

**MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE** held at The Guildhall, Faversham, on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2020

**Present:**

Cllr C Belsom   Cllr H Perkin   Cllr C Jackson   Cllr C Williams

**In Attendance:**

Adrienne Begent – Deputy Town Clerk

**33. Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from Cllr J Irwin and Cllr A Reynolds

**34. Declaration of Interests**

None

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

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

**36. Annual Action Plan**

The Committee had nothing to add to the Annual Action Plan

**37. Youth**

Cllr Jackson reported that the Youth Café continues to be well attended with between 10 and 40 youths each week. A significant number of the attendees are from the QE and more work needs to be done to attract attendees from Abbey School.

Cllr Jackson suggested getting an outreach worker to raise the Town Councils profile with the youth.

Cllr Perkin commented the Churches Bus will be operational soon, enabling collaborative outreach. Possible destinations suggested for the Spring are the Recreation Ground and Davington.

Cllr Perkin commented that a new officer was in place at Swale looking at how early years problems effect later stages of development. Cllr Perkin will provide an update at the next meeting.

Cllr Jackson confirmed that she will be attending the Youth Service at WFCC on the coming Friday with the Mayor.

**38. Events**

The WW2 bunting project is progressing, though there are still a significant number of names to be assigned. A market stall is planned for Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> February.

The Festival of Transport is on track. The Business Support Officer recently had a meeting to arrange volunteers.

The plans for Proms in the Market Place are progressing well. The band is booked and the WI have confirmed they will provide refreshments.

**39. Front Exhibition Space**

It was proposed by Cllr Belsom, seconded by Cllr Perkin and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED that the Mayor and Town Clerk should have Delegated Power for agreeing the design specification for the Front Exhibition Space.**

**40. Any Other Business**

Cllr Belsom would like to step down as Chair of St Nicholas Allotments by October 2020.

The meeting discussed a community fridge. Whilst this initiative would bring benefits it was not a workable project at this time.

Cllr Perkin spoke of "Pay Upfront Scheme" for hot beverages for those in need. Local Business would need to agree to participate. Cllr Peking will make initial enquiries and report back at the next meeting.

The meeting finished at 7.55pm.