

Folkestone Music Town Meeting Notes from 18/11/22 at Eleto

Thanks to everyone who stood up and presented to the group!

Flo / Tim - Beats By Girlz

- They run drop in sessions every Saturday at The Glass Works.
- See the flyer for their next event “Last Fridays” at Happy Skate on November 25th.

Colin Chambers – Folkearound

- Colin ran a similar event for 9 years in London.
- It’s like a campfire singalong but indoors (and not always with a fire 😊)....even though there is one at Home Taproom.
- Meets the first Thursday of each month at 8PM at the Home Taproom.
- Looking for Logo ideas for Folkearound – *can anyone help?*

Alex - Dance For Love

- Seeking to create a London type experience on the Coast.
- Looking for a multi-use / interchangeable venue.
- Alex wants to add something positive to Folkestone Music Town.

Geraldine – Riot Gull

- Focusing on live music female led events - pop / pop punk.
- Championing women and gender minorities in music, on and behind the stage.
- Developing the local music community by empowering them with knowledge through educational events and resources.
- Bringing bands in from outside and hoping to include local acts too (connecting seaside music communities).
- Hope you enjoyed November 18th at The Chambers – next Riot Gull event will be in 2 months’ time.
- *Looking for support with promotion and marketing as well as running events, setting up as a CIC and help with podcast production.*

Chris Smith - The Chambers

- Times are hard, utility costs have gone through the roof.
- Trying to do as much as possible to bring in different types of acts and to keep the doors open.

Sophia Stutchbury – Seaview Studio and FMT (and Adam Jeanes)

- Proposal to run a town wide festival – “Music in May” (April 28th to May 29th 2023).
- A celebration of music, highlighting the diversity of musical talent across FMT.
- *Venues are invited to offer musical events and live performances all month.* Book ended by launch events and closing parties.
- We want to attract people from outside Folkestone to experience our breadth of musical talent.
- A central programme of events to avoid clashes of venue or genre.
- Publicised via website / social media / local radio / local press / physical print (posters etc).
- Aim to get the event organised with local funding, then seek additional funding from The Arts Council to make it even bigger / better. For example, artist fees, increased marketing / production, audience surveys to capture geographic / demographic info, strengthen FMT network. *Other ideas most welcome!!!*

Next meet up will be 13th December at 20th Century Speedway.

See you there 😊.