

MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE held at The Guildhall, Faversham, on Wednesday 10 January 2018

Present: Cllrs C Belsom, A Walker, N Kay, P Flower, T Wilcox

In attendance

Louise Bareham, Town Clerk

53. Apologies for absence

None

54. Declarations of Interest

None

55. Minutes of the Previous Meeting and Matters Arising

The minutes of the meeting on 22 November 2017 were agreed.

56. Youth Council

An initial meeting has been arranged for 27 January to form a Steering Group. This has been arranged by the work experience student. It was agreed to send an official invite to Abbey School and QEGS.

57. Newsletter

The following subjects were agreed for the next newsletter:

- Faversham & District Forum – TW
- WW1 Working Group – AW
- Talk Programme – HT
- Annual Town Meeting – CB
- 12 Market Place (including date for moving) – NK
- Swing Bridge – Steering Group
- Events page including Litter Pick 3/3, Proms in the Market Place, Transport Weekend, Hat Festival - LB
- Request for Speedwatch volunteers - LB
- St Nicholas Allotment: proposed meeting - CB

58. Umbrella Centre

A group has now been formed called Faversham Voluntary Network, who are due to meet representatives of Faversham Umbrella in early February to present a business plan.

59. Faversham.org

TW noted that the Events page of faversham.org had received over 42,000 hits in the first 10 days of 2018. TW wanted to proceed with the upgrading of faversham.org as soon as possible, in particular to start charging businesses for advertising.

It was agreed by Members that the previously proposed additional member of staff could be responsible for advertising sales and marketing of the website and newsletter. PF thought their salary should be profit based, however that was not the general view.

It was concluded that a recommendation should be made at the Annual Finance Meeting to include the salary of a Business Officer for 3 days a week in the budget with immediate effect.

Action: LB to present figures at the Annual Finance Meeting of 15 January 2018

60. St Nicholas Allotments

CB confirmed that we had been successful in obtaining £1,000 grant from Tesco Bags of Help, which needed to be spent within 12 months. S106 is due from the developments, Bovis, and it was agreed to ask SBC if we could borrow against the future funds. It was also agreed to set up an allotment association to access additional funding and arrange a meeting in April for those interested in having an allotment. NK suggested that prisoners may be able to assist with the work.

Action: LB to arrange venue, CB to write article for newsletter

61. Events

Future events include

- Parish Council Coffee Morning on 10 February
- A litter pick on 3 March from the Guildhall
- Council Surgery 10 March
- Transport Weekend
- Hat Festival

62. Any Other Business

None

**Date of the Next Meeting:
Wednesday 11 April 2018, 5pm**