

THE MEETING OF FAVERSHAM TOWN COUNCIL held at The Guildhall,
Faversham, on Monday 8 July 2019

Present:

The Mayor Cllr A Reynolds	Cllr J Irwin	Cllr H Perkin
Deputy Mayor Cllr S Blair	Cllr D Knights	Cllr J Saunders
Cllr Belsom	Cllr B J Martin	Cllr E Thomas
Cllr A Hook	Cllr T Martin	Cllr C Williams

In attendance: Adrienne Begent, Deputy Town Clerk

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

049. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

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

050. DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY AND NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS

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051. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING AND MATTERS TO

It was proposed by Cllr B J Martin, seconded by Cllr S Blair and on being put to the meeting it was ***RESOLVED to approve the Minutes of the Meeting of Faversham Town Council meetings held on 10th June 2019.***

052. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor, Cllr Reynolds reported on events attended.

053. COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

It was noted that the meeting of the Youth Working Group on 3 July had been postponed and Council asked to be informed when the meeting would take place.

It was proposed by Cllr Irwin, seconded by Cllr T Martin and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED accept the Minutes of the Community Services Committee dated 23 May 2019.**

054. CLIMATE AND BIODIVERSITY COMMITTEE

The motion that Faversham Town signs up to the Covenant of Mayors was proposed by Cllr T Martin, seconded by Cllr B J Martin and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED that Faversham Town Council signs up to the Covenant of Mayors.**

It was proposed by Cllr T Martin seconded by Cllr B J Martin and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED to accept the Minutes of the Climate and Biodiversity Committee dated 29 May 2019.**

055. POLICY AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Council noted the grant recommendations put forward by the Policy and Finance Committee.

The motion that the recommended grant to Faversham Hop Festival (£2,815.16) be instead split between the Carnival Parade, the Christmas Lights and the Nautical Festival was proposed by Cllr Belsom and was seconded by Cllr Hook and on being put to meeting it was **RESOLVED that the Hop Festival Committee would not be awarded a grant and that the Carnival Parade, the Christmas Lights and the Nautical Festival would be awarded an additional amount.**

The motion that the grants recommended for CAB and SATEDA be reduced by £950 each and the funds be awarded to Faversham Women's Rugby and Faversham Rugby Union Club Pirates was proposed by Cllr Belsom and Seconded by Cllr Hook. **The motion was defeated.**

The recommendation that Cllr Baker undertakes a review of the Grant Policy to present to Members in due course was seconded by Cllr Irwin and passed unanimously.

It was proposed by Cllr B J Martin seconded by Cllr J Irwin and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED to accept the Minutes of the Policy and Finance Committee dated 25 June 2019.**

056. 20's PLENTY TASK AND FINISH

The motion that Kent County Council Member Cllr Hook be co-opted to the 20's plenty Task and Finish Group, together with a Town Council

representative from each ward was proposed by Cllr Thomas and seconded by Cllr Blair. and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED that Cllrs Belsom, Blair, Hook, Saunders and Williams be co-opted to the 20's Task and Finish Group.**

The motion that the 20's Plenty Task and Finish Group be called 20's Plenty Committee was proposed by Cllr Saunders and seconded by Cllr Belsom and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED that 20's Plenty Task and Finish Group be renamed Committee.**

The motion that the Draft Terms of Reference for the 20's Plenty Task and Finish Group be adopted was proposed by Cllr Thomas and seconded by Cllr Williams and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED that the Terms of Reference for 20's Plenty Task and Finish Group be adopted for the Committee.**

057. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

The motion that the Town Council discusses the creation of a Neighbourhood Plan alongside side other alternatives with Swale Borough Council was proposed by Cllr Perkin and seconded by Cllr Irwin and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED that the Town Council discuss the creation of a Neighbourhood Plan and other alternatives with Swale Borough Council.**

058. THE KENT NATURE PARTNERSHIP BIODIVERSITY STRATEGY 2019 - 2044

The motion that Kent Nature Partnership Biodiversity Strategy 2019 – 2044 be delegated to the Climate and Biodiversity Committee for comment was proposed by Cllr T Martin and seconded by Cllr Williams and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED that the Kent Nature Partnership strategy 2019 -2014 is considered by the Climate and Biodiversity Committee.**

059. SPECIAL EDUCATION NEEDS AND DISABILTY

It was proposed by the Cllr T Martin and seconded by Cllr H Perkin that the Town Council wished to comment that sufficient recourses should be allocated for special educational needs and disability. Further, provision should be made for wrap around care.

060. CAR PARKING SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING DOCUMENT

It was proposed by Cllr J Saunders and seconded by Cllr T Martin that the Town Council wished to comment Faversham needs regarding car parking are different from other areas in the borough.

It was proposed by Cllr Williams and seconded by Cllr T Martin that the Town Council wished to comment that the car parks in Faversham are outdated and lack investment from Swale Borough Council. Consideration needs to be given to costs and payment methods.

061. EAST KENT COLLEGE – SCHOOL OF VISUAL ARTS DEP

It was proposed by Cllr Knights and seconded by Cllr B J Martin that the School of Visual Arts be allowed to use the three lion motif on the banner for the Hop Festival.

062. RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

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

ANNEX

Mrs S Akhurst commented that the issue of sewage in the creek had been reported in the local newspaper. The council should not forget this issue and problems raised by Abbeyfield residents regarding the sewage works.

Mr D Taylor: asked:

- 1) Sewage works at full capacity. On 18th June there was again flooding in Whitstable Road, which is a continuation of the problems reported on 31st July 2018. What action is the Town Council taking?
- 2) There used to three bins on Shooting Meadow Path (connecting Abbey Place to Gordon Square) but one has been removed resulting in increased littering.
Cllr Hook: Was not aware that a bin had been removed. We will ask Swale to reinstate it. If they do not reinstate I will use my county funds to pay for a third bin.
- 3) The thin strip of grass on Crescent Road is too narrow, the turf is constantly damaged and muddy.
Cllr Hook: I will contact KCC Highways to ask for the path to be widened with the grass removed and for a galvanized barrier to be put up.

Mr B Morrison reminded the Council that the East Kent Recycling application would be discussed at KCC on Wednesday 10th July.

Cllr Saunders confirmed that he would be attending and speaking on behalf of the Town Council.

Cllr Hook stated that regrettably he was unable to attend the meeting but that he would write to all members of the committee at KCC prior meeting outlining his objections.

Mr Macdonald commented that 12 Market Place was still controversial. When will this administration decide on the future of the property?

Cllr B J Martin: The Policy and Finance Committee will be considering 12 Market Place. All options will be considered by the Committee before a decision is reached.

Mr R Ely agreed with Mr Taylor about the grass on Crescent Road. He added that the fence on East Street had been damaged by car and not repaired. Some grass in town is rather long.

Cllr Thomas stated that some grass is the responsibility of KCC and some SBC, which may explain different cutting patterns.

Mr R Ely stated that the curb stones of Forbes Road are damaged and that KCC say they cannot be replaced.

Cllr Thomas asked Mr Ely to send pictures of the damaged curb stones and he will investigate.