

**THE MEETING OF FAVERSHAM TOWN COUNCIL** held at The Guildhall, Faversham, on Monday 9 September 2019

**Present:**

The Mayor Cllr A Reynolds	Cllr K Barker	Cllr H Perkin
Cllr A Hook	Cllr D Knights	Cllr J Saunders
Cllr C Belsom	Cllr B J Martin	Cllr J Irwin
Cllr C Jackson	Cllr T Martin	Cllr C Williams

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

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

**079. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Cllr Blair due to work and Cllr Thomas attending the JTB. It was proposed by the Mayor, Cllr Reynolds, and, on being put to the meeting, it was **RESOLVED to accept apologies from Cllrs Blair and Thomas**

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

Cllr B J Martin	070	DNP
Cllr Saunders	070	DNPI
Cllr Williams	078	DNPI

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

It was proposed by Cllr Belsom, 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 12<sup>th</sup> August 2019.**

**082. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Mayor, Cllr Reynolds reported on events attended. Cllr B J Martin thanked the Mayor for the attending the events over the summer.

**083. COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE**

It had been agreed to change the name of the Transport Weekend to Festival of Transport. Members then agreed a new logo for the event. Cllr Belsom reported that the Town Council had taken over the administration of the North Preston allotment site. Inspections for Stonebridge and Millfield allotments had been arranged for 28 September.

Cllr B J Martin noted that National Dyslexia Week was 7<sup>th</sup> October and asked that contact be made with local schools to consider projects for early diagnosis. It was proposed by Cllr Belsom, seconded by Cllr Irwin and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED to put Dyslexia on the next Community Services agenda**

It was proposed by Cllr Belsom, seconded by Cllr Irwin and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED to agree the Minutes of the Community Services Committee**

**084. CLIMATE AND BIODIVERSITY COMMITTEE**

The Climate Surgery is taking place on 21<sup>st</sup> September to engage with the community, many organisations are being represented. Cllr Williams will draft a response to the low emissions strategy based on the committee's action plan.

Cllr Williams proposed, seconded by Cllr T Martin and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED to adopt the NALC Tree Charter**

Cllr Perkin noted the minutes should read Client Earth and not Planet. It proposed by Cllr Williams and was seconded by Cllr T Martin and on being put to meeting it was **RESOLVED to accept the Minutes of the Climate and Biodiversity Committee**

**085. POLICY AND FINANCE COMMITTEE**

It was proposed by Cllr B J Martin, seconded by Cllr Knights and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED to agree movement of EMR funds**

It was confirmed that the 12 Market Place Working Group would consist of Cllrs Irwin, Barker, Saunders, T Martin and the Equality and Diversity Working Group members are Cllrs Perkin, Thomas and Knights.

Cllr Barker noted the date the Faversham Traders Association was formed was July 2017, the same month the Faversham Business Partnership was dissolved. It proposed by Cllr Thomas and was seconded by Cllr Jackson and on being put to meeting it was **RESOLVED to accept the Minutes of the Policy and Finance Committee**

It was agreed by the Mayor to move the private session item to the end of the meeting.

#### **086. FAVERSHAM RUGBY CLUB**

It was noted that the Rugby Club was concerned about the rent, having maintained the club house at their own cost for 20 years. Cllr Belsom proposed the motion "*Faversham Town Council writes to Swale Borough Council on behalf of Faversham Rugby Club raising concerns regarding the rent and delays to accessing the Club House*". Cllr Saunders proposed an amendment to the motion that "*Faversham Town Council writes to Swale Borough Council to ask them to agree to a fair rent for the club house which reflects the loss of income in delays to access*". The amendment was not moved due to no seconder. Cllr Perkin proposed the amendment that "*The Town Council appreciates the financial effect the delays on the project have had to the club and asks Swale to look into potential ways of compensating the club accordingly*". The amendment was seconded by Cllr T Martin.

Cllr Saunders withdrew his amendment in favour of Cllr Perkin's amendment.

It was proposed by Cllr Belsom, seconded by Cllr Barker and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED that Faversham Town Council writes to Swale Borough Council on behalf of Faversham Rugby Club raising concerns regarding the rent and delays to accessing the Club House, whilst appreciating the financial effect the delays on the project have had to the club, the Town Council asks Swale to look at potential ways of compensating the club accordingly.**

#### **087. NEWSLETTER**

Cllr Hook asked that all first names of councillors be included throughout the newsletter. Concerns were raised regarding the small text, although Cllr B J Martin noted a mint green background was good for dyslexics. It was suggested to vary the colour of the newsletter for the different seasons in future and to have a consistency with the headline fonts. Cllr

Knights suggested that Claire Windridge have editorial rights over the work to review consistency. It was proposed by Cllr B J Martin, seconded by Cllr Perkin and on being put to the meeting it was ***RESOLVED to accept the draft newsletter with minor amendments.***

**088. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN FEASIBILITY WORKSHOP**

It was proposed by Cllr B J Martin, seconded by Cllr Irwin and on being put to the meeting it was ***RESOLVED to accept Option 2 and seek grant funding.***

**089. LIVE STREAMING OF COUNCIL MEETINGS**

Cllr Irwin thought it was useful to support the idea and Cllr Saunders agreed it would give people a greater understanding. It was proposed by Cllr T Martin, seconded by Cllr D Knights and on being put to the meeting it was ***RESOLVED to allow Faversham Community Radio to test a live streaming of the next Town Council meeting.***

**090. RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS**

It was proposed by Cllr Barker, seconded by Cllr Hook and on being put to the meeting it was ***RESOLVED to agree the payments***

It was proposed by the Mayor and on being put to the meeting ***It was RESOLVED under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, that the public and representatives of the press and broadcast media be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of the following items of business, as publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest because of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.***

**091. HONORARY FREEMAN**

Four names were agreed and the Town Clerk will contact the individuals to see if they were happy for their names to be put forward at a public meeting.

## **ANNEX**

Mr Connelly raised concerns in a written note regarding screening around the Thomas Seager Foundry site.

Cllr Hook did not know why the hedges had not been planted, but Swale Borough Council needed to be contacted to find out.

Mr Goodwin, speaking on behalf of the Faversham Future Forum, asked Members to take the NHP seriously as it would be the only way to take control over traffic and planning. He further asked, what plans were there for the youth in the town, the WFCC is too far and the Umbrella Centre is under used, Mr Goodwin suggested the Town Council worked with them to provide an offer.

The Mayor confirmed that a meeting with the Faversham Umbrella had been arranged and had thoughts on what could be provided in the Rec for different elements of the youth. She noted there were lots of structured things available, but not all families had the finance or gave the parental backing. Cllr Jackson agreed, WFCC had spoken about a bus, but the loss of services in South Road had not helped. Cllr T Martin did note that every primary school offered after school facilities and setting up meetings with third parties takes time.

Mrs Harrison a volunteer walk leader noted the importance of the Creekside path and had 300 members in 3 walking groups. She spoke about the benefits the path would bring with views across the Creek. She was responsible for the health and safety of the group and was concerned about the need to cross industrial estates. She thanked the Council for their continued support of ZF5 footpath.

Mr Macdonald noted Mr Pain's presentation and hoped the Council would take him up on his offer.

Cllr B J Martin confirmed that the Council was awaiting Mr Pain's full proposals and survey results for further discussion.