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TO ALL MEMBERS OF FAVERSHAM TOWN COUNCIL

Dear Councillor

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED TO ATTEND the Meeting of Faversham Town Council to be held virtually, on Monday 1st February at **7.00pm**.

Yours sincerely

Louise Bareham

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Town Clerk

The Mayor will allow a maximum of thirty minutes for Members of the Council to receive questions from registered electors of the Town before the formal meeting commences. When providing your name and address prior to addressing the meeting, please confirm or otherwise, that you consent to your personal details being recorded in the Minutes. Your personal data will be processed as directed by GDPR Article 5.

This meeting will be recorded and will be made available on the Town Council's You Tube Channel. The whole of the meeting will be recorded, except where there are confidential or exempt items. If any member of the public has an objection to being filmed, please make yourself known to the Mayor or the Town Clerk before the start of the meeting.

AGENDA

1. Apologies
To receive apologies and acceptance of reasons for absence.
2. Declarations of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests
Members who have an interest to declare on any items on the Agenda, must declare the existence and nature of it at the start of the meeting and act in accordance with the Council's Code of Conduct (s27 Localism Act 2011).

3. Previous Minutes and Matters to Report

To receive and accept as a true record the Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on 4th January and the Annual Finance Meeting held on 18th January 2021 and any matters for report.

4. Mayor's Announcements

To receive an update from the Mayor

5. Policy and Finance Committee

To receive the Minutes of the Policy and Finance Committee dated 25th January 2021 and agree any recommendations. (Tabled)

6. Climate and Biodiversity Committee

To receive the Minutes of the Climate and Biodiversity Committee dated 26th January 2021 and agree any recommendations. (Tabled)

7. Public Spaces Committee

To receive the Minutes of the Public Spaces Committee dated 28th January 2021 and agree any recommendations. (Tabled)

8. Faversham Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

To receive the Minutes of the Faversham Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group and agree any recommendations. (Tabled)

9. Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan

Cllr Saunders proposes the motion *The Town Council agrees in principle to the development of a Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP).*

It also agrees that:

- The plan should be developed in close partnership with SBC and that a next stage will be to discuss with SBC where ownership of the plan should sit and how its development should be funded.
- Development work on the plan is organised through a sub-group of the 20s Plenty Committee.
- This sub-group will need to work closely with the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

Rationale:

There is due to be significant house building around Faversham in the next few years, which will only be viable in transport terms, if there is a shift to more active travel. We are developing a neighbourhood plan which is likely to support a strong push towards making Faversham a 'cycling and walking' town. Through the 20s Plenty Committee

we want to develop additional interventions to encourage more residents to walk and cycle.

A LCWIP would be a detailed set of proposals for physical interventions which improve the environment for cycling and walking. It would be used to attract S106 contributions from developers, apply for funding from bodies like SBC, KCC and pursue other external funding bids. It would be developed using national guidelines.

10. Municipal Charities

10.1 To agree that Mr Tom Gates be reappointed as a Trustee of the Municipal Charities of Faversham CIO with effect from 31 December 2020 for four years. (Mr Gates has proposed to offer his CIO place after one year on the date that his FMC 2010 place is due to end ie on 31 December 2021.)

This has arisen due to an error by the Charity when registering the Trustee's terms of office with the Charity Commission. Mr Gates' term of office with FMC is due to end on 31 December 2021 and unfortunately the CIO date has been registered as 31 December 2020 – both dates should be the same as FMC. The term of office needs to be for four years, rather than the one year the clerk had originally advised, to bring it into line with the Charity Commission Scheme, but Mr Gates has proposed to offer his CIO place after one year on the date that his FMC 2010 place is due to end ie on 31 December 2021)

10.2 To agree that Cllr Kris Barker be appointed as a Trustee of the Municipal Charities of Faversham CIO with effect from 13 January 2021 for four years. (Cllr Barker's appointment at the November meeting was as Trustee for FMC 2010 only and did not include the CIO.)

10.3 To agree the reappointment or replacement of Mr Trevor Abram's term of office as a Nominated Trustee for the two Charities ie Faversham Municipal Charities 2010 and the Municipal Charities of Faversham CIO, ends on 13 April 2021. The term of office for both appointments is for four years. According to the Charity Commission Trust Deed it is not necessary for the appointed representative to be a member of the appointing body.

The Municipal Charities note they should be very pleased for Mr Abram to remain as the representative for both Charities, as his professional expertise and guidance over the years has been invaluable. He is also a member of one of their sub-committees.

11. Dyslexia

Cllr B J Martin proposes that this Council notes:

- That 1 in 10 people are dyslexic.

- Dyslexia is genetic and thus runs in families.
- 80% of dyslexics are never spotted at school. So they never truly understand their full potential. 4 in 5 successful Dyslexics attribute Dyslexic Thinking Skills to their success.
- Methods to identify and support Dyslexia have been known since the 1930's.
- The important work undertaken by the "British Dyslexia Association" and of the "Made by Dyslexia" campaign.
- Unidentified dyslexia results in low self-esteem.
- 40% of dyslexics said they were aware they couldn't do what their classmates could aged 5.
- 70% said they were aware they couldn't do what their classmates could aged 7.
- Dyslexics often fail tests & exams despite having great knowledge & ability of subject:
 - 9 in 10 have poor spelling, grammar, punctuation, but can be great creative writers.
 - 3 in 4 struggle with times tables. But around half of dyslexics are great at maths.

That people with dyslexia have different strengths for example:

- 75% of dyslexics are above average at visualising, interacting with space, senses, physical ideas & new concepts.
- 71% of dyslexics are above average at crafting & conveying clear & engaging messages.
- 84% of dyslexics are above average at creating an original piece of work or giving ideas a new spin.
- 84% of dyslexics are above average in reasoning skills, such as understanding patterns, evaluating possibilities & making decisions.

The positive contribution made by dyslexics in various fields, such as business, invention, science, sport and entertainment, including by Sir Richard Branson, Steve Jobs, Albert Einstein, Sir Lewis Hamilton, Sir Jackie Stewart, Thomas Edison, Alexander Graham Bell, Keira Knightly, Orlando Bloom, Mollie King, Jamie Oliver, Holly Willoughby, Agatha Christie, Dr Maggie Aderin-Pocock, Dame Darcy Bussell, Chris Robshaw and many others.

This Council believes:

- It's time we all understand dyslexia properly as a different way of thinking, not a disadvantage.
- Dyslexic brains are 'wired' slightly differently meaning they have a different way of processing information. That this difference results in a pattern of strengths like critical thinking, creativity & communication skills as well as challenges affecting traditional learning such as reading, writing, spelling, rote learning, memory, concentration. Each dyslexic will have a different pattern of strengths & challenges.

- Early identification is key to success in education & in preserving self-esteem. If we place as much importance on dyslexic strengths as difficulties, then those with dyslexia can achieve their potential.
- That it is important for parents, teachers and schools to arrange for children to have a dyslexia screening as soon as a “problem” is noticed.

This Council understands:

- That multi-sensory teaching techniques, which often benefit dyslexic students, are also effective for all learners.
- That free dyslexia screening tools are available, which indicate if an individual may have dyslexia, but that formal diagnosis can only be obtained from a professional in the field such as an Educational Psychologist.
- This Council recognises:
- And appreciates the efforts made by schools, educators, parents and guardians, both in continuing to provide education during the current pandemic, both in school and via virtual means, and in supporting those with neurodiversity.
- The difficulty schools face with regard to funding SEND provision.
- The Work of the British Dyslexia Association and the Made By Dyslexia campaign.

This council commits to:

1. Signing the Made by Dyslexia pledge
 - a. The Made by Dyslexia pledge reads “We will endeavour to: Recognise dyslexia as a different and valuable way of thinking. Understand the importance of identifying each dyslexic and their pattern of strengths and challenges. Support which is targeted to enable dyslexics to harness their strengths and flourish. We’ll achieve this through: Knowledge skilling up staff in schools and workplaces to recognise, understand and support dyslexia. Discover using digital screeners which make it easy and cost effective to check if you’re dyslexic. Adjustments in tests and assignments so dyslexics can demonstrate their full knowledge and skills.”
2. Contacting every school within the council area, to:
 - a. Encourage them to take up the Free training available from the Made by Dyslexia campaign (<https://connect-the-spots.madebydyslexia.org/>)
 - b. To sign the Made by Dyslexia pledge.
 - c. To encourage them to work towards achieving BDA Dyslexia Friendly Quality Mark
 - d. To share links to resources such as; i. Free Dyslexia Screening tools <https://www.nessy.com/uk/screening-for-dyslexia/>
 - e. The British Dyslexia Association advice <https://www.bdadyslexia.org.uk/advice/educators>
 - f. Writing to the local MP, the local director of education and to the secretary of state for education encouraging them to take the Made by Dyslexia pledge.
 - g. Engaging with dyslexia awareness week (5th October 2021 – October 11th 2021) and going green for dyslexia awareness week.

Information in this motion has been gathered from Made by Dyslexia
<https://www.madebydyslexia.org/> The British Dyslexia Association
<https://www.bdadyslexia.org.uk/>
Nessy UK <https://www.nessy.com/uk/>

12. Faversham Town Council Spring Newsletter

To agree the draft newsletter

13. Annual Meeting of the Town

To agree the date of the Annual Meeting of the Town

14. Open Letter to KCC

To consider adding the Town Council's name to the open letter by Oare Parish Council to Kent County Council on the subject of enforcement at East Kent Recycling

15. Receipts and Payments

To resolve to approve payments

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87976076387?pwd=T21mSi9VYVEyegkvSIFUTXpEUm83UT09>

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