

**AT THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING OF FAVERSHAM** held in the Assembly Rooms, Preston Street, Faversham on Tuesday, 28 May 2019

**Present:** The Mayor, Cllr Mrs A Reynolds, Town Councillors and Members of the Public.

The Mayor, Cllr Mrs Reynolds, thanked all the groups for bringing along their stands and praised everyone for their great community spirit.

### **1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were noted.

### **2. MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Faversham Annual Town Meeting held on 22 May 2018 were agreed by the meeting and signed by the Mayor as a correct record.

#### Matters Arising

None

### **3. MAYOR'S PLAN**

The Mayor noted she has been in position for only one week and plans were evolving, both herself and the Town Council were very new. They will be taking each step at a time and plan as they go. The Mayor pointed out how she had been at the gym club (Jubilee Centre) for 39 years where members of the community came to her, now was her opportunity to go out and see the community.

### **4. ENGAGING WITH THE YOUTH**

The Mayor acknowledged that Faversham was rich in organised groups for young people, but there was an element of 11 to 17 years who couldn't or wouldn't get involved. It was agreed that something needed to be done, but young people should be listened to and others act as advocates for them.

### **5. PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

A question was raised regarding a neighbourhood plan as Faversham was vulnerable to development. The Faversham Future Forum was a non-political group and could work with the town and borough council to establish a neighbourhood plan to shape the community.

The Town Council was asked when its accounts would be available to view, the Town Clerk confirmed that they would be made public during June, at the period designated by the External Auditors.

### **6. PAST MAYOR'S CHARITIES**

Past Mayor, Mr Trevor Abram, presented cheques of £1,845 each to the Faversham First Responders and Faversham Sea Cadets. Mr Abram acknowledged that young people needed direction.

### **7. MAYOR'S CHARITIES 2019-2020**

The Mayor confirmed that her charities for the forthcoming year would be Faversham Umbrella and the North Preston Community Hub.

**8. KALC COMMUNITY AWARD: FAVERSHAM HERO**

The Mayor, Cllr Mrs Reynolds, presented the KALC Community Award for 2019 to Mr Kenneth Judges for his work with the Faversham Scouts. Mrs Joan Young and Mr Gary Axford received certificates from the Mayor in recognition of their voluntary work.