

AT A MEETING OF FAVERSHAM TOWN COUNCIL held at The Guildhall, Faversham, on Monday 11 March 2019

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

Absent: Cllrs B Mulhern, N Green

In attendance: Louise Bareham, Town Clerk

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

610. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllrs Simmons, Belsom and Hook. It was proposed by the Mayor, Cllr Abram, and, on being put to the meeting, it was ***RESOLVED to accept apologies from Cllrs Simmons, Belsom and Hook***

611. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

612. MINUTES

Cllr Wade noted that Minute Ref 601 was about the issue of vandals and petty crime within the town and not low morale within the police force. It was proposed by Cllr Wade, seconded by Cllr Cosgrove, and on being put to the meeting it was ***RESOLVED to amend the wording to 'general concerns regarding issues of operational policing were discussed'***

It was proposed by the Mayor and on being put to the meeting it was ***RESOLVED to approve the Minutes of the Meetings of Faversham Town Council held 11th February 2019.***

613. MAYORS ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor's Announcements were noted.

614. COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

The date for Proms in the Market Place for 19th July to commemorate the centenary of the Peace Party were agreed.

It was proposed by the Mayor and on being put to the meeting it was ***RESOLVED to accept the minutes of the Community Services Committee***

615. HERITAGE COMMITTEE

Cllr Flower asked for an explanation on GSI mapping. Cllr Wade attended a workshop at Christ Church University with the Heritage Together group. The project will involve layers of historic maps in a chronological sequence laying on top of each other, which will be projected onto the floor or a table. Further interaction will be included, such as gunpowder history showing where 250 families lived at the time and their involvement in the industry.

It was proposed by the Mayor and on being put to the meeting it was ***RESOLVED accept the Minutes of the Heritage Committee***

616. POLICY AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

It was proposed by the Mayor and on being put to the meeting it was ***RESOLVED to accept the proposal from Zurich Insurance for a three year LTA***

Cllr Flower thought there was little point putting the jetty work on hold, however Cllr Wade pointed out that the Town Council had agreed to support the Heritage Harbour at the last meeting and there was an opportunity for the bigger picture to be considered. Cllr Wilcox agreed that the plans needed to be put to the public before any further work was done. It was proposed by the Mayor and on being put to the meeting it was ***RESOLVED to defer further activity on the jetty until the new Civic Year***

Cllr Cosgrove asked that a definition 'for point of order' and 'personal explanation' be included. He also noted that there was no mention of contracts less than £25,000, however the Clerk confirmed this was included in the Financial Regulations. Cllr Martin suggested the Standing Orders were left for the new Council to consider, but the Clerk confirmed that they would have the opportunity to reconsider them in the new Civic Year however the Standing Orders needed to be adopted as there were additions following the GDPR rules.

It was proposed by the Mayor and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED to adopt the new Standing Orders**

The following Quality Council Statements were considered:

- Ensures that the council delivers value for money
- Meets its duties in relation to bio-diversity and crime & disorder
- Provides leadership for the future of the community
- Manages the performance of the council as a corporate body
- Manages the performance of each individual staff member to achieve its business plan

It was proposed by the Mayor and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED to agree the Quality Council Statements**

It was agreed that the Doddington Library would be an asset for the town. It was proposed by the Mayor and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED to proceed with the signing of the agreement**

It was proposed by the Mayor and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED to accept the Minutes of the Policy and Finance Meeting**

617. CIVIC SERVICE

It was agreed for the Annual Civic Service to take place on Sunday 21st July, as part of the WW1 Peace Centenary commemorations.

618. RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

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

ANNEX

Mr Oswald-Jones asked whether 'low morale within the police' was the intent.

Mr Taylor asked if there was any further update on the flooding in Whitstable Road.

Cllr Flower noted that investigations had been authorised and suggested that a special committee to drive forward solutions.

Mr Pain asked whether Cllr Kay had any more to add to the financial statement in the Faversham Eye.

Cllr Kay had nothing to add but thanked Mr Pain for the offer of a donation. He said everyone had the figures and could do an analysis and confirmed that they were considered by the Council 13-1.

The Mayor confirmed the figures were given to the Public Works Loan Board.

Mr Macdonald asked about car charging points.

The Mayor confirmed that Swale Borough Council would be consulting on this shortly.