of help - need more active helpers who will stick to deadlines and use their own initiative to get things done
- Fundraising - need a core team dedicated to fundraising as that was one of the main pitfalls in organising the 2018 event
- Need people who can commit some time to helping - even if that is just filling in a small portion of a form - it all adds up
- Need a group that is consistent

CS invites extra questions thought of post-meeting to be asked via the Folkestone Pride social medias or email address.

DB - can assist with licence applications. As a local Councillor he will help act as a representative of the Council and their willingness to help.

LI - Suggests job outlines/role descriptions for people who want to be involved in organising Folkestone Pride 2019.

CS - agrees with LI and also suggests that every fundraiser is finalised a month in advance, with an event plan written up - this will work well with the proposed calendar of events, i.e Month of pride as discussed at previous meetings.

JH/DQ enquire as to date of Pride so we can get the ball rolling ASAP - CS gave 20th July 2019 as provisional date, subject to hearing back from the Council regarding other event applications.

JH need to know date ASAP as Fire and Rescue are happy to support but get booked up quickly.

CB - suggested reaching out to other towns such as Dover and pulling support in from there and getting marketing out ASAP.

CS/DB updated that the Council would like the event fully organised months before the event with an open line of communication throughout - DB to act as line of contact.

CS - Need to get fundraising ASAP so that we have money for applications etc

CS finances update:

- Approx £5,200 in
- Approx £5,400 out

CS paid for things out of pocket where enough funds were not raised for Folkestone Pride 2018.

CS asked the group if Monday evenings continue to be the best day for the group to convene - group agreed that emailing about this would be more beneficial - CS to follow up

LI - change structure of the meetings? Need to be structured so that we can have a productive meeting instead of unnecessary talking.

CS - agrees. Would like to structure Folkestone Pride meetings like Council meetings where public gallery can ask questions in any other business but don't hold up the main core of the meeting.

DQ - suggested a closed FB group for organisers of Folkestone Pride to work together - Group agreed - CS to set up

CS asked the group to think of fundraising ideas to discuss at the next meeting

CB - can help out more this year, i.e fundraising, filling in forms, marketing - can mock up a programme

JH - suggests paid advertising in the Folkestone Pride programme as a source of fundraising - CS agreed - need more hands on deck to get things done

CS - group have applied for charity status so that we can proceed with vision laid out in previous years

CB - Alternative group led by BS have also applied for charity status.

CB - asks why Folkestone Pride meeting was called to occur at the same date and time as the alternative group.

DB - questions CB regarding the other meeting - confused as to why the other group didn't attend the official Folkestone Pride meeting if they want to be a part of pride.

CB and CS discuss the issues surrounding the two groups. CS states that if any other person would like to chair Folkestone Pride they would need to follow the procedure and come to the AGM in late Jan/early Feb.

DB/CB/JH/DQ and RL all state and agree that the issues of the two groups seem personal and that they should be dealt with outside of the meeting. Group agrees to move forward with organising Folkestone Pride 2019.

CS asks for any other business - none

CS will upload the minutes of each meeting on to the Folkestone Pride website and make Facebook events for future meetings which will include the agenda for said meeting.

Meeting closed: CS will email attendees about the next meeting to confirm best date/time/venue.

*Only listed first name as attendee is under 18.