

**MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE** held at The Guildhall, Faversham, on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> August 2019

**Present:**

Cllr C Belsom                      The Mayor, Cllr A Reynolds                      Cllr C Williams  
Cllr C Jackson                      Cllr H Perkin

**In Attendance:**

Louise Bareham – Town Clerk

**1. Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from Cllr J Irwin

**2. Declaration of Interests**

None

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

The Minutes were proposed by Cllr Perkin, seconded by Cllr Jackson and on being put to the meeting were agreed.

**4. Events**

Food Festival – an update was provided and is progressing satisfactorily.

Transport Weekend - it was agreed to ensure that West Street was included in 2020, possibly with vintage bicycles. Claire Windridge had asked for a change to the name to better reflect that there are different activities/displays on both days. Claire also requested that the 'bucket' funds be split equally between the three not-for-profit groups who provided volunteers.

It was proposed by the Mayor, Cllr A Reynolds and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED to change the name to Festival of Transport and confirm the dates 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> May 2020. Also, to donate £196.19 each to the Faversham Rotary Club, Fire Brigade Union and Faversham Army Cadets**

Environment Day – It was agreed that this event should be overseen by the Climate and Biodiversity Committee and should link in with national events, such as the Environment Day.

VE Day, 8<sup>th</sup> May 2020 – It was agreed to undertake WW2 Bunting Project to commemorate this event, as the previous project had been so successful. It was also agreed that Proms in the Market Place should be on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2020 and to see if the Railway Swing Band and WI were available again. It was suggested to contact local jive dancing groups who could give dance demonstrations. Other events to consider were a church service and perhaps a film at Faversham cinema. It was proposed by the Mayor, Cllr Reynolds and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED to promote a WW2 Bunting Project and host Proms in the Market Place on 8<sup>th</sup> May 2020**

**5. Allotments**

North Preston Allotment Association had still not signed the agreement with FTC. Following a recent site inspection it had become clear that, having spoken to the

chairman, he was not coping with managing the site as he was not receiving sufficient help. It was agreed to write a letter to him, the drafted letter to be circulated for approval. It was proposed by Cllr Belsom, seconded by Cllr Jackson and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED to write to the North Preston Allotment Association advising the Town Council would take over management of the site, relieving him and the committee of all duties.**

It was noted that some of the boundary fencing at North Preston had been cut by a neighbouring property to bring in topsoil. Concern was raised regarding the overflowing items from the garages on the allotment site and a quotation for additional fencing had been received for £7,000. This seem quite high and other quotations will be sought.

St Nicholas Cllr Belsom, the Town Clerk and Town Caretaker had recently carried out an inspection and good progress was being made. Concern was raised regarding the designated community space as it may be needed for more allotments as the demand was growing. Their next meeting is 11<sup>th</sup> September.

It was agreed to organise an inspection of Millfield and Stonebridge allotments on a Saturday in September or October.

## **6. Youth Engagement**

It was agreed that Open Mic was a success and a well done was proposed for Brooke Williams. A meeting had taken place on Monday with some members of the Council and young people, it was clear they wanted different things – more social events, they thought there was nothing in the town for 13-17 year olds. The WFCC has a youth club on Wednesdays and Fridays. The young people will be finding out their timetables and a meeting will be organised for September. There was a good mix from all schools, Queen Elizabeth's, Abbey, Herne Bay.

## **7. Teen Rugby Club**

It was proposed by Cllr Belsom, seconded by the Mayor, Cllr Reynolds and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED to grant £250 from Youth funds to Faversham Youth Rugby Club**

## **8. Newsletter**

The following items for the next newsletter were agreed:

- Allotments – Cllr Belsom
- Youth – The Mayor, Cllr Reynolds and Cllr Jackson
- Biodiversity and Climate – Cllr Williams
- 12 Market Place – Cllr B J Martin/P&F Committee

## **9. Any Other Business**

Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> September to host a drop in surgery to coincide with the Youth Climate conference to discuss environmental issues. Other stakeholders such as Plastic Free, Kent Wildlife and Friends of the Earth will be invited.

Cllrs Perkin and Williams attend KALC's conference and noted Southern Water attended and spoke about non-flushables etc.

Faversham and Oare Creek Boaters & Boat Camp were looking to set up a rowing club in Faversham. It was advised that they could launch their boats from the Town Green.

**10. Meeting Dates**

The next meeting will be 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2019.