

MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE held at The Guildhall, Faversham, on Wednesday 11 April 2018

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

In attendance

Louise Bareham, Town Clerk

63. Apologies for absence

Cllr Wilcox

64. Declarations of Interest

None

65. Minutes of the Previous Meeting and Matters Arising

The minutes of the meeting on 10 January 2018 were agreed. No matters arising

66. Youth Council

A fun day had taken place the previous week. No update was available as it was school holidays and the work experience student had not been in the office.

67. Annual Report

It was agreed to follow the same format as previous years. The outgoing Mayor should write a report as it will be on her year in office of 2017-18, but it was also decided that the incoming mayor should write a small piece. Reports from chairs of committees had already been requested.

68. Newsletter

This is due for distribution in June. The following articles were agreed:

- Mayor – TA
- Youth Council – short update
- 12 Market Place – project has come in under budget etc NK
- Diary Dates
- Open House/Gardens/Nautical Festival/Food Festival
- Local Plan NK
- 20's Plenty AH
- Speedwatch/Lorry Watch COJ
- Town Caretaker TW
- Umbrella Centre AGM SC

69. Umbrella Centre

The Faversham Umbrella charity has two new trustees and the possibility of the building being sold has now been put on hold. An AGM is due to be held on 28 June. The Faversham Voluntary network are looking to publicise this and find new members.

70. Allotments

It was agreed to request an inspection at all allotments on 19 May. The meeting regarding St Nicks is due on 24 April and a draft agenda was agreed. Current allotment officers will be asked if they are willing to talk on setting up an association. The possibility of a container

RECOMMENDATION: That the Town Council (1) pays for the insurance of St Nicholas Allotment for the first year (2) charges no rent to allotment holders for the first year

71. Events

Members were keen that the Proms in the Market Place on 8th June had a WW1 theme and wondered if the Arden Theatre would be able to assist. Themed songs, dressing up, flag waving etc.

The next Town Council surgery is 9th June

The Hat Festival was very well attended and everyone congratulated Hannah Tilley on the excellent job.

72. NHS Stroke Consultation

It was strongly agreed that the proposals for Faversham were highly inadequate. Concerns were raised regarding transport links to Ashford and it was agreed that Canterbury should not be downgraded. NK will send comment for the Town Clerk to circulate before forwarding on behalf of the Council.

73. Any Other Business

None

Date of the Next Meeting:

Tbc