

**THE MEETING OF FAVERSHAM TOWN COUNCIL** held at The Guildhall,  
Faversham, on Monday 10 June 2019

**Present:**

The Mayor Cllr A Reynolds	Cllr K Barker	
Deputy Mayor Cllr S Blair	Cllr C Jackson	Cllr J Irwin
Cllr B J Martin	Cllr T Martin	Cllr H Perkin
Cllr J Saunders	Cllr E Thomas	Cllr C Williams

**In attendance:** Louise Bareham, Town Clerk

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

**030. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

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

**031. DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY AND NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS**

None

**032. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING AND MATTERS TO REPORT**

It was agreed that there should be only four members to the Staffing Committee and they are The Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Cllrs Barker and Jackson.

It was agreed to co-opt Cllr B J Martin to the Policy and Finance Committee.

Citizens Advice Swale had requested that the Council only submit one representative. Cllr Barker and Cllr Jackson were nominated and received three votes each. The Mayor, Cllr Reynolds used her casting vote. It was therefore agreed that Cllr Jackson would be the Town Council representative for the Civic Year 2019/20.

It was proposed by Cllr Blair, seconded by Cllr T Martin and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED to approve the Minutes of the Meeting of Faversham Town Council meetings held on 13<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> May 2019.**

#### **034. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Mayor, Cllr Reynolds reported on events attended. She added that she would like to see Faversham Town Council become a dementia friendly council.

#### **035. PUBLIC SPACES COMMITTEE**

It was agreed that Cllr Irwin would review the terms of reference and Cllr Thomas will be the Town Council's representative at the station meetings. At the next meeting the Committee will be reviewing applications from members of the public. The next walkabout will be 18<sup>th</sup> July.

It was proposed by Cllr Perkin, seconded by Cllr Irwin and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED accept the Minutes of the Public Spaces Committee dated 23 May 2019.**

#### **036. POLICY AND FINANCE COMMITTEE**

It was proposed by Cllr Barker, seconded by Cllr T Martin and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED to accept the Minutes of the Policy and Finance Committee dated 29 May 2019.**

#### **037. CLEVE HILL SOLAR PARK**

It was proposed by Cllr B J Martin, seconded by Cllr Saunders and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED to set up the Cleve Hill Task and Finish Group and Cllrs Belsom, Irwin and Perkin to be members.**

#### **038. FLAG FLYING**

The motion that *Faversham Town Council flies the Armed Forces flag on 29th June, Armed Forces Day and flies the Pride flag from Monday 24th to Friday 28th June* was proposed by Cllr T Martin. Cllr Perkin proposed the following amendment *Supports Faversham's LGBTQ+ community unconditionally in the face of rising levels of national homophobia and transphobia, condemning especially the notion that there is a scientific cure.* The amendment was seconded by Cllr Thomas.

It was proposed by Cllr T Martin, seconded by Cllr Jackson and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED that Faversham Town Council**

*flies the Armed Forces flag on 29<sup>th</sup> June, Armed Forces Day and flies the Pride flag from Monday 24<sup>th</sup> to Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June and Supports Faversham's LGBTQ+ community unconditionally in the face of rising levels of national homophobia and transphobia, condemning especially the notion that there is a scientific cure.*

**039. CREEK BRIDGE STEERING GROUP**

It was proposed by Cllr Jackson, seconded by Cllr T Martin and on being put to the meeting it was ***RESOLVED to take on the secretariat for the Creek Bridge Steering Group to show the Council's absolute support and commitment to the Group in achieving a moving bridge for Faversham.***

**040. PEDESTRIAN SAFETY**

It was proposed by Cllr Saunders, seconded by Cllr Blair and on being put to the meeting to it was ***RESOLVED to refer the issue of pedestrian and road users' safety in the area of Curtis Way, Stonebridge Way and Dark Hill to the Swale Joint Transport Board and to ask Kent County Council officers, via our County Councillor, to identify and cost their current preferred solution***

**041. CLIMATE EMERGENCY**

Cllr B J Martin congratulated Cllr Williams on his substantive motion which had key actions committing the Council to a challenge, which they were up for. Cllr Williams confirmed it was clear from other meetings, such as the Faversham Future Forum that bold targets were needed. Cllr Saunders agreed that the Council should be leading by example.

Cllr Perkin proposed the following addition to the actions *environmental decisions by other bodies to be investigated*, seconded by Cllr Blair.

It was proposed by Cllr Williams, seconded by Cllr T Martin and on being put to the meeting it was ***RESOLVED that Faversham Town Council declares an Environmental Climate Change and Biodiversity Emergency***

**042. NEWSLETTER SUMMER 2019**

It was proposed by Cllr Perkin, seconded by Cllr T Martin and on being put to the meeting it was ***RESOLVED to agree the draft Newsletter***

**043. NATIONAL FLOOD AND COASTAL EROSION RISK MANAGEMENT STRATEGY**

The Strategy was noted.

**044. FAVERSHAM ASSISTANCE CENTRE**

It was proposed by the Mayor and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED that Cllr Thomas and Cllr Irwin the Town Council's representatives**

**045. FAVERSHAM SCOUTS**

It was proposed by the Mayor and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED that Cllr Kris Barker be the Town Council's representative**

**046. ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT**

The Annual Governance Statement was approved by Members and signed by the Mayor.

**047. ACCOUNTING STATEMENTS**

The Accounting Statements were approved by Members and signed by the Mayor and Town Clerk.

**048. RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS**

It was proposed by Cllr T Martin, seconded by Cllr Irwin and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED to agree the payments**

## **ANNEX**

A presentation was made by Jude Sach on behalf of the Umbrella Centre, which provided an update since their relaunch in October 2018. Their AGM is Thursday 27 June at 7pm. The Umbrella is the Mayor's Charity for 2019/20.

Jack Gilbey, Community Warden, introduced himself to new members of the Town Council.

Mr Oswald-Jones pointed out the previous decision in the Town Council's minutes of September 2018 to fly the Armed Forces Flag.

Mrs Bray raised concerns that the new target road being laid near Ham Farm was not wide enough for a combine to pass.  
This would be passed to Swale Borough Council.

Mr Macdonald noted that Councillors' telephone numbers were not listed on the website.

Cllrs Jackson and Thomas said they were happy to have their numbers listed.

Mr Macdonald asked why the Council was proposing to fly the Pride flag for four days and not just one. He raised concerns about pedestrians crossing at Curtis Way originally in 2007. He further asked whether Mr Pain had requested to take over the running of the Town Jetty.

It was confirmed that he had not and was merely undertaking a survey.