

MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE held at The Guildhall, Faversham, on Wednesday 13 June 2018

Present: The Mayor Cllr T Abram, Cllrs C Belsom, A Walker, E Wilcox

In attendance

Louise Bareham, Town Clerk

74. Apologies for absence

Cllr Kay

75. Election of a Chair

It was proposed by Cllr Walker, seconded by Cllr Abram and on being put to the meeting it was ***RESOLVED to elect Cllr Belsom as Chair***

76. Declarations of Interest

None

77. Minutes of the Previous Meeting and Matters Arising

The minutes of the meeting on 11 April 2018 were agreed. No matters arising

78. Terms of Reference

Members were content with the existing Terms of Reference.

79. Strategic Plan

It was noted that various Councillors were on housing associations and groups, such as Lammas House, Edward Vinson etc. It was agreed to include a piece in the next newsletter asking management committees to contact the Council to get a Councillor as a contact.

There has been some increase to engagement with schools through the Bunting Project. How success is measured and what does it mean was questioned. Primary schools could be approached to design Christmas cards, the Council could be more involved in school fetes. The Youth Council will have a presence at Optivo Fun Days. Cllr Walker suggested a visit to the Swale Youth Forum, it was noted that this took place during school time and was linked to the schools. It was agreed that it would be a good idea for the new apprentice to attend.

New actions for 2019/20 were agreed –

- Better communications with local authorities around the town in relation to grass cutting; reduction in graffiti.
- Setting up a volunteer database, including a page in the newsletter which would also highlight the Volunteers' Fair on 20th October.
- Supporting the extension of the Sunday Market
- Speedwatch and Lorry Watch

80. Youth Council

It was agreed for the Youth Council to have a presence at the three Optivo Fun Days in Faversham, which included Bensted Grove, Love Lane and the Brents. It is hoped that some community engagement regarding the skate park can be undertaken during the events.

81. Allotments

Cllr Wilcox reported that 9 people attended the St Nicholas Allotment meeting and praised the Town Caretaker for his work with the developers. They have agreed to give access so a container can be placed on the site. It's estimated that the site should make 16 half plots.

The quotation from JBS Tree Services, to remove the pear trees from Stonebridge Allotments that were damaging the listed wall was agreed.

It was agreed to arrange a meeting with North Preston Allotment Association to formalise the agreement.

It was agreed to proceed with the signage for the three allotment sites.

82. South Road/West Street Junction

A Faversham Community Initiative proposal had been put to the Town Council for planting the beds in South Road. The total cost is £1,762 + VAT.

RECOMMENDATION that Faversham Town Council pays 50% of the cost subject to the Faversham Society paying the other 50%

83. Faversham.org

Cllr Wilcox report that the Council's new Business Officer has had a meeting about the new website and that is all proceeding well.

84. Events

Proms in the Market Place was discussed, including concerns for the lack of volunteer marshals. The Mission Brass has already expressed a wish not to be involved next year, however it was generally considered that it was a good event and should go ahead. Other bands were mentioned. Cllr Wilcox suggested that the Business Officer put together a business case for the Proms. The proposed date for next year was 14th June 2019.

The Council Surgery went well and the attendees were very positive. This one had been the best attended so far.

The litter pick at the Rec on 14th July was discussed. Although it was realised that it clashed with a number of other events in the town, including the Nautical Festival, it would help the HLF bid from the community aspect.

85. Any Other Business

It was asked who owned the noticeboard by the Albion and it was agreed that the Town Caretaker would change the lock so the Brents Community Association could use it.

It was also noted that there were two dead trees by the bund and it was asked that the Town Caretaker take a look

Date of the Next Meeting:

Wednesday 8th August at 5pm