

**MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE** held at The Guildhall, Faversham, on Wednesday 5 June 2019

**Present:**

Cllr C Belsom  
Cllr C Jackson

Cllr S Blair  
Cllr H Perkin

Cllr J Irwin

**In Attendance:**

Louise Bareham – Town Clerk

**1. Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from Cllrs Knights, Reynolds and Williams

**2. Election of a Chair**

It was proposed by Cllr Belsom, seconded by Cllr Jackson and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED to elect Cllr Belsom as Chair to the Community Services Committee**

**3. Election of a Vice Chair**

It was proposed by Cllr Perkin, seconded by Cllr Irwin and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED to elect Cllr Perkin as Vice Chair to the Community Services Committee**

**4. Minutes of the Previous Meeting and Matters Arising**

None

**5. Strategic Plan**

It was agreed to review the plan at the forthcoming workshop.

**6. Youth**

The Open Mic Night was noted and Members were asked to promote the event whenever possible. Cllr Irwin will contact the Deputy Head of QEGS and Cllr Perkin will contact Abbey School. School of Rock had already been contacted. Other contacts were mentioned and will be pursued.

It was suggested to contact the Umbrella Centre to see if the space could be used after school as a youth café or similar. Cllr Belsom asked about funding of a youth worker, Cllr Perkin agreed it would be a good investment. Cllr Jackson raised concerns regarding young people and drug use.

A forthcoming meeting with PCSO Ian Henderson, who is the youth liaison officer, had been arranged.

Cllr Perkin would also like younger children and families to be considered, including parenting. Also a youth council with a youth mayor, engaging with primary schools, as well as secondary.

It was agreed that young people needed to be asked what they wanted and it may be that funds would be needed for a professional survey to be undertaken. Working with other youth groups was agreed.

Cllr Belsom would like a careers day to engage with local companies, this could be in partnership with the FTA.

It was proposed by Cllr Belsom, seconded by Cllr Perkin and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED to set up a Youth Working Group**

#### **7. Allotments**

Cllr Belsom provided an update on the Council's four allotment sites and proposed a site visit in the forthcoming weeks.

#### **8. Newsletter**

The following items for the next newsletter were considered:

- Allotments
- Youth survey
- Rugby club and Rec – heritage work

#### **9. Plastic Free**

A request for help had been received from Plastic Free Faversham to run an event with a 50 foot whale. It was agreed to help and several venues including North Preston and the green next to the Albion were considered.

#### **10. Events**

The Peace Proms is the next event and the Town Council is partnering again with the Gunpowder WI who will be organising the refreshments. The WI has also proposed to knit poppies, which will be displayed flowing from the Guildhall. The band is the Railway Swing Band. Cllr Irwin suggested re-enactors could read poetry etc. It was also asked whether the bunting could be displayed again.

The Food Festival has for the past couple of years had a medieval element to it which the Town Council funds, as part of the proposed heritage hub work. This is progressing.

#### **11. Meeting Dates**

The proposed meeting dates were agreed.

The date of the Youth Working Group will be 3 July at 7.30pm.