

AT A MEETING OF FAVERSHAM TOWN COUNCIL held at The Guildhall, Faversham, on Monday 8 January 2018

Present: The Mayor, Cllr S Campbell, and Cllrs T Abram, B Mulhern, E J Wilcox, A J Walker, D Simmons, N Kay, M Cosgrove, G Wade, B Martin, P Flower

In attendance: Louise Bareham, Town Clerk

Questions from Members of the public are recorded as an annex to the minutes.

358. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllrs Belsom and Green due to illness and Cllr Hook away. It was proposed by the Mayor, Cllr S Campbell, and, on being put to the meeting, it was:

RESOLVED to accept apologies from Cllrs Belsom, Green and Hook

359. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

360. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting of Faversham Town Council held on 11 December 2017 were approved by Members and signed by the Mayor as a correct record.

361. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor's announcements were noted.

362. WW1 WORKING GROUP MINUTES 7 December 2017

No further comments were made on the minutes. It was proposed by Cllr Mulhern, seconded by Cllr Abram and on being put to the meeting it was ***RESOLVED to accept the minutes of the WW1 Working Group***

363. POLICY AND FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES 13 December 2017

It was proposed by Cllr Wade, seconded by Cllr Wilcox and on being put to the meeting it was ***RESOLVED to adopt the five year Strategic Plan***

It was proposed by Cllr Wade, seconded by Cllr Walker and on being put to the meeting it was ***RESOLVED to agree expenditure up to £2,000 for legal fees in relation to Faversham Umbrella***

364. HERITAGE COMMITTEE MINUTES 18 December 2017

Cllr Kay highlighted the changes to the HLF funding, due to the reduction in lottery ticket sales. He reported that SBC were in regular contact with the HLF liaison officer and we were currently awaiting feedback, whilst pressing on with the application. The Expression of Interest had been completed.

It was proposed by Cllr Kay, seconded by Cllr Simmons and on being put to the meeting it was ***RESOLVED to accept the gift from Tassells of the 1550 Faversham map, which the Town Council will have restored.***

365. WEST FAVERSHAM COMMUNITY CENTRE

WFCA had requested the Town Council provide an interim representative. It was noted that Cllr Hook had put his name forward. However, Cllr Simmons suggested that it would be better not to appoint anyone for the time being. It was proposed by Cllr Simmons, seconded by Cllr Wilcox and on being put to the meeting it was ***RESOLVED to retain the Town Council's right to appoint a representative, but not to appoint at the present time.***

366. REPORTS ON OUTSIDE BODIES

Cllr Mulhern recommended that reports were received in writing and not verbally. Cllr Simmons agreed with the proposal that Members should provide written reports to the Council. Cllr Wade had drafted a template, which would form part of a policy to be discussed at the next Policy & Finance Committee. Careful consideration was given to the idea of the role of a Town Council representative, Cllr Cosgrove noted that transparency was vital, but care should be taken over reports. Cllr Wilcox thought that reports should be formally accepted by the trusts, and signed by the chairman, before being presented to the Town Council. Cllr Kay suggested that a process was put in place to ensure the council received Annual Reports. Cllr Wade said further discussion would take place at the Policy & Finance committee. It was proposed by Cllr Mulhern, seconded by Cllr Simmons and on being put to the meeting it was: ***RESOLVED to accept the reports provided by Cllr Flower on The Transport***

Weekend, The Nautical Festival, Town Twinning Association and Faversham Sea Cadets

367. EARLY PARTIAL REVIEW OF KENT MINERALS AND WASTE LOCAL PLAN – CONSULTATION

Concerns were raised that East Kent Recycling proposals were not included in the consultation. This consultation was looking at mineral sites only, of which none appeared to be in Swale. Members asked for an executive summary of the consultation to be provided.

368. KENT TREE AND POND WARDEN SCHEMES

It was proposed by Cllr Simmons, seconded by Cllr Wade and on being put to the meeting it was ***RESOLVED to make payment of £25 each to the Kent Tree Warden and Pond Warden schemes***

369. CHARITY TRUSTEE TRAINING

It was suggested that the Town Council could provide a training event for potential trustees for voluntary organisations within the town. However, it was agreed that the main problem was acquiring trustees in the first instance. The Mayor, Cllr Campbell, suggested that Swale CVS main be able to assist.

370. RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

It was proposed by the Mayor, Cllr Campbell and on being put to the meeting it was ***RESOLVED to agree the payments***

Private Session. It was Resolved that under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the public and representatives of the press and broadcast media be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of the following items of business as publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest because of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted

371. UMBRELLA CENTRE

An update was provided to Members on progress to save the Umbrella Centre. It was agreed that the Town Clerk could act as secretary to the Faversham Voluntary Network, which is the group taking the new business plan forward.

ANNEX

PUBLIC QUESTIONS

No questions received