



## Folkestone Nepalese Community (FNC) UK

2<sup>nd</sup> Quarterly Meeting, Sunday, 03 Sep 2023, 4:00pm - 7:00pm at the Folkestone Nepalese community Centre (FNCC), Baker Road, CT19 4NN.

06 September 2023.

### Minutes:

**Presence:** Jhapindra Thapa (Chair), Bikram Rai (Trustee), Capt (Retd) Ram Pun (Trustee), Chandra Gurung (Trustee), Nabin Siwa (Trustee) & Gyam Gurung (Trustee)

Sumanchandra Rai (Vice Chair), Indira Rai (Cultural Secretary), Sushma Thapa (A. Cultural secretary), Capt (Retd) Bishnu Singh (S. Citizen Coordinator) & Maha Rai (General Secretary)

Tika Singh Thakuri (Advisor)

Major (Retd) Deb Bahadur Pun, Chandra Shashi, Rancheen Sherpa (Via Zoom) & Rohit Limbu (youth)

**Apology:** Mamta Gurung (Vice Chair), Chitra Tamang (Trustee), Man Rai (Property Secretary) & Kueihang Limbu (Youth Coordinator)

1. **Everyone agreed on the minutes from the Meeting held on 24 June 2023: minutes link** <https://fncuk.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/07/Minutes-25-June-2023-1.pdf>

Also, on the meeting the reflection was done on the following points:

- a. Increase number of new FNC members
- b. Update of paid and unpaid membership
- c. FNC Banner - Trustee Capt (Retd) Ram Pun provided the approved design - General Secretary, Maha Rai to measure and design in Photoshop for the image resolution
- d. FNC & FNCC Charitable Commission Annual Accounts Report for 2022-2023. General Secretary & Treasurer has submitted the Accountant under the Supervision of Trustee Capt (Retd) Ram Pun (cc to Chairman, Jhapindra Thapa) in July. Accounts will report to the Charity Commission probably by the end of September and will be available in public domain.

*Meeting consensually agreed to provide the hard copies of members list and meeting minutes at the Folkestone Nepalese Community Centre which was suggested by the Trustee Capt (Retd) Ram Pun.*

2. **Financial update by Treasure and General Secretary, and the change detail of the name of the bank:**

- a. The meeting consensually agreed to change the name of the bank account **from The Folkestone Gurkha/Nepalese to Folkestone Nepalese Community (FNC)** to be consistent while reporting to the Charity Commission Annual Account Report as suggested in above 1(d).
- b. The meeting assigned General Secretary, Maha Rai, and Treasurer, Bikram Rai, to proceed with the Bank for the change of the name of the business as mentioned above 2(a).
- c. Treasurer, Bikram Rai, Reported the main account with unrestricted balance of £29,426.96 (see attached financial statement -1, which was available to members only at the meeting).



d. General Secretary, Maha Rai, who is also Project & Centre Manager reported the balance of community centre's account of £74,541.24 which consist of restricted fund of £57,162.62.

3. General Secretary updated the Folkestone Nepalese Community Centre (FNCC) Project and Event exception of Daily Activities for the September's Events and for the past and future events General Secretary requested everyone to check the FNC website for general updates and information. Also, General Secretary will now and again provide the information via emails and community's official Viber groups.

So far, the updated activity for September 2023 is:

- 05 & 26 September Health MOT, COVID Vaccine
- 07 September - Cllr Jane Darling – Special Needs Education
- 18 & 27 September ESOL & Multiply Classes
- Volunteering Skill One Day Induction – 27 September
- 20 September Filming of Farming BriteSpark Films (Channel 5)

4. General Secretary proposed the FNC Membership and FNCC Awareness Open Day to reach out all the members in the community. The objective is to make FNC members more aware of the Centre's facilities and activities. The likely date is 1<sup>st</sup> Oct 2023 from 1pm-3pm but to be confirmed and suitable date will be followed either in October or November 2023.

5. **One of the main agenda of the meeting was for the 15 Oct 2023, Dashain Get-Together Celebration full coordination meeting and meeting consensually agreed on:**

I. Coordinator Lead - Vice Chairman Capt (Retd) Sumanchandra Rai

- II. Chief Guest - Lord/Deputy Lieutenant, Invitation will be performed by Trustee Capt (Retd) Ram Pun
- Special Guest - Hari Budha Magar, by Trustee Capt (Retd) Ram Pun
  - Other Main Guests: FNC & FNCC Stakeholders /Supporters: Chairman and General Secretary, consultation with ECMs, Trustees, Advisors & Senior Citizens
  - Paying Guests - everyone

III. Tickets Prices:

- Adult: £20.00
- Child (6-12): £15.00
- Senior Citizen: £18.00

IV. Event Schedule:

- Starter: 16:00 hrs - 18:00 hrs
- Main Meal: 17:00 hrs - 19:00 hrs
- Formal & Entertainment: 19:30 hrs - 23:30 hrs

*The Event Plan will be disseminated to all the members by the coordinator at nearer to the date.*

6. **Matters from the FNC Senior Citizens** – Major (Retd) Deb Pun reported the meeting that the FNC Senior Citizens are so far contained with the community and the community centre's facilities and support. Also, Senior Citizen enjoyed the outing program held on 27 August 2023, visit to the Aldershot and Kempton Park cultural trip – Nepali Mela and Memorial Status of the VC Kulbir Thapa.



One point was for the next time the coach booked should have toilet facility for the long tour.

7. The meeting and the board of Trustees has tasked the General Secretary to draft the Hire Agreement for hiring the equipment from the FNCC by the FNC members so there is consistency. Also, the hirer equipment are only outdoors chairs, tables, and tents.
8. **AOB:**
  - a. The FNC Charity Dinner Night has been postponed and will be rearrange in February 2024 to coincide with the Valantine Theme.
  - b. Chairman put forward his views on the protocol of the community, which meeting consensually agreed to at least inform all members a week ahead for any social entertainment event at the Centre. Also, General Secretary, to kindly inform the members regarding the community procedures of addressing the personnel.
9. **Chairman Final Remarks:** Chairman, Jhapindra Thapa closed the meeting by thanking all the attending members, executive committee members and specially the board of Trustees and Advisors for their support and helping the committee & meeting to have a consensus decision on every agenda.

Chairman also highlighted that we all should coordinate and work together within from every level/group of FNC members; senior citizens, adults, and youths to achieve our aims of the FNC as a charitable organisation that is designed to serve us and wider community within Folkestone, Kent.

Finally, Chairman requested every member of the FNC to be updated and take in part as much as they could with the activities, events, projects and **vocational courses** that is designed for the FNC members which will be regularly and explicitly updated by the General Secretary and the FNCC Staff in the FNC website: <https://fncuk.org/>.

Also, Chairman requested and encouraged all the members, their families, and friends to attend upcoming FNC Annual Celebration Event: Dashain Get-Together Party on 15 October 2023 at the Leas Cliff Hall.

**Sincerely**

Maha Rai  
**General Secretary.**

Bikram Rai  
**Treasurer.**

Jhapindra Thapa  
**Chairman.**