

MEETING OF THE POLICY AND FINANCE COMMITTEE held at The Guildhall, Faversham, on Wednesday 29 May 2019

Present:

Cllr K Barker	Cllr C Belsom	Cllr A Hook
Cllr D Knights	Cllr B J Martin	Cllr T Martin
Cllr J Saunders	Cllr E Thomas	

In Attendance:

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1. Apologies for Absence

None

2. Election of a Chair

It was proposed by Cllr T Martin, seconded by Cllr Hook and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED to elect Cllr B J Martin as Chair to the Policy & Finance Committee**

3. Election of a Vice Chair

It was proposed by Cllr T Martin, seconded by Cllr Thomas and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED to elect Cllr Barker as Vice Chair to the Policy & Finance Committee**

4. Declarations of Interest

Cllr Belsom	Faversham CLT member	Minute 8
Cllr Thomas		
Cllr Knights		
Cllr B J Martin		
Cllr Hook	Faversham Scouts	Minute 9

5. Minutes of the Previous Meeting and Matters Arising

Cllr Thomas requested copies of the Quality Gold Statements to be forwarded. It was also noted that they were available on the Town Council website.

Cllr Hook asked for a copy of the Doddington Library Agreement, the Town Clerk confirmed it had not yet been formally signed.

6. Strategic Plan

Cllr Saunders raised concerns that the existing Strategic Plan came across as bullish in its approach in wanting to take on more services. Cllr T Martin disagreed and thought some things fitted together naturally and should be pursued, such as Town Quay. It was agreed that more items needed to be added to 2019/2020 and those from 2018/2019 still needed to be considered. This could be reviewed at the Forward Planning Workshop.

7. Creek Jetty

Members considered the request from Mr Pain to survey the jetty and it was agreed that this should be allowed, subject to the Town Council being given a copy of the survey report. Any subsequent proposals would be considered on their merits. Cllr Hook noted that he knew Ann Chapman, the proposed surveyor, professionally and requested that it be asked if she had any relevant maritime experience. Cllr Saunders wondered if others should also be allowed to survey, but it was agreed they would be considered should it arise.

It was proposed by Cllr T Martin, seconded by Cllr Barker and on being put to the meeting it was ***RESOLVED to allow Mr Pain to survey the jetty, subject to being provided a copy of the report***

8. Faversham Community Land Trust

Cllr Belsom confirmed that FCLT had over 150 members and was now capable of receiving online applications. The AGM will take place on 10 July in the Guildhall where the board will be elected. Cllr B J Martin noted the No Use Empty, empty property initiative bringing properties back into use as quality housing accommodation. He also advised that Faversham was the most advanced in Swale. The Town Clerk asked if would be acceptable to be put forward as a Trustee and Members could see no conflict with the request. Cllr Hook queried how best to provide the FCLT with support.

It was proposed by Cllr T Martin, seconded by Cllr Barker and on being put to the meeting it was ***RESOLVED to continue to allow 12 Market Place to be used as an address, provide The Guildhall for meetings and provide publicity through the FTC Newsletter***

9. Scout Flag

A request had been received from Faversham Scout to fly the World Scout Flag on the anniversary of Scouting's founding.

It was proposed by Cllr Belsom, seconded by Cllr T Martin and on being put to the meeting it was ***RESOLVED to agree the request to fly the Scout flag on 1 August and to invite the Scouts to attend to make it an event.***

10. War Memorial Garden

Cllr Barker asked what role the Town Council had taken in the War Memorial, the Town Clerk confirmed that the Town Council played no part in the War Memorial other than to provide some funding for the new gate from the WW1 budgeted funds. Cllr Hook confirmed that the Town Council had not been consulted on the project, but may wish to be involved in the community engagement should any further plans come forward to move the cross. Cllr Saunders confirmed that, in his position as Borough Councillor, he would be requesting a meeting with Mr Cosgrove. Cllr Barker asked if he could also attend.

Cllr Hook confirmed that he had recently provided a grant to the Royal British Legion to allow for an electrical supply from the lamppost for use at the Memorial Garden.

11. Agenda Items

Cllr Barker asked that a review of the current budget be undertaken at the next meeting to see if there was any 'slack'.

12. Meeting Dates

Next Meeting – Tuesday 25 June 7.30pm

Further meetings to be the last Wednesday in the month except no meeting in August and Tuesday 24 September