

**MEETING OF THE POLICY AND FINANCE COMMITTEE** held at The Guildhall, Faversham, on Wednesday 18 April 2018

**Present:** Cllrs Wade, Walker, Cosgrove, Kay, Belsom, Abram, the Mayor  
Cllr Campbell

In attendance

Louise Bareham, FTC Town Clerk – Secretary

**82. Apologies for absence**

Cllr Walker

**83. Declarations of Interest**

No declarations of interest were received.

**84. Minutes of the Previous Meeting and Matters Arising**

The previous minutes were approved.

**85. Grants**

Mr Maloney, resident of Faversham, attended and was allowed to speak by the Chair in support of the grant application by Countrywide Productions. The funding was required for a series of short nature films aimed for 5 to 8½ year olds. Whilst the Members agreed this was a good project, it was not felt that other funding sources would be more suitable. As it was a Kent wide project, recommended that he sought funding elsewhere first, such as Sandwich Town Council, KCC Education and PTAs. However, Members were happy to **RECOMMENDATION: The Town Council pledges a seed contribution for Faversham, subject to other funding being sourced.**

It was felt that the Hop Festival should be self-funding after 30 years and that the pubs should be contributing more. Due to the significantly oversubscribed applications it was not recommended for a grant.

Harmony Trust were not recommended for a grant, as Members felt greater clarity was needed as to how many people were supported in Faversham.

The Hand of Doom application was not recommended for a grant, due to the number of applications it was felt it did not meet the criteria as much as others.

It was agreed to recommend continued support to the Faversham Community Christmas Lights, Faversham Carnival, Nautical Festival and Citizens Advice Swale.

**RECOMMENDATION: For the Town Council to approve the following grant applications considered by the Committee**

Arden Theatre	New lighting and shelving	£500
Citizens Advice Swale	Faversham office	£5,000
FACE	Rental of office space	£2,500
Faversham Carnival	Annual carnival	£3,000
Faversham Christmas Lights	Contribution towards total cost	£5,000
Faversham Nautical Festival	General support	£2,000
Faversham Swimming Club	Replacement lane ropes	£615
Personal Service Group	Transport costs and hardship cases	£200
Swale Youth Development Fund	Funding to assist the young people of Faversham	£750

Private Session. To Resolve 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.

#### **86. Honorary Freeman**

**RECOMMENDATION: Two names were decided for agreement by the Town Council**