

MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE held at The Guildhall, Faversham, on Wednesday 4th December 2019

Present:

Cllr C Belsom Cllr H Perkin Cllr C Williams Cllr J Irwin

In Attendance:

Louise Bareham – Town Clerk

21. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllr C Jackson

22. Declaration of Interests

None

23. Minutes of the Previous Meeting and Matters Arising

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

24. Allotments

An inspection of St Nicholas Allotments was undertaken and letters will be sent out. There are a few plot holders who had not worked their plots. The container had been broken into and equipment to the value of £140 stolen. This was in part due to the fencing contractor not completing the works to the bolts correctly. Cllr Belsom thanked Chris Oswald-Jones, the Vice Chair, for his hard work on the site.

North Preston Allotments AGM was held in October and it was a positive meeting. Cllr Belsom thanked Sandra Todd and Tony Harrison for their help with inspections. The next meeting will be 11th February.

25. Youth Cafe

Cllr Irwin reported on the success of the Youth Café, but raised concerns regarding its sustainability in its current format. It was suggested a 6pm end was too late and 4 or 5pm may be sufficient. A meeting will be held with Faversham Umbrella on 17th December. It was agreed that the new youth bus, No 72, could be used to go to the North Preston, Love Lane, St Nicholas areas and Rev Simon Rowlands should be asked to give a presentation at the Town Council meeting, which was considering their request for funding.

Cllr Irwin proposed, seconded by Cllr Perkin and on being put to the meeting it was ***RESOLVED to continue the Youth Café pilot until Easter and include the funding in the draft budget***

26. KALC Community Award

It was proposed by Cllr Perkin, seconded by Cllr Williams and on being put to the meeting it was ***RESOLVED to adopt the KALC Community Award Scheme for 2020.***

27. Events

The WW2 bunting project is progressing and we hope to have a larger take up after Christmas. The Economic Development Officer has the Festival of Transport is hand. The Town Clerk has taken over responsibility for Proms in the Market Place.

Cllr Williams met with Cycle Community who will run an event in No 12 at the end of March.

28. Abbey Physics Garden

Cllr Williams proposed, seconded by Cllr Irwin and on being put to the meeting it was ***RESOLVED that Faversham Town Council supports the Abbey Physic Community Garden's 'A Loneliness Un-Conference' planned for May 2020***

29. The Future of Festivals

It was proposed by Cllr Belsom, seconded by Cllr Irwin and on being put to the meeting it was ***RECOMMENDED that a meeting is arranged with organisers of the Nautical and Food Festivals to discuss working together***

30. Creek Bridge

The Town Clerk was meeting with KCC officers to discuss how to communicate the current lifting works.

31. Any Other Business

Cllr Belsom would like to invite all allotment committee members to a coffee morning in early 2020 to celebrate their hard work.

Cllr Perkin wants to hold a coat amnesty for children and will organise and promote.

Cllr Williams and Cllr Irwin suggested speaking about the Youth Council in schools and recognised there needed to be some more work on this and would liaise with Brooke to arrange another meeting with young people.

32. Meeting Dates

The next meeting will be 5th February 2020.